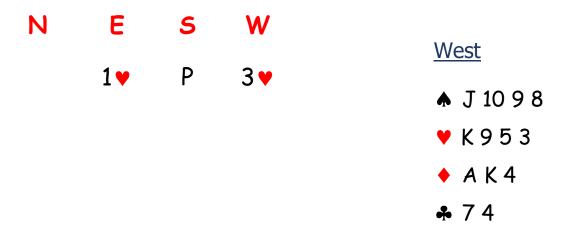


Revision

When partner opens 1 of a suit, if you have less than 6 high card points you pass.

N	Ε	5	W	<u>West</u>
	1♥	Р	Р	♠ J 10 9 8
				♥ K 9 5 4
				432
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If you have six or more high card points and four of partner's suit, especially if your partner bid a major, you raise the suit according to your high card point count.



In this example West has eleven High Card Points. The jumpraise to 3♥ shows partner four or more hearts and ten to twelve high card points.



Otherwise

If you have six or more HCP, but <u>not</u> four of your partner's suit, you will choose from three options:

- 1. Reply by bidding a different suit ("changing suit") at the one level, or
- 2. Reply by bidding a different suit at the two level, or
- 3. Reply by bidding 1NT.

Changing Suit at the One Level

If you have four or more cards in another suit that you can bid at the one level, make a change-of-suit reply to that suit.

N	Ε	5	W		<u>West</u>
	1♥	Р	1 🏚		♠ A K J 10 9
					♥ K 9 5
					◆ A J 9
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- A change of suit is a <u>forcing</u> bid opener must make a rebid, opener must not pass.
- This is a "wide-ranging" bid and promises your partner that you have at least <u>six</u> high card points, but you <u>may have a lot more</u>.
 (You will get another chance to bid.)
- It promises at least four cards in the suit bid, and the suit is usually the longest, or equal longest, suit in the hand.
- It doesn't necessarily deny support for the first suit bid, it asks opener for more information.



Reply Changing Suit at the TWO Level

If you cannot bid a new suit at the one level, but have a different suit that can only be bid at the two level,

<u>and</u>

you have 10+ HCP (or perhaps a <u>quality</u> 9 high card points), make a change-of-suit reply to that suit.

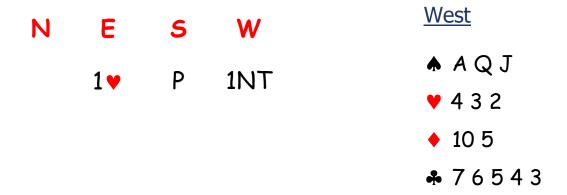
N	E	5	W	West	
	1♥	Р	2•	♠ AKJ	
				∀ K 9 5	
				◆ A J 9 8 7	
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- A change of suit is a <u>forcing</u> bid –
 opener must make a rebid, opener must not pass.
- This is a "wide-ranging" bid and promises your partner that you have at least ten high card points, but you may have a lot more. (You will get another chance to bid.)
- You need to have at least TEN high card points, because you increase the number of tricks your side must make to eight.
- It promises at least four cards in the suit bid, and the suit is usually the longest, or equal longest, suit in the hand.
- It doesn't necessarily deny support for the first suit bid, it asks opener for more information.

Note special case: You show a five-card heart suit if you change suit over 1♠ opening to 2♥, otherwise, a bidding a four-card suit is fine.



What if you have 6, 7, 8 or 9 HCPs and no suit to bid at the one level and cannot raise partners opening suit?



This is sometimes called the "dustbin" bid. There is a whole list of things you cannot bid:

- ♣ You cannot Pass because you have more than 5 HCP
- ♣ You cannot bid 1♠ because you don't have four spades
- ♣ You cannot bid 2♣ because you don't have 10+ HCPs
- ♣ You cannot bid 2 ◆ because you don't have four diamonds or 10+ HCPs
- ♣ You cannot bid 2♥ because you don't have four hearts or 6-9 HCPs
- ♣ So, you bid 1NT

In the next lesson, we will look at opener's second bid, known as a re-bid.