



## When partner opens one of a suit:

Responder generally has three options.

1. Bid a different suit (changing suit) at the one level, promising at least six HCP, with no upper limit, and asking partner to bid again describing the opening hand further (forcing for one round) e.g.

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

2. Bid a different suit at the two level, promising at least ten HCP, with no upper limit, and asking partner to bid again describing their hand further (forcing for one round) e.g.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>West</u>
				♠ A Q 2
	1♠	P	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 passes, showing less than six HCP, opener is unlikely to get a chance to bid again.

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 cannot pass 1NT knowing there could be many short suits.

The level of re-bid shows 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♥
Not Forcing	Invitational	Sign Off