

Opener's Response to 1 No Trump Forcing

A Quick Review of the Forcing 1 No Trump

- A forcing 1 no-trump .
 - On only after partner's major-suit opening in 1st or 2nd position.
 - You have 6-12 hcps.
 - You do not have 4-card support for partner's major suit.
 - You do not have a 4-card major suit you could bid at the one level.
- Your task is to listen carefully to partner's rebid and guide the partnership to the best contract.

Opener's Rebid

- After a major-suit opening and a forcing one no trump response, opener must find a rebid that describes the hand's
 - Strength
 - Distribution
- One no trump is a one-round force, not game forcing.
 - Rebids are different than if you were in a game-forcing auction.
 - You must show extra values when you have them.

With Two-Suited Hands

- 1 ♠ ... 1nt... 2 ♦.
- This bid normally shows 5 spades and 4 diamonds, with 12 to 14 points.
- But it is an ambiguous bid. There are certain other hands with which you might make this rebid.

1 ♠ ... 1nt ... 2 ♦.

Hand 1

♠ A Q J 4 2

♥ J 9

♦ A J 10 5

♣ Q 3

Hand 2

♠ A Q J 4 2

♥ 2

♦ A J 10 5 3

♣ K 3

Hand 2

♠ A Q J 9 4 2

♥ 2

♦ A Q J 10

♣ Q 3

1 ♠ ... 1nt....3 ♦.

Hand 4

♠ A Q J 4 2

♥ J 9

♦ A J 10 5

♣ A K

Hand 5

♠ A Q J 4 2

♥ 2

♦ A K J 10 5

♣ K 3

Hand 6

♠ A K Q J 9 4

♥ 2

♦ A Q J 10

♣ K 3

1 ♠ ... 1nt...2 ♦.

- This bid can be made with a 3 card suit.
 - This is rare, but sometimes it is the only reasonable bid.
 - If you have two 3 card minors, it is best to bid clubs, rather than diamonds.

Hand 7

♠ K Q 9 4

♥ K 10 6 5 2

♦ A J 4

♣ 3

- This is a problem hand. If this was a 2/1 game-forcing auction, you'd bid 2 ♠, a reverse.
- But, you're not in a game forcing auction.
- Don't distort your values.

One-Suited Hands

- With a one-suited (6+ cards), you rebid your suit.
- The level of your rebid shows your values and length.
 - 2 (M) 12-14 points
 - 3 (M) 15-17 points
 - 4(M) 7+ card suit 12 -16 points.

1 ♠ ... 1nt....??

Hand 7

♠ A Q J 8 4 2

♥ J 9

♦ A 9 5

♣ 4 2

2 ♠

Hand 8

♠ A Q J 8 4 2

♥ 2

♦ A Q 5

♣ K 8 3

3 ♠

Hand 9

♠ A K J 10 9 8 4

♥ 2

♦ A J 10

♣ K 3

4 ♠

Treating a Two-Suited Hand Like a One-Suited Hand

- I've said before, if you have a six-card suit and a good four-card suit, you should rebid your four-card suit before you rebid your six-card suit.
- The key word here is a **good** four-card suit.
- A good suit is defined as having two of the top three honors or three of the top five.

Some Examples of a Good Four-Card Suit

- KQ J 7
- A Q 8 3
- A K 9 2
- KQ 5 4
- A J 10 7
- K J 10 9
- A J 7 3 This one is borderline.

1 ♠ ... 1nt....??

Hand 8

♠ A Q J 4 3 2

♥ J

♦ A J 10 5

♣ K 2

2♦

Hand 9

♠ A Q J 4 3 2

♥ J

♦ J 9 6 5

♣ K 2

2♠

Hand 10

♠ A Q J 4 3 2

♥ J

♦ K J 9 8

♣ K 2

Borderline
hand 2♦ is
probably
best 2♠

With Balanced Hands

- If you have a balanced hand, you will have 1 of two hands.
 - 12-14
 - 18-19
- With 15-17 you will open 1nt
- With 20 – 21 you will open 2nt
- With 12-14, you will rebid the most convenient minor suit and listen to partner's response.

` 1 ♥ ... 1nt....??

Hand 11

♠ J 4 3
♥ A Q 10 8 4
♦ Q 7
♣ K 3 2

2 ♣

Hand 12

♠ Q 4
♥ A J 8 8 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ A K 2

2 nt

Hand 13

♠ Q 4
♥ A J 8 8 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ K 10 2

2 ♣, but this is a
problem hand
(14 points)

The One No Trump Bidder's Second Bid

- Your task is to listen carefully to partner's rebid and guide the partnership to the best contract.
- Your rebid is based on what you hear from partner and what you have in your hand.

1 ♥...1nt...2 ♣...??

Hand 14

♠ J 4 3

♥ J 2

♦ K 7 4 2

♣ J 8 3 2

2 ♥ take a
choice of
Partner's two
suits.

Hand 15

♠ J 4 3

♥ 2

♦ K J 7 5 4 2

♣ J 8 3

2 ♦ Bid your
6-card (or
even a good
5-card suit) if
you don't
have a fit with
partner.

Hand 16

♠ J 4 3

♥ 6

♦ Q 9 4 2

♣ K J 8 5 3

Pass. You
have a fit with
partner's
second suit.

1 ♠ ... 1nt... 2 nt...??

Hand 17

♠ J 4

♥ J 7 2

♦ Q 7 4 2

♣ Q 8 3 2

Hand 18

♠ Q 3

♥ J 8 7 2

♦ K J 7 3

♣ J 8 3

Pass. Partner has 18 or 19 points, but you have a bad 6.

3 no trump. Partner has 18 or 19, you have 8, enough for a game try.

1 ♠ ... 1nt... 2 ♣ ... ??

Hand 19

♠ J 10 4

♥ A 2

♦ KJ 7 4

♣ Q 8 3 2

3 ♠

- When you have a limit raise (11-12 points) with just 3 cards, use the forcing no trump then jump to the 3 level.
- With 4 cards and a limit raise, just bid at the 3 level directly.

1 ♠ ... 1nt... 2 ♣ ... ??

Hand 20

♠ J 10

♥ A J 2

♦ KJ 7 4

♣ Q 8 3 2

2 nt

- When you have 11 or 12 points, with a balanced hand, your second bid will be 2nt .

1 ♠ ... 1nt... 3 ♠...??

Hand 20

♠ J 10

♥ A J 2

♦ KJ 7 4

♣ 8 7 3 2

4 ♠

- Take your guidance from opener's second bid.
- Opener has 16-18 points, with a six card suit.

1 ♠ ... 1nt... 3 ♦ ...??

Hand 21

♠ J 10

♥ A J 2

♦ 7 4

♣ Q J 3 2

3nt

- Take your guidance from opener's second bid.
- Opener has 20 or 21 points, with 5-4 or 5-5 distribution.