

Learn to Play Bridge

Workshop #5

Rebids by Opener

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Agenda:

- Q & A
- Play hands
- Discuss Rebids by Opener

Opener's rebid

- Purpose: Improve the description (value and strain) of Opener's hand (could be 13 - 21 pts)
 - Establish the "strength category" of Opener's hand
 - Minimum (or small) - 13 to 15 total points
 - Medium (or medium) - 16 to 18 total points
 - Maximum (or large) - 19 to 21 total points
 - Help describe the "shape" of the hand
 - Is there support for partner's (Responder's) suit?
 - Is the hand balanced or unbalanced?
 - Is there a 2nd suit Opener can show?

Let's first review Responder's bid!

Opener bids 1♥. What “message” does the Responder give to the Opener with the following bids?

- **PASS:** 0 - 5 pts
- **Raise partner's suit**
 - **2♥:** 6 - 9 pts - 3+ hearts
 - **3♥:** 10 -11 pts - jump to the 3 level with 4 card support
- **Change suits:**
 - **1♠:** 6 - 16 pts - 4+ spades (forcing bid)
 - **2♣** or **2♦:** 10+ pts - 4+ diamonds or 5+ clubs (forcing bid)
- **12+ pts:** try to get to game - make a forcing bid!
- **Note:** If Opener bids 1♠, Responder must have 10+ pts and 5 hearts to bid 2♥

Opener bids 1♥

♠ 9 7 6
♥ K Q J 9 8 3
♦ A 5
♣ A J



- How many total points?
- Is this a Minimum, Medium or Maximum hand?
- What should Opener Rebid?

Opener
1♥ -
Rebid?

2♥
Responder

Answer: 3♥

Responder bids 2♥

- How many pts does Responder have?
- How many ♥'s does Responder have?

What would you Rebid as OPENER in each of these hands when Responder raises your Major suit opening?

Opener bids 1 ♥ - Responder bids 2 ♥

♠ Q7
♥ AQ7632
♦ KJ
♣ J72

Minimum hand - Pass

♠ 107
♥ AQJ65
♦ AKQ2
♣ A2

Maximum hand - 4 ♥

Opener opens with a minor suit. Ex. 1 ♦

When Responder bids 1 of a MAJOR - Ex. 1♠ or 1♥...

What “message” does the Responder give to the Opener?

- Responder is showing **6 to 16 points**
 - Has at least 1 four card major
 - With 2 four card majors - Responder bids up the line
 - With 2 five card majors - Responder bids the higher ranking suit first

Priority: Try to find a Major suit fit!

Opener opens with a minor suit. Ex. 1 ♦

What “message” does the Responder give to the Opener with a 1 NT, 2 NT or 3 NT bid

- Responder is indicating **NO 4+ card Major and NO 5 card minor to bid** (usually means the hand is balanced)
 - 6 - 9 pts - 1 NT
 - 10 - 11(12) pts - 2 NT
 - 13 -15 pts - 3 NT
- NOTE: these bids are “invitational” and not forcing

Opener opens with a minor suit. Ex. 1 ♣

What “message” does the Responder give to the Opener with a raise of Opener’s Minor suit?

- Responder should have at least 5 ♣ or 4 ♦ for these raises (Why?)
 - 6 - 9 pts - raise to the 2 level
 - 10 -11 pts - raise to the 3 level
 - 12+ pts - try to get to game
- Responder’s hand is likely to be unbalanced!

You are the OPENER and bid 1 ♣. Responder bids 2 ♣
What would you (Opener) rebid in each of these hands?

Opener bids 1 ♣ - Responder bids 2 ♣

♠ Q 8 2
♥ K J 5 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ K J 4

Minimum hand - Pass

♠ 7 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ A K J 6 3 2

Medium hand - 3 ♣

You are the OPENER and bid 1 ♣. Responder bids 2 ♣

Opener's hand

♠ A 10 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A J

♣ K Q 10 8 4

What is the Opener's rebid?

Maximum hand - 3 ♣

What should Opener Rebid after Responder bids 1 NT?

- Opener's rebid puts the hand into one of 3 categories (**minimum, medium or maximum**) and reflects the shape and value of the hand!
 - With **minimum** (13 - 15) opening hand: keep the bid as low as possible
 - Pass with a balanced hand
 - Bid a 2nd suit or rebid the original suit (usually shows 6) with unbalanced hand
 - With **medium** (16 - 18) opening hand: NOTE: this will always be unbalanced; otherwise Opener would have bid 1 NT
 - Bid a 2nd suit if available or bid 3 of the original suit
 - With **maximum** (19 - 21) opening hand: bid game or jump shift to a new suit

Opener bids 1 ♠. Responder bids 1 NT - What is Opener's Rebid?

Note: 1 NT response is "invitational"

♠ A K 9 5 3

♥ 6

♦ K Q J 5

♣ J 4 2

Minimum - 2 ♦

♠ A Q J 6 4 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ 9

♣ K J 10

Medium - 3 ♠

♠ K Q J 8 3

♥ 9 4

♦ A

♣ A K 7 6 3

Maximum hand - 3 ♣

Opener's Rebid in support of Responder's suit

Opener bids 1 ♣ - Responder bids 1 ♠ How many spades does Responder promise?

♠ J 8 7 6
♥ 8
♦ A 9 3
♣ A K Q 7 6

Medium hand - 3 ♠

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A K
♣ K 8 7 4 2

Minimum hand - 2 ♠

♠ A J 3 2
♥ —
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ A K J 7 2

Maximum hand - 4 ♠

What should Opener Rebid after Responder bids a new suit

Opener bids 1 \diamond - Responder bids 1 \spadesuit

\spadesuit 9 8
 \heartsuit K 10 4
 \diamond A J 8 6
 \clubsuit K Q 5 4

Minimum - 1 NT

\spadesuit A J
 \heartsuit A J 10 9
 \diamond A K 7 5 3
 \clubsuit 10 2

Medium - 2 \heartsuit

\spadesuit J 3
 \heartsuit A Q J
 \diamond A Q 9 6
 \clubsuit K Q 6 3

Maximum - 2 NT

What should Opener Rebid after Responder Jumps

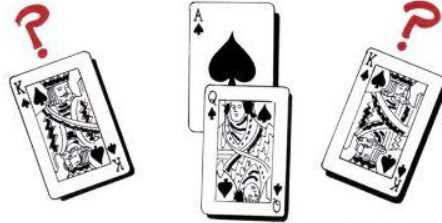
Opener's hand

♠ 10 6
♥ A J 8 4 2
♦ K 9 5
♣ A 4 2

Opener - 1 ♥: Responder - 3 ♥ What
is your Rebid as Opener?

Opener should PASS. Responder is showing 10 - 11 pts. 3 ♥ is not forcing

WHAT IS A FINESSE?



A FINESSE IS AN ATTEMPT TO WIN TRICKS WITH LOWER CARDS BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FAVORABLE LOCATION OF HIGHER CARDS HELD BY THE OPPONENTS



SOME SIMPLE FINESSES:

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
NORTH	A	A	A	A	A	A
Q	Q	Q	Q	X	X	X
J		J	X	X	X	X
SOUTH	X	X	J	Q	Q	Q
X	X	X	10	X	X	X
			X	10		

FINESSING
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