

Rebids After Opening a Minor Suit

The goal in opener's rebid is to establish a trump suit or no trump and the level of the final contract as quickly as possible. Remembering that an opening bid of one of a minor can be quite varied in terms of distribution and high cards, the opener's rebid is very important. You want to define, as closely as possible, your strength and shape.

The first thing to do is to divide your hand by strength:

- a) minimum 13-15 HCP
- b) strong 16-17 HCP
- c) maximum 18-20 HCP

With a minimum hand (13-15 HCP) you want to make the cheapest bid available from the following choices:

- a) raise partner's suit with 4 cards (this is the best choice, especially if partner has responded in a major suit)
- b) bid a new suit with at least 4 cards that partner has not skipped over (1C-P-1H-P-1S)
- c) rebid your original minor suit with 5 or more
- d) rebid 1NT without support for partner and without a rebidable suit of your own or a new suit you can bid

With a strong hand (16-17 HCP) do the following:

- a) jump raise partner's suit (1C-P-1S-P-3S) Partner may then pass or go to game.
- b) bid a new suit with at least 4 cards that partner has bypassed (1D-P-1S-P-2H)
- c)

Jump in your minor suit with at least a 5 card or longer suit

With a maximum hand (18-20 HCP) do the following:

- a) Jump to game in partner's suit (1C-P-1H-P-4H)
- b) Jump to 2NT with a balanced hand of 18-19 HCP (With 15-17 HCP you would open with 1NT and with 20-21 you would open with 2NT)
- c) With an unbalanced hand jump in a new suit (jump shift)

What would you do after you open 1C and partner responds 1H?

- a) K763 AQJ 765 K76
- b) KQ76 9876 A4 A65
- c) K76 Q7 K765 AQ65
- d) 9 K76 Q76 AK7654
- e) 7 AQ76 JT7 AQJ76
- f) 87 KQ7 7 AKQJ654
- g) K7 Q76 AKJ7 AQ76
- h) 8 AJ76 A6 AK8765