

# Franklin Bridge Club

## 2025 BRIDGE LESSONS



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# Lesson Four

## Responder's New Suit Bids



# Basic Rules for Responder's bids

**You have 3 choices**

- 1. Support** partner's suit
- 2. Bid a new suit**
- 3. Bid NoTrumps** if options 1 or 2 are not possible



# New Suit Bids by Responder

- 1-level bid = 6+ HCP
- 2-level bid = 10+ HCP

(Don't jump to the 2-level if you can bid at the 1-level)

These bids are unlimited  
they are **FORCING**  
Opener **MUST** bid again



# Which Suit do you bid first?

1. Longest suit
2. Lower available 4-card suit
3. Higher ranking 5-card suit

These bids are unlimited  
they are **FORCING**  
Opener **MUST** bid again



# If your Partner Opens 1♥ What do you bid with this hand?



**6+ points and no fit in hearts**

?



**If your Partner Opens 1♥  
What do you bid with this hand?**



**6+ points and no fit in hearts**

**Bid 1♠...**

**your own suit at the 1-level**



# If your Partner Opens 1♥ What do you bid with this hand?



**10+ points and no fit in hearts**

**?**





# If your Partner Opens 1♥ What do you bid with this hand?



**10+ points and no fit in hearts**

**Bid 2♦...**

**your own suit at the 2-level**



# If your Partner Opens 1♥ What do you bid with this hand?



**6+ points and no fit in hearts.**

**Not enough points to bid your longer suit at the 2-level**

**?**



# If your Partner Opens 1♥ What do you bid with this hand?



6+ points and no fit in hearts.

Not enough points to bid your longer suit at the 2-level

**Bid 1♠...**

**your own suit at the 1-level**



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6+ points and no fit in hearts.

You cannot bid your own suit at the 1-level or 2-level

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**You MUST Bid INT...**  
**the only bid left available to you**



# Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid

- Agree partner's suit if you have a fit
- Bid No Trumps if no other option available
- Bid another suit (if you can)
- Bid your suit again (with extra length)

AT THE SAME TIME

- Describe the quality of your hand

MINIMUM, NEARLY GAME or GAME



# What type of Opening hand do you have?

<b>18 - 19</b>	<b>GAME</b>
<b>16 - 17</b>	<b>Nearly Game</b>
<b>12 - 15</b>	<b>Minimum</b>



# Supporting Responder's Suit

- **MINIMUM** (12-15) ... raise a level
- **INVITATIONAL** (16-17) ... jump a level
- **GAME** (18-19) ... bid game

**MUST HAVE A FIT**  
**4+ support**





# Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♥ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit (14 HCP)

MINIMUM HAND – Bid 2♠



# Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♦ with this hand



Partner bids 1♥

You have a fit, 16 HCP

NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL) – Bid 3♥



# Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♣ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit, 19 HCP

GAME – Bid 4♠



# Opener's NO TRUMP Rebid

- **LOWEST NT LEVEL = 15 – 17 HCP**
- **JUMP IN NT = 18 – 19 HCP**  
**(forcing to game)**

**Shows a balanced hand**



# Opener's NO TRUMP Rebid

You open 1♣ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 16HCP

**LOWEST NT LEVEL - Bid 1NT**



# Opener's NO TRUMP Rebid

You open 1♦ with this hand



Partner bids 2♣

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 16 HCP

**LOWEST NT LEVEL - Bid 2NT**



# Opener's NO TRUMP Rebid

You open 1♦ with this hand



Partner bids 1♥

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 18HCP

**JUMP IN NT - Bid 2NT**





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Partner bids 2♣

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 18 HCP

**JUMP IN NT - Bid 3NT**





# Opener's Bid of a New Suit

- 2<sup>nd</sup> suit ***below the barrier*** = 12 – 15 HCP
- 2<sup>nd</sup> suit ***above the barrier*** = 16 – 19 HCP

**Shows an unbalanced hand**

**Shows 5+ cards in first suit and  
4+ cards in second suit**



# What is the “barrier” ?



Opener **DOES NOT** bid past their original opening suit unless they have 16+ points



# Examples of the “barrier” ?



**1♦ then 1♠**

2♦ is the barrier, so unless you have 16+ points you can only bid 2♣ or 2♦



# Examples of the “barrier” ?



**1 ♠ then 2 ♣**

What is the barrier in this example ?  
What suits can you bid below the barrier ?



# Opener's **NEW SUIT** Rebid

You open 1♥ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

**No fit with partner, unbalanced, 13 HCP**

**MINIMUM**

**so bid new suit BELOW 1<sup>st</sup> suit – Bid 2♣**



# Opener's **NEW SUIT** Rebid

You open 1♦ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

**No fit with partner, unbalanced, 12 HCP**

**MINIMUM – CANNOT BID HEARTS**

**Rebid 1st suit – Bid 2♦**



# Opener's NEW SUIT Rebid

You open 1♥ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

**No fit with partner, unbalanced, 19 HCP**

**GAME – MUST BID PAST THE BARRIER**

**Jump in second suit – Bid 3♦**



# Opener's Rebid of their own suit

- **2-level** = 12-15 HCP
- **Jump** = 16-17 HCP (6+)
- **GAME** = 18-19 HCP (6+)

Usually shows a single suited hand





# Opener's Rebid of their own suit

You open 1♦ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

**No fit with partner, unbalanced, 12 HCP**

**MINIMUM**

**Rebid your own suit – Bid 2♦**



# Opener's Rebid of their own suit

You open 1♥ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 16 HCP

**NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL)**

Rebid your own suit – Bid 3♥



# Opener's Rebid of their own suit

You open 1♠ with this hand



Partner bids 2♣

**No fit with partner, unbalanced, 17 HCP**

**GAME 6+ own suit and partner has 10+ HCP**

**Bid GAME in your suit – Bid 4♠**



# How to answer the quiz

Here are 3 bidding examples, where you open 1♥ and partner responds. What is your subsequent bid? There are 3 answers per hand using the 3 bidding examples (a) (b) and (c)

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(b) 1♥ - 2♣  
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(c) 1♥ - 2♦  
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♠ Q952  
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♦ 5  
♣ AK5

Hand 2

♠ A52  
♥ KQ743  
♦ 5  
♣ A1085

Hand 3

♠ 52  
♥ A9862  
♦ AKJ6  
♣ 53

Hand 4

♠ A53  
♥ KQJ654  
♦ K5  
♣ A8

Hand 5

♠ 5  
♥ AKQ76  
♦ KQ865  
♣ A4

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**Repeat hands 2 to 5 in the same manner**



# Questions?



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