

Opener's Rebid after One of a Minor

A minor suit opening bid may be many types of hands. It may be balanced or unbalanced and anywhere from about 11 to 20 high card points. About all that you have told your partner with a minor suit opener is that you have opening count and at least 3 cards in the suit. You really describe your hand with your rebid.

Balanced hands:

- a) 1NT is 12-14 HCP
- b) 2NT is 18-19 HCP

A no trump rebid shows that you cannot support partner's suit, rebid your own suit, or bid another suit. Therefore, you do not guarantee stoppers in all the suits. Note that with 15-17 HCP you would have opened 1NT and not a minor to begin with.

Unbalanced hands:

- a) Rebid your minor suit with at least 5 cards in the suit.

Remember your opening bid only showed 3.

- b) Rebid a new suit with at least 4 cards.
- c) Raise partner's suit with at least 4 cards. Since partner will respond with a major suit with any 4 card suit it is best NOT to raise with only 3 in his suit.

How high do you bid? Not only do you want your rebid to show partner your distribution, you also want to indicate the strength of your hand. A jump rebid in your original suit or in

support of partner's suit shows 15-18 HCP. A jump in an unbid suit is a jump shift and shows 17+HCP. What would you do with the following hands after the bidding goes 1D-P-1H-P-?

- a) J765 AK5 K653 Q2
- b) 765 AQ4 KQ76 Q32
- c) AK65 8765 AQ7 87
- d) 76 A32 A8762 A76
- e) AK65 A765 AQ43 8
- f) AT5 AK5 AK765 87
- g) 876 4 AKJ654 A54
- h) A3 AJ76 AK7653 8