



Reminder

When partner opens 1 of a suit, if you have less than six high card points (HCP) you pass.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>West</u>
				♠ 9 8 7 6
	1♠	P	P	♥ 3 2
				♦ K Q 8
				♣ 10 9 6 2

If you have four of partner's suit, especially if your partner bid a major, you raise the suit at a level that tells partner your HCP count within agreed ranges.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>West</u>
				♠ 9 8
	1♥	P	3♥	♥ A Q 3 2
				♦ K Q 8
				♣ 10 9 6 2



Otherwise...

Responder generally has three options:

1. Reply by bidding a different suit ("changing suit") at the one level, promising at least six HCP, but with no upper limit, and asking partner to bid again describing the opening hand further; or

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>West</u>
	1♥	P	1♠	♠ A Q 3 2
				♥ 3 2
				♦ K Q 8
				♣ 10 9 6 2

2. Reply by bidding a different suit at the two level, promising at least ten HCP, but with no upper limit, and asking partner to bid again describing the opening hand further: or

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>West</u>
	1♠	P	2♣	♠ A Q 2
				♥ 3 2
				♦ K Q 8 7
				♣ 10 9 6 2



3. Reply by bidding 1NT, promising somewhere from six to nine HCPs, denying four cards in partner's suit, and denying four cards in any suit that could have been bid at the one level; this is not forcing, partner can pass, and with a reasonably balanced and weak hand may do so; however, opener should remember this is one occasion where a no-trump bid does not promise a balanced hand; the message describes all the bids that the responder cannot make.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>West</u>
				♠ A Q
	1♠	P	1NT	♥ 3 2
				♦ 8 7 5 4 3
				♣ 10 9 6 2



Openers Second Bid ("Re-bid")

Responder Passed

If responder has passed, showing less than six HCP, opener is unlikely to get a chance to bid again.

Responder Raised Opener's Suit

If the responder has raised opener's suit, the pair have recognised a "fit", and the opener's re-bid will be pass, or a raise to game, or an invitational bid depending on the known shared strength.

				<u>West</u>
<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	♠ A K
			1♥	♥ A Q 3 2
P	3♥	P	4♥	♦ K Q 8
				♣ 10 9 6 2



Opener's Re-bid shows shape and strength – The Barrier

Where is the barrier?

The barrier is 2 of the suit that was opened.

If the re-bid is at or below the barrier it shows 12-14HCPs.

If the re-bid is above the barrier it shows 16-19HCPs.

Make a judgement about 15HCPs.

Showing a "one-suited" Opening Hand

The responder may have changed suit, or bid 1NT, but the opening hand has a six-card or longer suit.

Opener is going to re-bid his own suit because he is short in all others and therefore has no fit with any new suit bid by responder and cannot pass 1NT knowing there could be many short suits.

The level of re-bid shows partner the HCP strength of the opening hand.

For Example

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	A re-bid of 2 of the opener's suit shows up to 14 HCPs.
1♥	P	1♠	P	A re-bid above 2 of the opener's suit shows 15-19 HCPs.
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<u>Up to 15 HCP</u>	<u>15-18HCP</u>	<u>19HCP</u>
♠ J 10 9	♠ J 10 9	♠ A 10 9
♥ K 10 9 5 4 3	♥ K 10 9 5 4 3	♥ K 9 7 5 4 3
♦ 3 2	♦ A Q	♦ A J
♣ A K	♣ A K	♣ A K
Re-Bid: 2♥	Re-Bid: (STOP!) 3♥	Re-Bid: (STOP!) 4♥



Showing a "two-suited" Opening Hand but no "Fit"

The responder may have changed suit, or bid 1NT, but the opening hand has a five-card or longer suit and another suit with four or more cards. Such hands are not balanced.

Opener is going to re-bid the second suit to give responder a description of the main features of the hand.

Again, the level of re-bid shows partner the HCP strength of the opening hand.

For Example

N	E	S	W
1♥	P	1♠/1NT	P
?			

A re-bid at or below 2 of the opener's suit shows a hand with up to 14 HCPs. A re-bid above 2 of the opener's suit shows a hand with 15-19HCPs.

Up to 15 HCP

♠ Q 10

♥ K 10 9 5 4

♦ 8 7 5 2

♣ A K

Re-Bid: 2♦

16-19HCP

♠ Q J

♥ K 10 9 5 4

♦ A Q 4 3

♣ A K

Re-Bid: (STOP!) 3♦



Sometimes keeping to this agreement means that opener can't re-bid the second suit.

For Example

N	E	S	W
1♦	P	1♠	P
?			

A re-bid at or below 2 of the opener's suit shows a hand with up to 14 HCPs. A re-bid above 2 of the opener's suit shows a hand with 15-19HCPs.

Up to 15 HCP

♠ Q 10

♥ K 10 9 5

♦ 10 8 7 5 2

♣ A K

Re-Bid: 2♦

16-19HCP

♠ Q J

♥ K 10 9 5

♦ A Q 4 3 2

♣ A K

Re-Bid: 2♥

In the first case a re-bid of 2H shows a stronger hand. You won't miss a fit though, because if responder had hearts they would bid hearts rather than one spade or one no trump.

When opener opens with a bid of one of a suit, the bid of two of the same suit is sometimes called the "barrier". If opener goes over the "barrier" with the bid of a new suit, a strong hand is shown. Opener re-bids at the barrier or below it, show a weaker hand. The responder can judge whether game is on.



Showing a "two-suited" Opening Hand with a second suit fit

The responder has changed suit and opener has four cards, or more, in that suit.

Opener re-bids responder's suit to show a fit has been found.

Again, the level of re-bid shows partner the HCP strength of the opening hand.

For Example

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1♥	P	1♠	P
?			

A re-bid at or below 2 of the responder's suit shows a hand with up to 15 HCPs.

Up to 15 HCP

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ K 10 9 5 4
♦ 8 7
♣ A K
Re-Bid: 2♠



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For Example

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1♥	P	1♠	P
?			

A re-bid at or below 2 of the responder's suit shows a hand with up to 14 HCPs. A game contract re-bid above 2 of the responder's suit shows a hand

with 19HCPs.

19HCP

♠ Q J 4 3

♥ K Q 9 5 4

♦ A Q

♣ A J

Re-Bid: (STOP!) 4♠



For Example

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1♥	P	1♠	P
?			

An invitational raise re-bid shows a hand with 15-18HCPs.

16-18HCP

♠ Q J 4 3
♥ K 10 9 5 4
♦ A J
♣ A K

Re-Bid: () 3♠

Opener's Re-bid with Balanced Hand

Generally, a re-bid of No Trumps shows a balanced hand (more in the next lesson).