

## 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

- **I. 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

- I-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?

# Longest suit Lower available 4-card suit Higher ranking 5-card suit

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

?





### 6+ points and no fit in hearts

#### Bid I **A**... your own suit at the I-level





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

?





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

#### Bid 2 • ... your own suit at the 2-level





6+ points and no fit in hearts.

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

?





6+ points and no fit in hearts.

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

#### Bid I ♣... your own suit at the I-level





#### 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



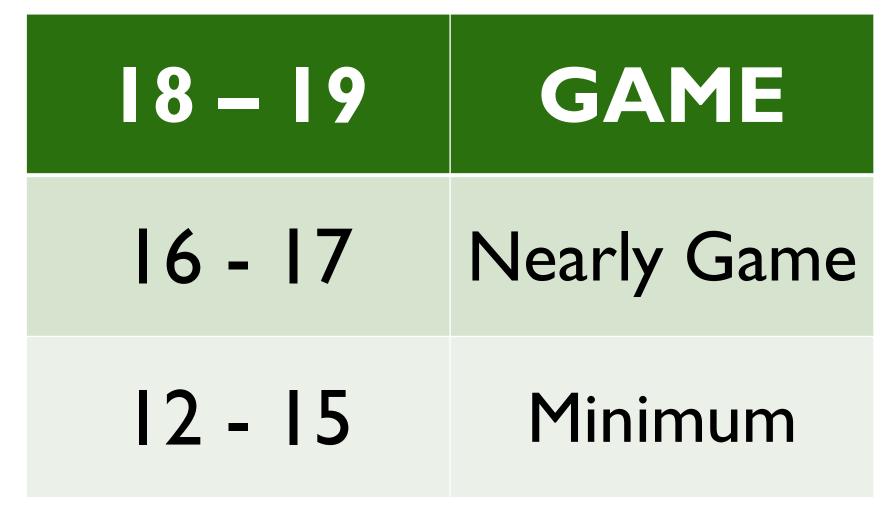
#### **Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid**

- Agree partner's suit if you have a fit
- Bid NoTrumps 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?





#### **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 I vith this hand QJ75A10954AQJ9

#### Partner bids 1 A

#### You have a fit (14 HCP)

#### MINIMUM HAND – Bid 24



**Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER** 

## You open I + with this hand **8 A K 108 K 108 A Q 9 7 5 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \***

#### Partner bids 1♥ You have a fit, 16 HCP

#### NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL) – Bid 3 🖤



**Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER** 

## You open I & with this hand KQ107 AKJKQJ684

#### Partner bids 1 **•**

You have a fit, 19 HCP

GAME – Bid 4 🌲



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

#### Shows a balanced hand



## You open I & with this hand



#### Partner bids 1 **A**

You have a balanced hand with no fit, I6HCP

#### LOWEST NT LEVEL - Bid INT



#### You open I + with this hand



#### Partner bids 2+

You have a balanced hand with no fit, 16 HCP

#### LOWEST NT LEVEL - Bid 2NT



## You open I + with this hand KJ9A86AK4K1082 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Partner bids 1♥

You have a balanced hand with no fit, I8HCP

#### JUMP IN NT - Bid 2NT



## You open I + with this hand KJ9A86AK4K1082 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Partner bids 24

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" ?**



#### ♦ then I ♠

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

#### **Examples of the "barrier" ?**



#### I A then 24

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

#### **Opener's NEW SUIT Rebid**

## You open I vith this hand 9 J 9 7 4 2 A K 8 K 9 2 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Partner bids 1 **A**

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 13 HCP

#### MINIMUM so bid new suit BELOW I<sup>st</sup> suit – Bid 2\*





#### Partner bids 1 A

No fit with partner, unbalanced, I 2 HCP

#### **MINIMUM – CANNOT BID HEARTS**

Rebid Ist suit – Bid 2 ♦

## Opener's NEW SUIT Rebid You open I V with this hand 8746985944682

#### Partner bids 1 **A**

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 19 HCP

#### **GAME – MUST BID PAST THE BARRIER**

#### Jump in second suit – Bid 3 🔷

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

Usually shows a single suited hand



## You open I + with this hand Q31042AJKQ7532 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### Partner bids 1 A

No fit with partner, unbalanced, I2 HCP

#### MINIMUM

Rebid your own suit – Bid 2 🔷



## 

#### Partner bids 1 A

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 16 HCP

#### NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL)

#### Rebid your own suit – Bid 3 🕈



## You open I & with this hand AKQ752K9A5J42 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### 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)

(a) 1 • - 1 ▲ ?	(b) 1♥-2♣ (c) 1♥-2♦ ? ?			!◆
Hand 1 ▲ Q952 ● AK962 ● 5 ♣ AK5	Hand 2 ▲ A52 ♥ KQ743 ◆ 5 ♣ A1085	Hand 3 ▲ 52 ● A9862 ● AKJ6 ♣ 53	<u>Hand 4</u> ▲ A53 ♥ KQJ654 ▲ K5 ♣ A8	Hand 5 ▲ 5 ● AKQ76 ◆ KQ865 ♣ A4
(a) 🕇	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)



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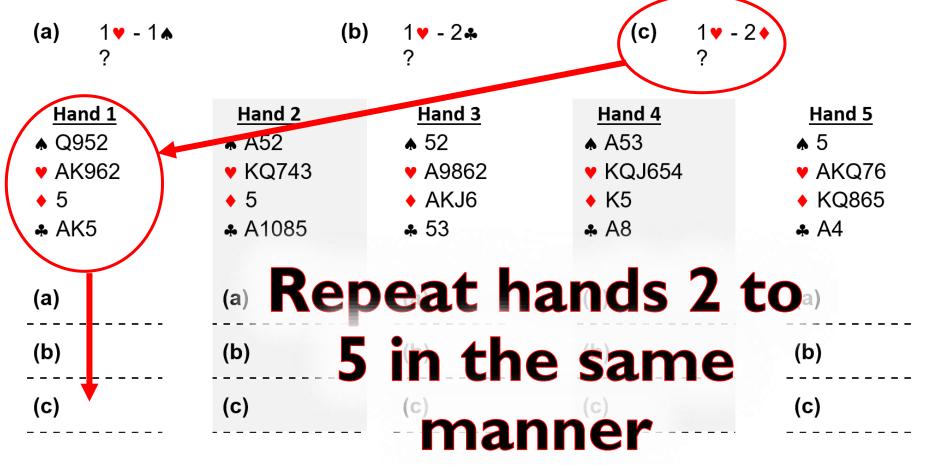
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(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)



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## **Questions?**





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