



There are many hands that we open 1 of Suit

If partner passes...

They have less than 6 high card points. You probably won't get the chance to bid again. If you do, remember partner is WEAK.

N	E	S	W	<u>West</u>
	1♥	P	P	♠ J 10 9 8
				♥ K 9 5 4
				♦ 4 3 2
				♣ 7 4

If partner replies by raising your suit...

The raise indicates partner's high card point count.

N	E	S	W	<u>West</u>
	1♥	P	3♥	♠ J 10 9 8
				♥ K 9 5 3
				♦ A K 4
				♣ 7 4

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



## Otherwise

If partner had six or more HCP, but not four of your suit, they 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

<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
	1♥	P	1♠

West

♠ A K J 10 9  
♥ K 9 5  
♦ A J 9  
♣ 7 4

- A change of suit is a **forcing** 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 **six** high card points, but you **may have a lot more**. (Partner 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 partner cannot bid a new suit at the one level, but have a different suit that can only be bid at the two level,

**and**

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

<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
	1♥	P	2♦

West

♠ A K J

♥ K 9 5

♦ A J 9 8 7

♣ 7 4

- A change of suit is a forcing 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. (West 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 partner has 6, 7, 8 or 9 HCPs and no suit to bid at the one level and cannot raise partners opening suit?

<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
	1♥	P	1NT

West

♠ A Q J

♥ 4 3 2

♦ 10 5

♣ 7 6 5 4 3

This is sometimes called the “dustbin” bid. There is a whole list of things partner cannot bid:

NOT Pass because you have more than 5 HCP

NOT bid 1♠ because you don't have four spades

NOT bid 2♣ because you don't have 10+ HCPs

NOT bid 2♦ because you don't have four diamonds or 10+ HCPs

NOT bid 2♥ because you don't have four hearts or 6-9 HCPs

SO bid 1NT



## Openers re-bid after 1NT reply

East

	N	E	S	W
♠ A Q J				
♥ A K 4 3 2		1♥	P	1NT
♦ 10 5	?			
♣ 7 6 5				

With up to fourteen HCPs  
and 5M,3,3,2: PASS

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	P		

East

	N	E	S	W
♠ A Q				
♥ A K 5 4 3 2		1♥	P	1NT
♦ 10 5	?			
♣ 7 6 5				

With up to fourteen HCPs and  
6M,3,2,2: rebid major at the two  
level

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	2♥		



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East

♠ A Q  
 ♥ A K 5 4 3  
 ♦ 7 3  
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	?		

With up to fourteen HCPs and  
 5,4,2,2 AND 4 card suit ranks  
 lower than the five card suit, bid  
 the 4 card suit at the two level

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	2♣	P	2♥/P

East

♠ A Q 8 7  
 ♥ A K 5 4 3  
 ♦ 7 6  
 ♣ 7 6

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	?		

With up to fourteen HCPs and  
 5,4,2,2 AND 4 card suit ranks  
 higher than the five card suit, bid  
 the 4 card suit PASS

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	P		



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East

♠ A Q J

♥ A K 4 3 2

♦ A 9

♣ 7 6 5

N E S W

1♥ P 1NT

P ?

With (15)16-18 HCPs and  
5M,3,3,2 Bid 2NT (Invitational)

N E S W

1♥ P 1NT

P 2NT

East

♠ A Q J

♥ A K 4 3 2

♦ A J

♣ 7 6 5

N E S W

1♥ P 1NT

P ?

With 19 HCPs and 5M,3,3,2 Bid  
3NT

N E S W

1♥ P 1NT

P 3NT



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East

♠ A J 10  
♥ A K 5 4 3 2  
♦ A J  
♣ 7 6

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	?		

With (15)16-18 HCPs and  
6M,3,2,2 rebid major at the three  
level

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	3♥	P	4♥/P

East

♠ A Q J  
♥ A K 4 3 2  
♦ A J  
♣ 7 6 5

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	?		

With 19 HCPs and 6M,3,3,2 Bid  
four of the major

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	3♥	P	4♥/P





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East

♠ A Q J 4  
 ♥ A K 4 3 2  
 ♦ A J  
 ♣ 7 6

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	?		

With (15)16-18 HCPs and 5,4,2,2  
 AND 4 card suit ranks higher  
 than the five card suit, bid the 4  
 card suit at the two level (Forcing  
 to game)

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	2♠		

East

♠ A Q  
 ♥ A K 4 3 2  
 ♦ A 9  
 ♣ J 7 6 5

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	?		

With (15)16-18 HCPs and 5,4,2,2  
 AND 4 card suit ranks lower  
 than the five card suit, bid the 4  
 card suit at the three level  
 (Forcing to game)

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	1NT
P	3♣		