

## TIP OF THE WEEK: LET'S BID!

“The value of your **hand** is in a **constant state of flux**. Once partner starts bidding, your hand is like a flower - it either blossoms and grows or it wilts and dies. If you have a short suit in your hand and partner bids that suit, your hand wilts. It's **never good** to have a **shortage** in partner's suit.

**Source: Bridge Tips by Barbara Seagrams**

**Should you Respond with Less than 6 points? Click on the link, to read Larry Cohen's thoughts...**

<https://www.larryco.com/bridge-articles/responding-with-fewer-than-6-points>

**Always assume partner has a minimum point count until he tells you otherwise.**

A direct **raise** of a **second suit** promises **four card** support.

When partner bids 2 suits and you have an equal number of cards in each suit, take partner back to the first suit even if it means increasing the level.

<p>Partner opens 1D - 1S 1NT - ?</p> <p>Source: Barbara Seagram's Website</p>	<p>Responder holds: Qxxxx xx Axx xxx What should you bid?</p> <p>If you pass, how many tricks are you providing for partner in 1NT? You know Opener probably has at least 2 spades. Not four, but maybe 3. You must now bid 2S.. These spades will win tricks as trumps, but likely provide no tricks in Nt.</p>
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**This week, I've included several videos for beginning Opening and Responding bids. Then, you'll find two videos that should interest Intermediate/Advanced learners.**

**Bidding as Opener**

Do you have 12+ points?

- Yes: Ask you to pass?
  - Yes: Ask you in the Minimum, Medium, Maximum, or Extra range?
    - Yes: Ask you in the Minimum, Medium, Maximum range?
      - Yes: Ask you to pass in these suits?
        - One suited: [Table 1]
        - Two or Three suited: [Table 2]
      - No: [Table 3]
    - No: [Table 4]
  - No: Pass

Range	Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Bid	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bid
Minimum	12-14	Longest Minor	1NT
Medium	15-17	3NT	
Maximum	18-19	Longest Minor	2NT
Extras	20-22	2NT	

Range	Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Bid	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bid
Minimum	12-14	1 of Longest suit	Rebid long suit at lowest level
Medium	16-18	1 of Longest suit	Jump a level and rebid longest suit
Maximum	19-21	1 of Longest suit	Jump to 3NT

Range	Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Bid	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bid
Minimum	12-14	1 of Longest suit	Rebid suit of 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit and other suit
Medium	16-18	1 of Longest suit	Bid your other suit
Maximum	19-21	1 of Longest suit	Bid your other suit

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<b>OPENING BIDS</b> → 12 - 21 points Minors: 3+ in suit bid Majors: 5+ in suit bid	1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
<b>RESPONSES</b> → Each column contains the 5 lowest level responses to the opening bid above it. Each response is color coded to show its basic meaning.	1♦	1♥	1♠	1NT 6-12 1 round force
<b>FORCING FOR ONE ROUND</b> 6+ pts. and 4+ Cards in Suit	1♥	1♠	1NT 6-12 1 round force	2♣
<b>NON FORCING</b> 6 - 10 points THESE BIDS CAN BE PASSED	1♠	1NT	2♣	2♦
<b>GAME FORCING</b> 13+ pts. 4+ in bid suit NO PASSES BELOW GAME	1NT	2♣	2♦	2♥ *5+ Hearts*
	2♣	2♦	2♥	2♠

<https://youtu.be/3PmxFGpTI8s>

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**1X - 1Y**  
**??**  
Opener's 2<sup>nd</sup> bid after one level responses

X, Y & Z = Random suits  
(X is lowest rank Z is highest)  
N = No - Trump  
A = Any (suit or NT)

	opener	responder	example	
12 - 14	1X 1N	1Y	1♦ 1♠ 1NT	12 - 14
12 - 15	1X 2X	1A	1♣ 1NT 2♣	12 - 15
	1X 2Y	1Y	1♥ 1♠ 2♠	
12 - 17	1X 1Z	1Y	1♦ 1♥ 1♠	12 - 17
	1Y 2X	1A	1♠ 1NT 2♥	
16 - 18	1X 3X	1A	1♦ 1♥ 3♦	16 - 18
	1X 3Y	1Y	1♦ 1♠ 3♠	
18 - 19	1X 2N	1A	1♠ 1NT 2NT	18 - 19
17+	1X 2Y	1A	1♣ 1NT 2♣	17+
19+	1Y 3X	1A	1♥ 1NT 3♣	19+

NON-FORCING  
INVITATIONAL  
FORCING  
GAME FORCING

<https://youtu.be/5r5oqorn8uc>

No. 3

West North East South

1♦ PASS

A K 8 4 Q J 6 5 Q 9 5 7 4  
♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦


S South 12 HCPs

South has 12 High Card Points (HCPs).

1 South has 4 hearts. Should South bid 1♥?

2 South has 4 spades. Should South bid 1♠?

3 South has a BALANCED hand and 12 HCPs. Should South jump to 2NT?



<https://youtu.be/OVfW0gftbQY>

Don't forget to click on link to practice additional exercises with Barbara Seagrams.

[https://www.barbaraseagram.com/pdf/bidding\\_tune\\_up.pdf](https://www.barbaraseagram.com/pdf/bidding_tune_up.pdf)



<https://youtu.be/MPy13jjkN2Y>

Pay attention to how these famous players solve a difficult contract.



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