

Help! I Don't Know How to Bid this Hand!

TIP OF THE WEEK: Help! I Don't Know How to Bid this Hand!

This week I separated the tips by different levels of learners

BEGINNERS

After 3 passes, should you open or pass? Use the **Rule of 15** to help you make a decision. **Fourth hand should open if your HCPs plus the number of spades total 15 or More. This applies only to borderline hands.**

(P) P (P) ?

AJ83 K8 K853 1062

Open 1D
11 HCP + 4 spades = 15

98 A654 6 AKJ982

Open 1C
Only use the Rule of 15 when in doubt

What's Your Bid?

N P 2H	E (P) (P)	S 1S ?	W (P)	
				You hold: KQT84 QT3 K862 J
				Pass.
				Partner's 2H bid is not forcing. You have a bare minimum opening bid and partner passed to start with. (Source: Barbara Seagrams)
1S - 2C				
? ----->				You hold: AKxxx Qxx xx AQx
				Bid: 3C
				A raise to the 3-level in this sequence either shows 3 card or better support. You have no D stopper and your H stopper is shaky so best not to bid 1NT at this point in the auction.
				(Source: E. Kantar)
1C - 1S				
1NT - ? ----->				You hold: Q8743 K943 QJ8 7
				Bid: 2H
				Encourages Opener to pass with 4 hearts or go back to spades holding 2 or 3.
				2NT is <u>not</u> the best place to play.



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INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED PLAYERS

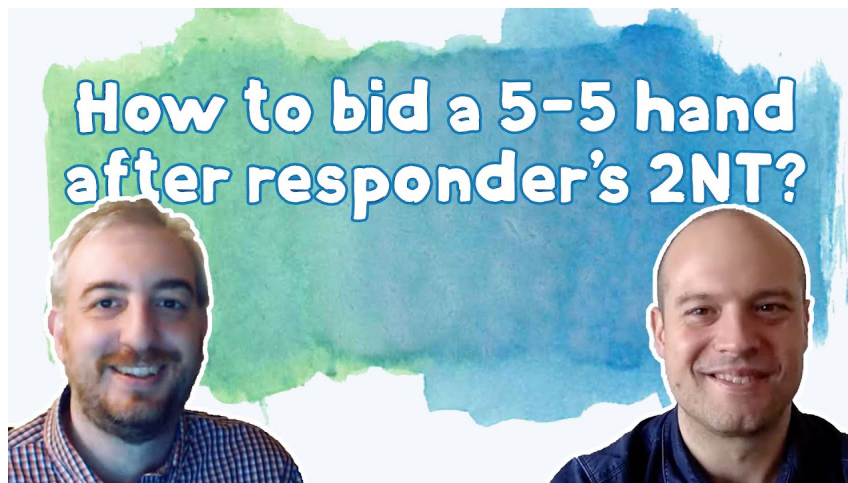
Inferences are critical! Think about what each bid means, and remember that you learn as much from what your partner bids as from what he doesn't bid.

Mike Lawrence explains the circumstances when Opener should rebid a 5-card Major in the following article. (2/1 auction)

<http://www.acblunit559.com/articles/rebid.html>

Rebidding a 5-card suit

1H - 2D ? -----> 97 AKT87 J72 A93	As Opener, a repeat of your five card major may be the best little lie you can make. Rebid: 2H
1C - 1S 1NT - ? ---> A9864 32 Q83 763	When opener limits his hand with a 1NT rebid, a repeat of your suit can be five at the 2-level. Rebid: 2S
1C - 1H 2NT - ? ---> 10 K9853 A73 9864	After a jump to 2NT by Opener, a repeat of 3 of your major suit does not promise 6. Rebid: 3H
1C - 1S 2H - ? ---> JT764 843 Q8 K83	After a Reverse, repeating the spade suit doesn't promise six. Rebid: 2S



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TWO INTERESTING HANDS BY GAVIN WOLPERT

West	North	East	You
		P	1S
P	2C	P	3C
P	3D	P	?

You
KQJT4
87
Q4
A653

We can't bid 3NT because we don't have a heart stopper. However, we still need to find the best game.

Our spade suit suggests we may be able to survive in a 7-card fit.

A 3S bid is natural, denying help in H's and suggesting better spades.

West	North	East	You
	1S	P	2C
P	2H	P	3C
P	3H	P	?

You
K4
A94
76
AKJT32

This time we rebid 3C. In this case, bidding 4C will sound like a natural bid (it isn't impossible for us to want to bid a long club suit a third time).

4D is an **Impossible** bid. We can't be trying to bid 4D naturally. Therefore, 4D means, "I have a raise to 4H, with slam interest.

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