

TYPES OF BIDS

WHY DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN FORCING AND NON-FORCING BIDS

- 1. WITH A STRONG HAND WE WANT PARTNER TO KEEP BIDDING**
- 2. WITH AN INVITATIONAL STRENGTH WE WANT INFORMATION**
- 3. WITH A WEAK HAND WE WANT TO TELL PARTNER - SHUT UP**

1. FORCING (Partner must bid even if he does not want to)

STAYMAN "Do you have a 4 card major?"

TAKEOUT DOUBLE - YOU NEED TO AGREE TO JUMP WITH 9?HCP

Transfer to a major after partner opens 1NT.

1NT pass 2D telling opener to rebid 2H (ALWAYS)

2. NON-FORCING (Partner may pass or bid)

2A. INVITATIONAL BID.

eg. 1H pass 2H OPENER SHOULD PASS WITH <16HCP

OPENER CAN BID 3H INVITATIONAL WITH 16-18TP

2B. NOT INVITATIONAL (TO PLAY - NO EXTRA VALUES)

eg. 1H pass 2H pass 4H

IMPORTANT RESPONDING RULES

UP THE LINE OR DOWN THE LINE - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

UP THE LINE

BID LOWEST AVAILABLE SUIT FIRST AT LEVEL 1.

DOWN THE LINE

BID HIGHEST AVAILABLE SUIT FIRST AT LEVEL 1.

RESPONDER MUST BID UP THE LINE WITH 4 CARD SUITS - WHY?

1. GIVES OPENER (USUALLY STRONGER HAND) MORE CHANCE TO BECOME DECLARER
2. OPENER CAN STILL BID HIS 4 CARD MAJOR AND ALLOW A MAJOR FIT TO BE FOUND

eg. 1C PASS 1D PASS 1H PASS 2H

3. IF RESPONDER BIDS 1NT WHEN PARTNER HAS OPENED 1C-

OPENER KNOWS THAT PARTNER HAS EXACTLY 3 SPADES, 3 HEARTS, 3 DIAMONDS AND 4 CLUBS.

WHY?

4. BIDDING THE HIGHER SUIT FIRST AND THEN THE LOWER SUIT WILL SHOW 5 CARDS IN THE 1ST SUIT BID!

RESPONDING WHEN PARTNER OPENS 1C

RESPONDER MUST BID UP THE LINE WITH 4 CARD SUITS

					OPENER	RESPONDER
SPADES	HEARTS	DIAMONDS	CLUBS	RESPONSE	REBID	REBID
A J 9 8	5 4 3 2	Q J 5	10 2	1 HEART	1NT	PASS
A J 9 8	5 4 3 2	Q J 5	10 2	1 HEART	1S	2S
A J 9 8	Q J 5	5 4 3 2	K 2	1 DIAMOND	1NT	2NT
A J 9 8	Q J 5	5 4 3 2	K 2	1 DIAMOND	1H	1S
A J 9 8	Q J 5	5 4 3 2	K 2	1 DIAMOND	1S	3S
A J 9 8	Q J 5	5 4 3 2	K 2	1 DIAMOND	2C	2NT
K 8 2	Q J 5	8 7 6	Q 6 5 4	1NT	PASS /2C *	n/a
A J 9 8	Q J 5	Q 5	10 7 6 5	1 SPADE	1NT **	PASS

* OPENER NOW KNOWS PARTNER HAS MINIMUM 4 CLUBS

** OPENER PROBABLY HAS 4 CLUBS (OR 3,4,3,3 SHAPE)

When you're 5-4

The up-the-line rule applies only when you have *4-card* suits of equal length.
If you have suits of unequal length, you should still show your longer one first.

**If your 5-card suit is lower in rank than your 4-carder,
you won't have to bid both of them.**

If partner opens 1C, respond 1H with ♠K1092 ♥QJ983 ♦8 ♣Q64 .

If partner now rebids 1NT, you won't have to worry about showing your spades
because you know you don't have a fit there
since partner bypassed a spade bid, you should assume that he does not hold 4 spades.

Over 1NT, you would bid 2H and partner will pass.

This 2H rebid should promise less than 10HCP

Unless by partnership agreement (not recommended)

THE ONLY EXCEPTION

**PARTNER OPENS 1D AND YOU HOLD
A 4 CARD MAJOR AND 5 CLUBS AND <10hcp**

**YOU ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO BID 2C
SO YOU MUST BID 1 OF YOUR MAJOR**

**If your 5-card suit is higher in rank than your 4-card suit,
there will be many auctions where you'll want to bid both suits.**

If partner opens 1D, you would respond 1S with ♠J10942 ♥KJ86 ♦K7 ♣54.

This will imply that you don't have 4 hearts,
but if partner rebids 1NT, you plan to show your heart suit by bidding 2H.

**Partner will know you had a good reason for skipping hearts with your first response,
and that reason has to be that your spades are longer.**

**This specific auction is not forcing and asks partner to choose between your two suits,
either by passing (if he prefers hearts) or by bidding 2S.**

**Going to the 2-level is safe here because partner's 1NT rebid promises at least 2-3 cards in every suit,
so you know you have a fair fit.**

The meaning of a 2H rebid is different, though, if partner does *not* rebid 1NT.

Suppose partner opens 1D, you bid 1S, and he rebids 2C or 2D

In these cases, partner hasn't promised any length in either of your suits,
so you have no guarantee of a fit

. In non-fitting auctions like this, a new-suit bid by you would therefore be **forcing.**

**If partner rebids 2D, he has a minimum opener with 5/6+ diamonds,
and you should pass with the hand above**

**If his rebid is 2C, he's asking you to choose between his two suits
and you should just retreat to 2D.**

**Since partner is showing at least 9 cards in the minors,
it's very unlikely that you're missing a good major-suit fit.**

When you're 5-5

A different principle operates when you have two *5-card* suits.
In this case, you should **respond the higher-ranking suit first**, then bid the lower-ranking one.

With two long suits, you'll often want to force partner to choose one,
so it's important to plan your bids so you can leave partner with maximum bidding space on the second round of the auction.
If partner opens 1D and you hold ♠K8742 ♥KJ952 ♦6 ♣43, you should respond 1S (the higher-ranking suit).

**If partner rebids 1NT, you'll bid 2H, which is non-forcing
and lets him choose between your suits at the 2-level.**
If you instead responded 1H on the first round, you would have to bid 2S at your next turn.
If partner preferred hearts, he'd have to go up to the 3-level to take you back to that suit.

If you have a weak hand and partner does *not* rebid 1NT,
you'll have to give up on showing both of your suits.

With the hand above, after 1D by partner--1S by you--**2D by partner, you should pass.**

A **2H rebid by you would be forcing** here, and your hand is too weak to risk taking this non-fitting auction any higher.

This approach works well with stronger hands, too.

For example, if partner opens 1C, you would bid 1S with ♠AK1084 ♥KJ952 ♦J3 ♣4.

Over partner's 1NT rebid, you would now jump to 3H
(because, as noted above, 2H would not be forcing here).

If partner has 3-card spade support, he'll bid 3S over your 3H.

If he has four hearts, he'll raise to 4H.

If he has neither of these holdings, he'll rebid 3NT

and you can now complete the picture of your hand by bidding 4H to show 5-5 distribution.

RESPONDING WHEN PARTNER OPENS 1C

RESPONDER MUST BID DOWN THE LINE WITH 2 x 5+ CARD SUITS

REBID AFTER

SPADES	HEARTS	DIAMONDS	CLUBS	RESPONSE	PARTNER REBIDS 1NT
A J 9 8 5	J 5 4 3 2	2	K 2	1 SPADE	2/3 HEARTS
A J 9	Q J 9 8 5	5 4 3 2	J	1 HEART	2 DIAMONDS
A J 9 8 5	K 6	2	J 5 4 3 2	1 SPADE	2 CLUBS
A J 9 7	Q J 9 8 5	5 4	J 4	1 HEART	PASS
K 8 2	9	Q 9 8 7 6	Q J 5 4	1 DIAMOND	2 CLUBS

BE PREPARED TO REBID YOUR 4 CARD SUIT TO SHOW 5/4

THIS ENABLES OPENER TO CORRECT TO THE 5 CARD SUIT WITHOUT
NEEDING TO BID AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

RESPONDING WHEN PARTNER OPENS 1D

RESPONDER MUST BID DOWN THE LINE WITH 2 x 5+ CARD SUITS

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A J 9	Q J 9 8 5	5 4 3 2	J	1 HEART	2/3 DIAMONDS
A J 9 8	K 6	8 2	J 5 4 3 2	1 SPADE	1NT

HOW DOES RESPONDER SHOW A STRONG 2 SUITED HAND

1. A REVERSE.

WHEN HOLDING A 5 CARD SUIT AND A HIGHER LEVEL 4 CARD SUIT , e.g. 5 hearts and 4 spades

Only rebid your new 4 card suit at a higher level with strong hand (10+HCP at 2 level or 12 HCP at 3 level)

THINK ABOUT IT!

If bidding goes 1D pass 1H pass 1NT Does opener have 4 spades? NO

THINK ABOUT WHAT PARTNER **HAS NOT BID!!!!**

IF WE BID CORRECTLY WE TELL PARTNER WHAT WE HAVE!

SO WHEN HE REBIDS 1NT HE HAS DENIED

a. 4 hearts - HE HAS NOT SUPPORTED YOU BY BIDDING 2 HEARTS

b. 4 spades - he has not bid 1S

c. 6 diamonds - he has not rebid his diamonds

D. 5 diamonds and 4 clubs - he has not rebid 2 clubs so should not have 5 diamonds and 4 or more clubs

SO HE MUST HAVE A BALANCED HAND

BUT HE DID NOT OPEN 1NT WITH HIS BALANCED HAND -SO HE DOES NOT HAVE 15-17hcp

NOR DID HE REBID 2NT SO HE DOES NOT HAVE 18-19HCP

SO HE MUST HAVE A BALANCED HAND WITH 12-14hcp

SO IF I, AS RESPONDER, NOW BID 2 SPADES, I AM FORCING PARTNER TO BID AGAIN

Only rebid your new 4 card suit at a higher level with strong hand (10+HCP at 2 level or 12 HCP at 3 level.

2. FOURTH SUIT FORCING (TO GAME)

If the new suit bid by responder is the fourth suit this would be forcing.

e.g. 1H pass 1S pass 2C pass 2D

Now 2D is the fourth suit and therefore is forcing.

RESPONDER CAN SHOW A STRONG HAND WITH 2 SUITS

					FORCING
SPADES	HEARTS	DIAMONDS	CLUBS	BIDDING	REBID
A J 9 8	A 9 3 2	Q 10 5	10 2	1D 1H 2C	2S
A J 9 8	Q J 5	5 4 3 2	K 2	1C 1D 1H	1S
A 9 8 2	Q J 10 9 5	K 2	K 10	1D 1H 2C	2S
K 4 3	A Q 10 8 5	J 2	K 9 2	1D 1H 2C	2S *
A 9	Q J 9 8 5	A 4 3 2	Q 5	1C 1H 1S	2D **
A K 8 2	9	Q 9 8 7 6	Q J 5	1H 2D 2NT	3S ****

* RESPONDER ONLY HAS 3 SPADES BUT CAN USE 4TH SUIT FORCING TO LOOK FOR A 5/3 HEART FIT
OPENER HAS DENIED 4 HEARTS AND 4 SPADES WITH HIS 2 CLUB REBID.
KNOWING THAT WE WILL NOT STOP SHORT OF GAME,
RESPONDER CAN BID 3 HEARTS TO SHOW THAT HE HOLDS 3 HEARTS EXACTLY.

** ONLY NEED TO BID 2D - 4TH SUIT FORCING - OPENER CAN NOW BID 2 HEARTS TO SHOW 3 CARD SUPPORT

**** OPENER WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO REBID 2S BUT MAY STILL HAVE 4 SPADES