



St Annes Bridge Club

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Opening One of a Suit Bidding Recap

- With a hand between 12 and 19 pts you open the bidding
- You can open with 11 if the hand meets the rule of 20
- If the hand is not suitable for 1 NT open one of a suit
- The suit must be your longest
- If 2 suits of equal length open the higher ranking
 - exception if 4 hearts and 4 spades bid one heart

Raising Partner's Suit (limit bids)

- If you have 6+pts and 4 of your partner's suit you respond
- If partner opens 1 of a major and you have 4 (or longer) support raise the suit as follows:
 - 6-9 points raise to the two level (single raise)
 - 10-12 points raise to the three level (double raise)
 - 13+ points raise to the four level (game raise)
- Take account of shape in your response (void=4pts, singleton=3pts, doubleton=1pt)
- Partner may 'ask a question' after your limit bid eg 1S-2S-3S





1

	A 5 4 3 2
	K J 10
	3
	A K 8 7

How many pts?

What do you open?





2

	A 5
	K J 10
	K J 7
	J 5 4 3 2

How many pts?

What do you open?

3

	A J 5 4 3
	K J 10 9 6
	K J
	5

How many pts?

What do you open?





4

	A K Q 3
	10 9 8 6
	A K
	K 5 4

How many pts?

What do you open?





5

	K Q J 5 3 2
	Q 8 2
	K 4
	5 2

How many pts?

What do you open?

6

	Q J 8 2
	A 9 8 2
	K J 4
	8 7

How many pts?

What do you open?





7

	10 9 7 6
	3 2
	A K 9
	9 8 7 5

How many pts?

Your partner opens 1 S what do you bid?





8

	Q 9
	A 8 5 3 2
	A 9 7
	K 9 8

How many pts?

Your partner opens 1 H what do you bid?


9

	A 7 5 2
	A 8 5
	Q 10 9
	10 9 3

How many pts?

Your partner opened 1 S what do you bid?




10

	A 9 8
	A 5 4 3 2
	
	Q J 10 9 8

How many pts?

Your partner opened 1 H what do you bid?





11

	K Q J 2
	10 9 8
	8 5 2
	7 6 5

How many pts?

Your partner opened 1S you responded 2S he then bids 3S what do you bid?




12

	K Q J 2
	10 9 8
	K 5 2
	7 6 5

How many pts?

Your partner opened 1S you responded 2S he then bids 3S what do you bid?





1

	A 5 4 3 2
	K J 10
	3
	A K 8 7

How many pts? 15

What do you open? 1S





2

	A 5
	K J 10
	K J 7
	J 5 4 3 2

How many pts? 13

What do you open? 1 NT



3

	A J 5 4 3
	K J 10 9 6
	K J
	5

How many pts? 13

What do you open? 1S





4

	A K Q 3
	10 9 8 6
	A K
	K 5 4

How many pts? 19

What do you open? 1H





5

	K Q J 5 3 2
	Q 8 2
	K 4
	5 2

How many pts? 11

What do you open? 1S

6

	Q J 8 2
	A 9 8 2
	K J 4
	8 7

How many pts? 11

What do you open? pass





7

	10 9 7 6
	3 2
	A K 9
	9 8 7 5

How many pts? 7

Your partner opens 1 S what do you bid? 2S





8

	Q 9
	A 8 5 3 2
	A 9 7
	K 9 8

How many pts? 13

Your partner opens 1 H what do you bid? 4H



9

	A 7 5 2
	A 8 5
	Q 10 9
	10 9 3

How many pts? 10

Your partner opened 1 S what do you bid? 3S





10

	A 9 8
	A 5 4 3 2
	
	Q J 10 9 8

How many pts? 11

Your partner opened 1 H what do you bid? 4H





11

	K Q J 2
	10 9 8
	8 5 2
	7 6 5

How many pts? 6

Your partner opened 1S you responded 2S he then bids 3S what do you bid? pass

12

	K Q J 2
	10 9 8
	K 5 2
	7 6 5









How many pts? 9

Your partner opened 1S you responded 2S he then bids 3S what do you bid? 4S

Responding to Partner's One of a Suit

When NOT to raise your partner's suit:

- When you don't have 4 of his suit
- When he has opened a minor and you have 4 of a major

	Partner		You
	K Q 9 7		A 10 8 2
	6		A 4 2
	A Q J 9 6		K 8 5 2
	K 8 2		5 3

Partner opens 1D (he has not denied 4 of a major)

You bid 1S rather than support his diamonds immediately

Responding to Partner's One of a Suit with a new suit

If you cannot support partner's suit or if partner's suit is a minor and you have a major, bid your own suit.

Rules

- Bid your major if you have one. Only bid a longer minor if you are 13+
- With two 5 card suit or two 6 card suits bid the higher ranking suit first
- With two 4 card suits bid cheapest first

Responding to Partner's One of a Suit with a new suit

- To change suit over your partner's one bid and bid at the 2 level requires 10+pts eg 1S-2C, exceptionally 9.
- When you bid at the 2 level you are still only promising a minimum 4 cards suit
 - exception 1S-2H promises at least 5 hearts

Responding to Partner's One of a Suit with 1NT

- A general purpose bid that says:
- I have fewer than 4 cards in your suit so I cannot support it
- I have at least six points
- I am not strong enough to bid my own suit at the two level
- I have no suit I can bid at the one level

Note:

A response of 1NT is different to opening 1NT. Opening 1NT requires a balanced hand a 1NT response does not.

You can bid at the 2 level with fewer than nine points if you are supporting a suit. Introducing a new suit requires extra points.

No Trump responses to opening bid

Must have fewer than 4 cards in partner's suit

Must not have a 4 card major to bid (must have 5 hearts in sequence 1S – 2H)

Eg. Over partner's opening 1S

1NT = 6-9 may not be balanced

2NT = 10-12 balanced hand

3NT = 13-15 balanced hand

Supporting partner's suit

Must have 4 or more cards in partner's suit. If supporting a minor then no biddable major of your own.

Eg. Over partner's opening 1S

2S = 6-9

3S = 10-12

4S = 13-15

Responding to Partner's One of a Suit Recap

When partner opens 1 of a suit you can:

1. Pass – fewer than 6 pts
2. Support suit with 4+, level of support dependent on points
3. Bid No Trumps
4. Bid a new suit





2 and 3 are LIMIT bids. Partner is in charge of the auction.
4 is UNLIMITED and is FORCING for one round partner
MUST bid again

Opener's Rebid

If partner changes suit you **MUST** rebid. Therefore it is important to think of your rebid when making your first bid.





Opener's Rebid with a weaker (12-15pts) hand

- Rebid of your own suit says weak hand at least 5 in suit

	You	Partner
 A 9	1 H	1NT
 A Q 7 6 3 2	2 H	
 8 4		
 Q 10 4		





Opener's Rebid with a weaker (12-15pts) hand

- You can bid a new lower ranking suit, or any suit at the one level, thus offering partner a choice.

 A 9	You	Partner
 A Q J 7 6	1 H	1NT
 8 4	2 C	
 Q 10 4 2		





Opener's Rebid with a weaker (12-15pts) hand

- Support partner's suit at lowest possible level.
You need at least four cards of partner's suit.

	You	Partner
 A 9 4 2	1 H	1 S
 A Q J 7 6	2 S	
 8 4		
 Q 10		





Opener's Rebid with a weaker (12-15pts) hand

- You can pass but only if your partner has made a limit bid by supporting your suit or bidding No Trumps

	You	Partner
 A 9 4 2	1 H	2 H
 A Q J 7 6	pass	
 8 4		
 Q 10		

Responder's second bid

- Once opener has bid twice his hand will be reasonably well defined therefore responder is in the best position to decide the final contract eg

	You	Partner
 K 9 5		1 S
 A Q J 6 3	2 H	2 S
 A 2	4 S	
 10 6 2		

Making a Choice

- If partner bids 2 suits you are being offered a choice. You must make a decision. Passing effectively chooses his second suit. Because partner will always open his longest suit you should only support his second suit if your cards in that suit are substantially better than his first suit eg.

Your partner opens 1 H you have:

♠	10 9 7 6 4
♥	9 2
♦	Q 5
♣	K J 6 3

You respond? 1 S

He now rebids 2 D (offering 2 suits)

What do you bid? 2 H

HAND 1

North

♠ A 7
♥ Q J 10 6 2
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ 5 2

1 H

2 D

pass

West

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 7
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ A K 8 7

pass

pass

East

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ K 8 5
♦ 8 6 5
♣ Q J 9

pass

pass

South

♠ K J 10 2
♥ A 4 3
♦ J 9
♣ 10 6 4 3

1 S

2 H

HAND 2

West

♠ J 3
♥ Q J 10 9 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A K Q J

1 H

2 C

pass

North

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ 8
♦ A 9 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 2

pass

pass

pass

East

♠ 10 9 8
♥ A 6 3
♦ K 10 7 5
♣ 9 7 3

pass

1 NT

2 H

South

♠ A 7 6 5
♥ K 7 5 4
♦ Q J 8
♣ 5 4

pass

pass

pass

HAND 3

North



10 4

2 C



K 7 5

pass



J 7 6



K Q 9 8 7

East



8 7



9 6 4 2



A K 8 3



A 10 5

West



A 3 2



Q J 10 8



9 5 2



4 3 2

pass

pass

South



K Q J 9 6 5



A 3



Q 10 4

1 S



J 6

2 S

pass

pass

HAND 4

North

♠ A K 9
♥ K 10 6
♦ 9 8 7 6
♣ J 9 8

pass

pass

West

♠ 2
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ K 2
♣ K Q 10 7 6 5

1 C

2 H

East

♠ Q 10 8 3
♥ Q 9 8 7
♦ A 5 4
♣ 3 2

1 H

pass

South

♠ J 7 6 5 4
♥ J 5
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ A 4

pass

pass

Homework!

- Recap Pgs 34-36
- Memorise sections 3, 4 and 5 of page 44
(Changing the suit, Responding in no trumps,
Opener's rebid with a weak hand)