




# Bidding After Opener's Reverse






# What is a Reverse?

- Some players say they don't play reverses.
- If you say that, then you are not playing Standard American or 2/1, because reverses are a part of those systems.
- However, for some 2/1 players, reverses are handled a bit differently than they would be if you are playing Standard American.
- A reverse bid is when an opening bidder bids a higher ranking suit, at the 2-level, without jumping, than was bid with the opening suit.

# What is Not a Reverse

- Consider this bidding sequence.
  - 1  ...1  ...1 
  - Notice opener's new suit came at the 1 level. That is not considered a reverse.

# What is a Reverse

- Consider this bidding sequence by a 2/1 pair.
  - 1  ...2  ...2 
  - Some 2/1 players do not consider this a reverse because responder's 2 level bid already commits the partnership to game.
  - Some 2/1 players would consider this a reverse and would show a hand with extra values.
  - That sequence, in Standard American, would be a reverse and would show extra values.

# What is a Reverse

- All of the following sequences should be considered a reverse, in either system.

	Opener		responder		opener
1	1 ♣	.....	1 ♥	.....	2 ♦
2	1 ♣	.....	1 ♠	.....	2 ♦
3	1 ♣	.....	1 ♠	.....	2 ♥
4	1 ♦	.....	1 ♠	.....	2 ♥
5	1 ♦	.....	1 nt	.....	2 of any major.
6	1 ♥	.....	1 nt	.....	2 ♠

# What Happens After a Reverse?

- When players make a reverse bid, they are showing a hand that is:
  - 16-18 (19) points.
  - Somewhat unbalanced – did not want to make a no trump bid.
  - Is forcing on the responder for at least one more round of bidding.
  - You and your partner should certainly discuss reverse bids and the kinds of hand they show.

# Responder's Bids After a Reverse

- If responder raises either of opener's suits, it is forcing to game.

Opener    Responder

– 1 ♣ ..... 1 ♠  
– 2 ♥ ..... 3 ♥

Opener    Responder

– 1 ♣ ..... 1 ♠  
– 2 ♦ ..... 3 ♣

# Responder's bids After a Reverse

- If responders repeat their own suit, it show 5+ cards and is forcing to game.

Opener    Responder

– 1  ..... 1 

– 2  ..... 2 



# Responder's bids After a Reverse

- With very weak hand (6-7points), responder, may bid the 4<sup>th</sup> suit or 2no trump which ever is most convenient.

Opener    Responder

– 1 ♣ ..... 1 ♠

– 2 ♥ ..... 2 nt

Opener    Responder

– 1 ♣ ..... 1 ♠

– 2 ♦ ..... 2 ♥

# Example Hand (1)-Weak Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ Q J 4 2

♥ Q 3 2

♦ 10 5

♣ J 9 4 3

Opener

Responder

1 ♦ ..... 1 ♠

2 ♥ ..... 2nt

“Partner, I have 6-7 points and I’ll probably pass your next bid.”

# Example Hand(2)-Weak Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ Q J 4  
♥ Q 10 3 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ J 9 4 3

Opener

Responder

1 ♣ .....1 ♥  
2 ♦ .....2 ♠

“Partner, I have 6-7 points  
and I’ll probably pass your  
next bid.”

# Example Hand(3)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ A Q J 5 4

♥ 10 3

♦ 10 5

♣ J 9 4 3

Opener

1 ♣ .....1 ♠

2 ♦ .....2 ♠

Responder

“Partner, I have at least 8 points and 5+ spades.

# Example Hand(4)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ A Q 5 4

♥ K J 3

♦ 10 5 2

♣ J 9 4

Opener

1 ♣ ..... 1 ♠

2 ♦ ..... 3 nt

Responder

“Partner, I have 8+ points with balanced distribution.”

# Example Hand(5)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ A Q 5 4

♥ K J 3

♦ 10 5 2

♣ J 9 4

Opener

1 ♣ ..... 1 ♠

2 ♥ ..... 3 ♣

Responder

“Partner, I have 8+ points with balanced distribution I did not bid no trump because I’m worried about diamonds.”

# Example Hand(6)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ K Q J 8 5 4

♥ A 3

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 9 4

Opener

1 ♣

2 ♥

Responder

.....1 ♠

.....3 ♠

“Partner, I have 8+ points with 6 good spades..”

# Example Hand(7)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ K 4 2  
♥ A Q J 9 3  
♦ 10 5  
♣ J 9 4

Opener

Responder

1 ♣ .....1 ♥  
2 ♦ .....2 ♥

“Partner, I have 8+ points  
with 5 hearts.”



# Example Hand(7)-Forcing Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ K 4 2

♥ A Q J 9 5 3

♦ 10 5

♣ J 9

Opener

1 ♣ .....1 ♥

2 ♦ .....3 ♥

Responder

“Partner, I have 8+ points with 6 hearts.”