

Opener's Rebid

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Rebids on Minimum Hands

(up to 14 points)

Bid a new suit at the one level

Eg 1♣ - 1♥
 1♠

Bid 2 in a lower ranking suit

(NB this promises no extra strength)

Eg 1♦ - 1♥
 2♣

Rebid a 6-card or good 5-card suit

Eg 1♦ - 1♥
 2♦

Raise partner (single raise) with trump
support (usually 4, but possibly 3 to an
honour with suitable distribution)

Eg 1♣ - 1♥
 2♥

Rebids on Fair Hands

(15-16 points)

Jump rebid a good 6-card suit

with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 playing tricks

Eg 1♣ - 1♥
 3♣

Jump raise partner's major with

4-card support and a singleton/void

Eg 1♣ - 1♥
 3♥

Rebid NT at lowest level with a balanced

hand or one that can now be treated as balanced

Eg 1♥ - 2♣
 2NT

With a hand not suitable for one of the above

you will have to respond with a weaker rebid

(as for 14 points or less)

Rebids on Good Hands

(17-18 points)

Bid a new suit at the 2 level with a reverse

(higher than the "safety net")

Eg 1♣ - 1♥
 2♦

Jump raise partner's major with

4-card support and no singleton/void

Eg 1♣ - 1♥
 3♥

Raise partner's major to game with

4-card support and a singleton/void

Eg 1♦ - 1♣
 4♣

With a hand not suitable for one of the above

you will have to respond with a rebid for only a fair hand

Eg jump rebid your suit or just simply bid a new suit

Rebids on Strong Hands

(19+ points)

Jump in a new suit

(forcing to game)

Eg 1♥ - 1♠
 3♣

Jump to game in a self-supporting major

with some values in partner's suit

Eg 1♥ - 1♠
 4♥

Raise partner's major to game with

4-card support

Eg 1♦ - 1♠
 4♣

Reverse over a two level response

Eg 1♥ - 2♣
 2♠

♠ K Q T 4

♥ A 3

♦ K J T 6 2

♣ Q 8

You open 1♦. What do you say if partner responds 1♥?

What if partner responds 2♠ over your 1♦?

This is a fair hand with 15 points. Over 1♥ you can just say 1♠.

Over 2♠ you can say 2NT, showing 15-16 balanced (the hearts are not ideal, but we can't have everything in this world). You must NOT say 2♣, which would imply a stronger hand.

♠ K 7 4 3

♥ A K 6 4 2

♦ A Q 3

♣ 8

You open 1♥. What do you say if partner responds 1♠?

What if partner responds 2♣ over your 1♥?

This is a fair hand with 16 points. Over 1♠ you raise partner to 3♠ (the singleton is useful)

Over 2♣ it is more difficult. You must NOT say 2♠, which is a reverse and would show a stronger hand. You are not strong enough to say 3♥, which would imply a better suit and 2♥ is a possibility, but rather an underbid. Probably best is to say 2NT, showing 15-16 (now) balanced (not good to have just a singleton in partner's suit though)