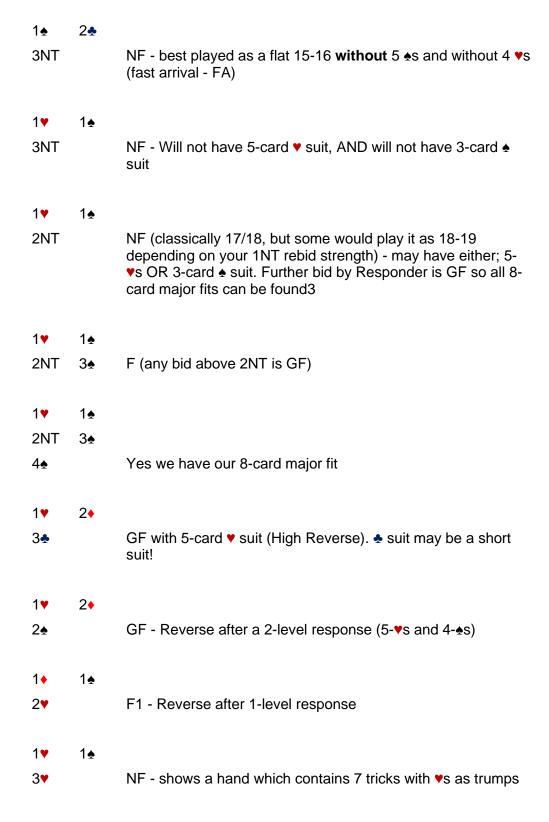
## A few Acol sequences

The following sequences are shown as:

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NF
       Non-forcing
F
       Forcing
F1
       Forcing for one round
GF
       Game-forcing
 1♣
        1♥
               NF but highly encouraging
 1♠
 1♥
        1♠
 1NT
               15-16 (Unless you play 15-17)
 1♥
              6-9 NF denies 4-♠s
        1NT
 1♥
       1♠
2NT
               17-18 NF
       1NT
 1♠
 2♥
               NF but ♠s will be at least a 5-card suit. Responder should bid
               2♠ having a doubleton ♠ and Hxx in ♥s!
       2.
              F to at least 2♠
 1♠
       2•
 1♠
 2♥
              F to at least 2♠ - Opener will have at least 5♠s
       2•
 1♠
2♥
       2NT
               NF limit bid (11-12 HCPs, denies 3♠s or 4 ♥s)
 1♠
       2•
               15+ F (hence 2-level bids need to be kept up to strength 10+).
2NT
 1♠
       2.
              F with 3-card ♠ support (unless you play 3♠ as an asking bid)
2NT
       3♠
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The only times when certain sequences don't show the first suit as a 5-card suit are when opener is 4441. However, it is best for responder to assume the 5-card suit but just the thought of a possible 4-card (4441) suit in the back of their mind. 4441s are a minefield and we would need to discuss these, but basically:

- 1444 Open 1♦ (some open 1♥, but this is wrong, causes rebid problems)
- 4144 Open 1♦ occasionally 1♣ if ♦s are weak and ♣s are strong
- 4414 Open 14
- 4441 Open 1

If you open 1♥ the problem arises when it goes:

- 1♥ 2♣
- Responder expects a 5-card ♥ suit!, and may bid 2♥ with a doubleton

Suit quality has a big influence on how to open these hands. Always think what the most difficult response could be!

- 2♠ 3♥ non-forcing but highly encouraging