

Bidding Principles

Three important bidding guidelines to remember

1. Rebidding a previously bid suit (either your own or partner's) at the lowest level shows a minimum hand: 12-15 Opener, 6-9 Responder.

Opener	Responder
1 ♣ (12-15) 2 ♥	1 ♥
1 ♥ 2 ♦	1 ♠ 2 ♥ (6-9)
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2. A new suit by responder is forcing, unless 1NT has been bid previously.

Opener	Responder
1 ♣	1 ♠
2 ♣	2 ♥ (F)
1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♣	2 ♥ (F) (4SF)
1 ♥	1NT
2 ♣	2 ♦ (Not Forcing)

3. A new suit at the lowest level by opener is not (quite) forcing, unless you bid above the 2-level of the first suit (a “reverse”).

Opener	Responder
1 ♥	1 ♠
(NF, 12-18pts) 2 ♣	
1 ♣	1 ♠
(F, 16+pts) 2 ♥	

D 13		N North ♠ KQJ4 ♥ K98 ♦ 1076 ♣ 743	W N E S P P 1♦ P 1♥ P 2♣ P ?
W West ♠ A986 ♥ QJ10543 ♦ 9 ♣ 98		E East ♠ 72 ♥ 7 ♦ AK543 ♣ KQ1065	
	S South ♠ 1053 ♥ A62 ♦ QJ82 ♣ AJ2		

Board 13						
NS	EW	NS Score	EW Score	NS Pts	EW Pts	Contract
A5	A15		100	4	14	3NT-1 S
A4	A13	100		9	9	2NT-1 E
A3	A11	100		9	9	4C-1 E
A2	A14	300		17	1	3NT-3 W
A1	A12	300		17	1	2NT-3 E
B5	B15	100		9	9	2S-1 E
B4	B13	200		14	4	3H-2 W
B3	B11	100		9	9	3NT-1 E
B2	B14		110	1	17	2H= W
B1	B12		110	1	17	3C= E

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W West ♠ KQ72 ♥ A7 ♦ 982 ♣ 10963	E East ♠ J105 ♥ KJ53 ♦ AK1073 ♣ 7														
		S South ♠ 9863 ♥ Q62 ♦ Q65 ♣ AK8													

Board 2						
NS	EW	NS Score	EW Score	NS Pts	EW Pts	Contract
A1	A11	150		16	2	4S-3 W
A6	A15		110	7	11	3D= E
A5	A13		140	1	17	3S= W
A4	A16	50		11	7	2S-1 W
A3	A14	100		14	4	2C-2 E
B1	B11		130	4	14	2D+2 E
B5	B14	200		18	0	3NT-4 W
B4	B12		140	1	17	3S= W
B3	B15	50		11	7	2H-1 E
B2	B13		110	7	11	2D+1 E

		W	N	E	S
				1♥	P
		1♠	P	2♣	P
		?			

W	West	E	East
♠	AKJ43	♠	Q87
♥	32	♥	KQJ65
♦	J84	♦	7
♣	KQ2	♣	AJ64

		W	N	E	S
				1♥	P
		1♠	P	2♣	P
		2♦	P	2♠	P
		4♠	P	P	P

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