












Responder's Action After Opener Makes a Non-Forcing Rebid

You Are Responder

- Your partner has opened the bidding with a one level suit bid.
- You have responded on the 1 level.
- Opener has made a non-forcing rebid.
 - 1  ... 1  ... 2 
 - 1  ... 1nt ... 2 
 - 1  ... 1  ... 2 
 - 1  ... 1  ... 2 

Opener Repeats Her Suit at the Minimum Available Level

- Opener has a 6-card suit, with 12 to a bad 16 points.
- If, as responder, you have 8 or fewer points, you should pass.
- Even if you have a singleton or void in opener's suit.
 - Don't try to save or correct.
 - Get out of misfits as soon as possible.

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 2 ♥

Hand 1

♠ A 8 4 2

♥ 2

♦ K 10 8 7 5

♣ 10 9 4

Pass

Hand 2

♠ A J 8 4 2

♥ 9

♦ K 8 7 5

♣ J 4 3

Pass

Hand 3

♠ A J 8 7 4 2

♥ 2

♦ K 10 5

♣ 8 4 3

2 ♠

1 ♦ ... 1 ♥ ... 2 ♦

Hand 4

♠ 2
♥ A 9 7 5
♦ K J 5
♣ Q 10 9 4 3

3 ♦

Hand 5

♠ K 10 2
♥ A 9 7 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ Q 10 3

2 nt

Hand 5

♠ 2
♥ K Q J 9 5 2
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ 4 3

3 ♥

Invite by bidding 2nt, raising opener's suit or a jump bid in your own suit with 6 cards.

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 2 ♥

Hand 7

♠ A J 10 5 2

♥ K 2

♦ A 9 8 4

♣ 6 3

4 ♥

Hand 8

♠ A J 10 2

♥ 9

♦ K Q 10 9

♣ K Q 9

3 nt

Hand 9

♠ K Q 10 8 5

♥ K

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 8 4 3

3 ♣

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 2 ♥

Hand 10

♠ A Q 10 5 2

♥ Q 2

♦ A J 8 4

♣ K J

4 nt

When a suit has been
bid and rebid, 4nt is
Key-card Blackwood
with the twice-bid suit
as the agreed trump.

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 3 ♥

Hand 11

♠ A J 10 5 2

♥ 2

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ 7 5 3

Pass

Hand 12

♠ A J 10 5 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 8 7

♣ 7 5 3

Pass

Hand 13

♠ A J 10 5 2

♥ 9 7 5 2

♦ 9 8 7

♣ 3

4 ♥

Invitational bid, with 16 to 18 points.

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 3 ♥

Hand 14

♠ A K J 10 5 2

♥

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ 7 5 3

3 ♠

Hand 15

♠ A J 10 5

♥ 7

♦ K 9 8 7

♣ K J 5 3

3 nt

Hand 16

♠ A J 10 5 2

♥ 9 7 5 2

♦ A K 7

♣ 3

4 nt

Invitational bid, with 16 to 18 points.

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 3 ♥

Hand 14

♠ A K J 10 5 2

♥

♦ K 8 7 4

♣ Q 5 3

3 ♠

Hand 15

♠ A J 10 5

♥ 7

♦ K 9 8 7

♣ K J 5 3

3 nt

Hand 16

♠ A J 10 5 2

♥ 9 7 5 2

♦ A K 7

♣ 3

4 nt

Invitational bid, with 16 to 18 points.

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 3 ♥

Hand 17

♠ A K J 10 5 2

♥

♦ K 8 7 4

♣ Q 5 3

4 ♠

Invitational bid, with 16 to 18 points.

When Opener Bids a Non-Forcing New Suit

- This is a ambiguous situation, because this bid has a wider range than when opener repeats the opening suit.
- We are thinking of a auction like:
 - 1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 2 ♣
 - 1 ♠ ... 1nt ... 2 ♦
- These auctions make it look like opener has 12 to 14 points, but might be more.

1 ♥ ... 1 ♠ ... 2 ♣

Hand 18

♠ J 3

♥ A Q 10 8 4

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 5 3

Hand 19

♠ 2

♥ A Q 10 8 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ K Q 5 3

Hand 20

♠

♥ A K 10 8 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ K Q J 3 2

- This auction might describe either of these hands.
- This is why responder, with 8 or 9+ points, must try to keep the auction open without forcing opener to game.

Opener's Bid is Non-Forcing

- Responder can pass with a weak hand and a clear preference for the opener's second suit

Hand 21
♠ K 10 8 4
♥ 4
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ J 9 3 2

Opener	Responder
1 ♥	1 ♠
2 ♣	pass

Hand 22
♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ 4
♦ 8 3 2
♣ K J 9 3 2

Opener's Bid is Non-Forcing

- Responder can also take a preference of opener's first suit with a weak hand.

Hand 21

♠ K 10 8 4

♥ K 3

♦ Q 8 4

♣ J 9 3 2

Opener Responder

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 ♥

Hand 22

♠ Q J 6 3

♥ 9 7

♦ 10 8 4 2

♣ A 3 2

Even with very weak support, it is usually best to choose opener's first-bid suit when you can.

Opener's Bid is Non-Forcing

- When responder takes a choice of opener's first suit, opener usually passes, but can bid again with:

Hand 23

opener

♠ 4

♥ A Q J 10 2

♦ 8 4

♣ A K J 3 2

Opener Responder

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 ♥

3 ♣

Hand 24

Opener

♠ 3

♥ A K J 10 7 5

♦ 8 4

♣ A K J 3

Opener's Bid is Non-Forcing

- Responder can rebid a 6-card suit

Hand 25

♠ K 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 3 2

♦ Q 8 4

♣ J 9

Opener Responder

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 ♠

Hand 26

♠ Q J 9 6 4 3

♥ J

♦ Q 9 8

♣ K 3 2

Opener's Bid is Non-Forcing

When responder rebids a 6-card suit, opener usually passes but can invite game with:

Hand 27

Opener

♠ 6 5 4

♥ A Q 10 3 2

♦ Q

♣ A K 10 9

Opener Responder

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 ♠

3 ♠

Hand 28

Opener

♠ K 3

♥ A K J 10 9

♦ 8

♣ K J 10 3 2

Opener's Bid is Non-Forcing

Responder can raise opener's second suit with:

Hand 29

♠ Q 6 5 4

♥ 2

♦ Q 8 5

♣ K J 10 9 5

Opener	Responder
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1 ♥	
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2 ♣	
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	1 ♠
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	3 ♣
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Hand 30

♠ K Q 8 3

♥ Q

♦ 9 8 7 5

♣ Q J 10 3

Opener's Bid is Non-Forcing

Responder can bid 2 no trump with::

Hand 29

♠ K 6 5 4

♥ 5 2

♦ K 8 7

♣ K Q 10 9

Opener Responder

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♣

2 nt

Hand 30

♠ K Q 8 3

♥ Q 6

♦ K J 7 5

♣ J 10 3

11-12 points, relatively
balanced distribution