



Bidding types

3 December 2019

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1	Limit Bids	<p>The bid very closely defines the strength of the bidder's hand.</p> <p>A limited bid is usually reached by at least one player by the second round of bidding.</p> <p>After this, the partner must decide whether to bid further.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1421 229 1640 301">1 NT</td> <td data-bbox="1640 229 1867 301"></td> <td data-bbox="1867 229 2091 301"></td> <td data-bbox="2091 229 2311 301"></td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6" data-bbox="1421 301 2311 372">showing 12 – 14 HCPs</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1421 372 1640 444">1 ♥</td> <td data-bbox="1640 372 1867 444">Pass</td> <td data-bbox="1867 372 2091 444">1 ♠</td> <td data-bbox="2091 372 2311 444">Pass</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1421 444 1640 515">1 NT</td> <td data-bbox="1640 444 1867 515"></td> <td data-bbox="1867 444 2091 515"></td> <td data-bbox="2091 444 2311 515"></td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6" data-bbox="1421 515 2311 586">showing 15 – 16 HCPs</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1421 586 1640 658">1 ♥</td> <td data-bbox="1640 586 1867 658">Pass</td> <td data-bbox="1867 586 2091 658">2 ♥</td> <td data-bbox="2091 586 2311 658"></td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6" data-bbox="1421 658 2311 729">showing support with 9 LTC</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1421 729 1640 801">1 ♠</td> <td data-bbox="1640 729 1867 801">Pass</td> <td data-bbox="1867 729 2091 801">2 ♦</td> <td data-bbox="2091 729 2311 801">Pass</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1421 801 1640 872">2 ♠</td> <td data-bbox="1640 801 1867 872"></td> <td data-bbox="1867 801 2091 872"></td> <td data-bbox="2091 801 2311 872"></td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6" data-bbox="1421 872 2311 903">showing strength of 11 – 15 HCPs</td> </tr> </table>				1 NT						showing 12 – 14 HCPs						1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass			1 NT						showing 15 – 16 HCPs						1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥				showing support with 9 LTC						1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass			2 ♠						showing strength of 11 – 15 HCPs					
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4	Sign-off Bids	Usually follows a Limit bid.	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
			1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	
			Partner has used all the information available to decide on final bid.			
5	Invitational Bids	Usually occurs in NT, where the difference in the narrow range of partner's strength determines whether to bid for Game (or Slam).	1 NT	Pass	2 NT	
			Partner has 11 – 12 points and knows Opener has 12 – 14. Opener bids Game with 14 HCPs or a good hand with 13 HCPs.			
6	Conventional Bids	Bid does not relate to suit bid.	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	
			Stayman			
			1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	
			Red suit transfer			