

**Lesson 2 Which suit to bid?**

**Opening the bidding.**

1. Holding 2 4 card suits bid the higher ranking suit except when holding H and S

Holding C and D bid D

 C and H bid H

 C and S bid S

 D and H bid H

 D and S bid S

  **H and S bid H**

1. Holding 2 5card suits **always** open the higher ranking suit.

**Responding in a new suit.**

 **Respond in your longest suit.**

1. A change of suit at the 1 level requires 6 points
2. To change the suit at the 2 level apply the rule of 14.

Number of points + cards in the suit =14 +

 To change the suit to H at the 2 level needs the rule of 14 + 5 H

 **With 2 suits of equal length bid the Lowest ranking suit.**



**Lesson 2 continued**

**Opener’s second bid**

If partner has changed the suit after your opening bid their point range is 6-19 points so you must bid again.

Priorities for opener’s second bid.

1. Agree partners suit if you have 4 card support.
2. Bid your second suit.
3. Rebid your first suit if you have 6 cards.

 In each case you bid at the lowest available level if you have 10-14 points

You bid one level higher with 15-17 points.

You bid at the game level with 18 + points