



# Reversing to show Strength

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# What is meant by the term “Reversing”?

<b>Applies to:</b>	Opener’s rebid in a <b>NEW</b> suit	
<b>Purpose:</b>	To let Partner know that Opener has 16+ HCPs	
<b>Reminder:</b>	Opener also shows 16+ HCPs by rebidding the same suit and jumping a level	
<b>Imagine a “Barrier” exactly one level up from Opening bid</b>	Opening bid	Barrier
	1 ♣	2 ♣
	1 ♦	2 ♦
	1 ♥	2 ♥
	1 ♠	2 ♠
Bidding a <b>NEW</b> suit above the barrier is called “ <b>REVERSING</b> ” and shows strength of 16+ HCPs		

# Examples

Opening bid	Partner's response	Rebid	Is Opener showing strength of 16+ HCPs?	
			Yes / No	Opener's strength
1 ♦	1 ♥	2 ♦	No	11 – 15 HCPs
1 ♥	2 ♦	2 ♠	Yes	16+ HCPs
1 ♦	1 ♥	1 ♠	No	11 – 15 HCPs
1 ♣	2 ♥ *	3 ♣	No	11 – 15 HCPs
1 ♠	2 ♣	3 ♠	Yes	16+ HCPs
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♣	Yes	16+ HCPs

\*Responding Partner has shown a strength of 16+ HCPs by jumping in a new suit

# A consequence of agreeing with your Partner to use reversing to show strength

**When Opening Partner rebids the same suit without jumping:**

Unless the bid is in ♠ s, Opening partner may only have 5 cards, not 6.

**Reason:**

With less than 16 points, she may not be able to bid her second suit at the next available level because this would break the Barrier and wrongly show 16+ HCPs

**Does this make Reversing more of a hindrance than help?**

No – I don't think so.

Being consistent in showing your Partner whether or not you have 16+ HCPs will result in more game and slam bids that are likely to succeed and would otherwise be missed.