

# No Trump Responses and Rebids After 1 of a Minor Opening

# When Partner Opens 1 ♦

- Our first responsibility is to find a major-suit fit, if we have 4 cards or more in a major.
- If not, our response will be in no trump.
  - 1 no trump = a good 5 to a bad 10 hcps.
  - 2 no trump = a good 10 to 12 hcps (inviting a no trump game).
  - 3 no trump = 13 to 15 hcps.

# A Good 10 v. A Bad 10

♠ Q 4 2  
♥ J 9 7  
♦ Q J 8 5  
♣ K J 3

Bad 10

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

Moderate 10

♠ 10 9  
♥ 10 9 8  
♦ J 10 9 5  
♣ A K Q 10

Really  
Good 10

# When Partner Opens 1 ♣

- We have an additional possible response, 1 ♦, available to us. Responder's options:
  - 1 ♦ = 4+ diamonds 6+ hcps. Or balanced with 6 or 7 hcps and no 4 card suit you can bid at the 1 level.
  - 1 no trump = 8 to a bad 10 hcps.
  - 2 no trump = good 10 to 12 hcps. (invitational to game in no trump)
  - 3 no trump = 13 to 15 hcps.

# When You Have This Agreement Over 1 ♣

- You would respond 1 ♦ with:

♠ Q 4 2

♥ J 9 7

♦ Q 8 5

♣ J 9 7 3

- Without this agreement, you would respond 1 no trump with the hand above.

# This Agreement Has Advantages and Disadvantages

- Advantage:
  - If you bid 1 no trump with the weak 6-7 point hand and partner has a strong (19-21 hcp) hand, you will reach 3 no trump, with the wrong hand as declarer.
- Disadvantage.
  - If you bid 1 ♦ with the weak 6-7 point hand, you give the opponents an easy 1 level overcall if they have a 5 card major suit.

# When You Open 1 ♣ or 1 ♦

- It is important that you have a clear understanding with your partner as to what your rebids mean.
- Without it, you are heading for a bidding disaster.

# Opener's Rebids After a 1 No Trump Response

- After a 1 ♦ opening and a 1 nt response.
  - You can pass. Partner's bid is not forcing.
  - 2 ♣ is natural, shows 4+ cards and a hand that is unsuited for no trump.
  - 2 ♦ is 5+ diamonds, and a hand unsuited for no trump.
  - 2 ♥/ ♠ is 4+ cards, a reverse, forcing for one round on responder.
  - 2 nt is balanced, 18-19 points.



# Here Are Some Examples

♠ 5 2  
♥ A K 9 7  
♦ A Q 9 8  
♣ A 9 7

Opener Responder

1 ♦          1nt  
2 ♥

♠ K 5  
♥ A J 10  
♦ A Q J 9 5  
♣ K 10 5

Opener Responder

1 ♦          1nt  
2 nt

# Here Are Some More Examples

♠ 2  
♥ K 9 7  
♦ A Q 9 8 5  
♣ A 9 7 5

Opener Responder

1 ♦      1nt  
2 ♣

♠ 9 5  
♥ A J 10  
♦ A Q J 9 5  
♣ J 10 5

Opener Responder

1 ♦      1nt  
2 ♦

1 ♦ ... 1 nt ...

Reverse

♠ 2

♥ A K 4 2

♦ A J 10 8 5

♣ K Q 9

Reverse

♠ A K 4 2

♥ 2

♦ A J 10 8 5

♣ K Q 9

♠ K 9 6

♥ K J 9

♦ A J 10 9

♣ A Q 10

Opener Responder

1 ♦          1nt

2 ♥

A reverse shows  
extra values –  
Forcing 1 round

Opener Responder

1 ♦          1nt

2 nt

18-19 hcps

# Any Jump-Shift = 20-21 hcps. Game Forcing

♠ 2  
♥ A K 7  
♦ A Q 9 8 5  
♣ A K J 9

Opener Responder  
1 ♦      1nt  
3 ♣

(Some partnerships  
play this bid as just  
extra values – not  
game forcing.)

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A K 10 9  
♦ A Q J 9 5  
♣ 10

Opener Responder  
1 ♦      1nt  
3 ♥

# Any Jump-Shift Alternative Forcing and **Alertable**

♠  
♥ Q 9 7  
♦ A Q 9 8 5 6  
♣ A K J 9

Opener Responder

1 ♦      1nt  
3 ♠

Shows 6 cards or 5-5 in the minors and a singleton or void in the major suit bid

♠ K 9  
♥ 9  
♦ A Q J 9 5  
♣ K Q J 10 7

Opener Responder

1 ♦      1nt  
3 ♥

1 ♦ ... 1 nt ... 3 ♦

♠ 5 2  
♥ A 9  
♦ A Q 9 8 5 3  
♣ A Q 6

Opener Responder

1 ♦      1nt  
3 ♦

♠ A 9 8  
♥ J 9  
♦ A Q 10 9 6 4  
♣ A K





Opener Responder





1 ♦      1nt  
3 ♦

# 1 ♣ Or 1 ♦ ...2 nt ...

- You know partner's hand within 1 point.
- Partner's bid is invitational, not forcing. You can pass.
- Partner has:
  - A good 10 to 12 hcps
  - No 4 card or longer suit that could be bid at the 1 level.
  - On most hands, you can (and should) set the final contract.

1  ... 2 nt ... 3 

 5 2  
 A 9  
 A Q 9 8 5  
 Q J 3 2

 9 4  
 J  
 A Q 10 9 6  
 A K 8 6 4

12 to 14 points.  
Declining the  
invitation, and asks  
partner to take a  
choice of the  
minors.

Opener	Responder
1 	2nt
3 	



1 ♦ ... 2 nt ... 3 ♦

♠ 5 2  
♥ A 9  
♦ A Q 9 8 7 5  
♣ Q J 3

12 to 14 points.  
Declining the  
invitation, and  
shows 6+ diamonds.

♠ 9 4 3 2  
♥ J  
♦ A Q 10 9 6 3  
♣ A K

Opener	Responder
1 ♦	2nt
3 ♦	

1 ♦ ...2 nt...3 ♥ or 3 ♠

Accepting the invitation, but worried.

- Enough points for game (14+)
- A singleton in the major suit bid.
  - ✓ Worried the opponents can run that suit.
  - ✓ If you have a singleton, the opponents have at least 9 cards.
- Usually shows a six-card minor or a heavy concentration in the two minors.
- Must be alerted.

# Here Are a Couple of Examples

♠ 5  
♥ A 9  
♦ A Q 9 8 7 5  
♣ K Q 9 3

Opener Responder

1 ♦      2nt  
3 ♠

♠ K J 2  
♥ J  
♦ A Q 10 9 6 3  
♣ A K 7

Opener Responder

1 ♦      2nt  
3 ♥

1 ♣ Or 1 ♦ ...3 nt ...

- 13-15 points. You know partner's hand within 1 point.
- You can pass, if that is the right bid.
- Partner has no 4-card or longer major suit.
- 4 ♣ is Gerber.
- 4 no trump is quantitative.
- Do the math.