

Fast Track Bridge Day 3 Bidding

1-level opening bids in a suit show 12-19 HCP with a 4+ card suit

RESPONDING to 1-level suit openings

- (i) When partner opens a major 1♥ / 1♠
and **responder has 4+ card support**
(8+ cards between the two hands)
Make a limit raise.

Points	Responses in opener's suit
0 - 5	Pass
6 - 9	2♥ / 2♠
10 -12	3♥ / 3♠
13+	4♥ or 4♠

- (ii) EITHER when partner opens a major 1♥ / 1♠
and **responder doesn't have 4-card support**
OR when partner opens a minor 1♣ / 1♦

With 0-5 HCP responder PASSES.

With 6+ responder chooses from three options in order of preference:

1. Bid a new suit at the 1-level
 - 6+ HCP
 - 4+ cards in suit bid
2. Bid a new suit at 2-level - only if you can't bid at the 1-level
 - 10+ HCP
 - 4+ cards if ♣ or ♦
 - 5+ cards if ♥
3. Respond in no trumps - only if you can't choose an earlier option

Points	Bid	Balanced
6-9	1NT	Not necessarily- dustbin option
10-12	2NT	Yes
13+	3NT	Yes

OPENER's second bid

- (i) After responder made a limit bid in opener's suit or made a limit bid in NT then opener is in charge and may bid one of:

- PASS
- an invitational bid
- make a forcing bid
- the final contract

- (ii) After responder made a bid in a new suit
Opener's choices are:

1. Limit raise of responder's major 1♥ / 1♠ 6+ HCP

Points	Bid responder's suit
12-15	2♥ / 2♠
16-18	3♥ / 3♠
19	4♥ / 4♠

2. Show a *balanced* hand by making a limit bid in NT

	After responder bids a new suit at 1-Level showing 6+	After responder bids a new suit at 2-Level showing 10+
Opener's points	Opener's Second Bid	
15-16	1NT	2NT forcing - known 25+
17-18	2NT	3NT
19	3NT	3NT

3. Show an *unbalanced* hand by bidding one of:

Weak options

- a. New suit below the barrier
 - 12-15, 5+ in 1st suit 4+ in 2nd suit
- b. Repeat 1st suit at the barrier (unable to show 2nd suit)
 - 12-15, 5+ cards

Strong options

- c. New suit above the barrier
 - 16-19, 5+ in 1st suit 4+ in 2nd suit
- d. Jump bid in 1st suit (above barrier)
 - 16-19, 6 cards in 1st suit