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<p>SUMMARY Improving Level LIMIT BIDS – FORCING BIDS</p>
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During the auction each partner is trying to find a fit or the best place to be. As well as discussing denominations it is important to show partner your strength as soon as possible - by your second bid if you can.

BARRIER PRINCIPLE

Vale Dr. Emile Pereira, a very patient mentor. He made this very simple with an eloquently spoken “*Do not Break Your Barrier.*”

When your first bid is one of a suit, you create a Barrier of two of that suit.

1C – Barrier is 2C. 1D – Barrier is 2D. 1H – Barrier is 2H. 1S – Barrier is 2S.

- Do not bust it on your rebid unless you have a better than Basic hand.¹
- Do bust it on your rebid to show a Medium or Maximum hand².

Two examples that *Break Your Barrier*

REVERSE

A new suit above the ranking of you own first bid suit, at the two level = 16+

JUMP SHIFT

After bidding a non-jump suit, bidding a new suit with a jump = 18+³

NON-FORCING and **FORCING** - bids can be Non-Forcing, Forcing or Game Forcing.

LIMIT BIDS have lower and upper values within a reasonably narrow range.

Generally: NON-FORCING

✘ Bid No Trumps at any stage ✘ Passed Hand ✘ Repeat own suit or suit already bid in the auction ✘ Simple Preference. Some non-forcing bids may be highly compelling though – think before passing too quickly.

Generally: FORCING

✘ Reverse (Responder’s Reverse is GF) ✘ Jump Shift is GF ✘ Responder’s change of suit is usually F and Opener’s is sometimes ✘ Artificial bids and Take-out X’s are not technically F but should be replied to if they can be passed out

Opener’s Rebid choices with a Basic Hand – try not to *Break your Barrier*

Eg. 1NT or a new suit at the two-level that is below the rank of your first one.

A new suit at the one level does not *Break Your Barrier*.

¹ Unless you are forced to.

² A Basic opening is about 12-15, Medium about 16-17 and Maximum 19-21. Basic Responder is 6-9. Responder’s Reverse is an Opening Hand. Sometimes partner might make a bid that Forces you to Break Your Barrier – that is on partner.

³ Below 3S.