



Responding to partner's opening suit bid at the 1 level

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Responding to partner's opening major suit bid at the 1 level

Opening bid:			1 ♠	1 ♥
Responder hand's content	Responder hand's strength		Responder's bid	Responder's bid
	HCP	Other		
Any	< 6		Pass	Pass
4+ cards in bid major suit	6+	9+ LTC	2 ♠	2 ♥
		8 LTC	3 ♠	3 ♥
		≤ 7 LTC ¹	4 ♠	4 ♥
4+ cards in other major suit	6 – 15	Rule of 14 not satisfied ²	Find another bid	1 ♠
		Rule of 14 satisfied	2 ♥ ³	
	16+		3 ♥	2 ♠
4+ cards in minor suit	6 – 15	Rule of 14 not satisfied	Find another bid	Find another bid
		Rule of 14 satisfied	2 ♦ or 2 ♣	2 ♦ or 2 ♣
	16+		3 ♦ or 3 ♣	3 ♦ or 3 ♣
No suit bid available	6 – 9		1 NT	1 NT
	10 – 12		2 NT ⁴	2 NT ⁴
	13+		3 NT	3 NT

Priority order

1. Experienced players would explore a slam with ≤ 7 LTC using Jacoby – not covering this yet
2. Rule of 14: Add the number of cards in the suit you wish to bid to the number of points in your hand. If the answer is 14 or more, you can bid at the 2 level.
3. You can only bid 2 ♥ over 1 ♠ with 5+ cards
4. Unless you use 2 NT for Jacoby.

Responding to partner's opening minor suit bid at the 1 level

Opening bid:			1	1
Responder hand's content	Responder hand's strength		Responder's bid	Responder's bid
	HCP	Other		
Any	< 6		Pass	Pass
4+ cards in either or both major suits	6 – 15		1 or 1 ¹	1 or 1 ¹
	16+		2 or 2 ¹	2 or 2 ¹
4+ cards in bid minor suit	6+	9+ LTC	2	2
		≤ 8 LTC	3 ²	3 ²
4+ cards in other minor suit	6 – 15	Rule of 14 not satisfied ³	Find another bid	
		Rule of 14 satisfied	2	1
No suit bid available	16+		3	2
	6 – 9		1 NT	1 NT
	10 – 12		2 NT	2 NT
13+	3 NT		3 NT	

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1. If equal length in s and s, bid s first.
2. Should investigate **3 NT** rather than bid a minor at 4 level, even with ≤ 7 LTC.
3. Rule of 14: Add the number of cards in the suit you wish to bid to the number of points in your hand. If the answer is 14 or more, you can bid at the 2 level.