

## **Responses and Rebids After Minor Suit Openers**

An opening bid of 1C or 1D shows 13 HCP but may be made with only 3 cards in the suit. Therefore, as the responder the first priority should be to respond in a major suit in order to determine if you have an eight card or longer fit. As the responder you should not pass partner's opening bid with 6 HCP or more. You should respond in a major suit with at least 4 cards in the suit. With 4 cards in both major suits you should bid 1H.

Opener's rebids:

- a) With support for responder's major suit (4 cards) raise partner. With 13-16 HCP raise to 2 of the major. With 17-18 HCP jump raise to 3 of the major. With 19+ HCP double jump raise to 4 of the major.
- b) Without support for partner's suit bid a new suit with at least 4 cards. With 13-17 HCP make a simple new suit bid. With 18+ HCP jump in the new suit.
- c) With a balanced hand rebid NT. With 13-14 HCP rebid 1NT. With 18-19 jump rebid 2NT. (Note: With 15-17 HCP you would have opened with 1NT to start with)
- d) Without support or another suit and an unbalanced hand rebid your original minor suit. With 13-16 rebid 2 of your minor. With 17+ HCP jump rebid 3 of your minor suit.

What would you respond when partner opens 1C?

- a) K765 9876 J98 98
- b) K876 9876 A76 98
- c) 87654 AK76 8 987
- d) K872 8 A76 K8765
- e) Q76 K87 Q876 987
- f) 8 A87 Q8765 K876

What would you rebid after 1C-P-1H-P-?

- a) AK76 8765 J A765
- b) Q765 AK7 876 KJ8
- c) K76 AQ7 A87 J876
- d) K85 AK6 AK7 Q765
- e) 7 AQ87 A87 AJ765
- f) 76 K8 A54 AJ6543