

Rebid Problems After a Minor-Suit Opening Bid

Telling the Best Lie

It is Not Good to Lie to Partner

- Sometimes you are dealt a hand where a little white lie might be your only option.
- I will show some examples of such situations and some options.
- Sometimes a little forethought might help you avoid being put into a situation where you feel the need to lie.
- Consider what your partner might bid, before you choose an opening bid.

This is Your Hand 1

♠ 4 2
♥ A J 8 4
♦ A K
♣ K 9 8 4 3

| Opener | Responder |
|--------|-----------|
| 1 ♣ | 1 ♠ |
| ?? | |

Options

1nt

2 ♣

2 ♥

Best lie 1nt

Best overall open 1nt.

This is Your Hand 2

♠ K
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ A Q 3
♣ K 9 8 4 3

Opener

1 ♣

??

Responder

1 ♠

Options

1nt

2 ♣

2 ♥

Best lie 1nt

Best overall open 1nt.

This is Your Hand 3

♠ 4 3
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ A Q
♣ K Q J 4 3

Opener

1 ♣
??

Responder

1 ♠

Options

1nt

2 ♣

2 ♥

Best lie 1nt

This is Your Hand 4

♠ 7
♥ Q 9 4
♦ A Q J 3
♣ K 9 8 4 3

Opener

1 ♣

??

Responder

1 ♠

Options

1nt

2 ♣

2 ♦

Best lie

Opener

1 ♦

2 ♣

Responder

1 ♠

1 ♦ ... 1nt

Responder has 6-10 no 4-card major suit...First the easy ones.

Hand 1

♠ Q J 6
♥ K J 3
♦ Q 8 7 6
♣ K Q 3

pass

Hand 2

♠ A 10 7 6
♥ K Q 6 5
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ 3

pass

Hand 3





♠ J 6 3
♥ Q 5 4
♦ A K Q 7 6
♣ 8 3

pass

1  ... 1nt ... 2 





Opener's rebid is ambiguous.

Hand 4

 6
 Q J 8 6
 Q J 7 6
 A K 9 2



2 

Hand 5

 6
 K Q 6
 A 8 7 6 2
 A J 5 3

2 

Hand 6


 Q J 6 5
 A K Q 6
 J 9 8 5 3





2 

The best lie

1  ... 1nt ... 2 





Opener's rebid is ambiguous.

Hand 7

 6
 A Q 5
 Q J 7 6 2
 A K 3 2





2  The
best lie

Hand 8

 6
 K 6
 A 8 7 6 2
 A Q J 5 3

2 

Hand 9


 6 5
 A K Q 6 5 2
 A J 8 5 3

2 

1 ♦ ... 1nt ... 2 ♦

12 to 15 points with 6 diamonds.

Hand 10

♠ K J

♥ K 6 5

♦ K 9 8 7 6 2

♣ Q 2

2 ♦

Hand 11

♠ 6

♥ K 9 6 2

♦ A Q J 9 6 2

♣ Q 3

2 ♦

Hand 12

♠ 2

♥ A J 8 5

♦ K Q 6 5 2

♣ K 8 5

2 ♦ The
best lie

1 ... 1nt ... 2 nt

18 or 19 Balanced hand. Just short of a 2nt opening

Hand 13

 A Q J 4

 K J 6 5

 A K 9

 5 2

2 nt

Invitational

18-19

Hand 14

 K 4 2

 K Q 2

 A Q J 8 5

 K 3

2 nt

1 ♦ ... 1nt ... 3 ♦

Could not open 1 nt, because unbalanced.

Hand 15

♠ A 7 4

♥ 5

♦ A K Q 9 7 2

♣ K 5 2

3 ♦

Invitational

16-19

Hand 16

♠ K 4 2

♥ A J

♦ A Q J 10 8 5

♣ K 3

3 ♦

1  ... 1nt ... 3 nt

Hand 17

 J 7 4

 Q

 A K Q J 7 2

 A 5 2

3 nt

This is a strange bid...
You must have an
unbalanced hand with a
running suit.

1  ... 1nt ... 3 nt

Hand 18

 K Q J 3

 K J 3

 A K Q 7 2

 J

3 nt

This is a strange bid...
You must have an
unbalanced hand with a
running suit.