

# Simplified Bidding

Total Points:

- HCP (A=4; K=3; Q=2; J=1) . Plus either:
  - Length (1 point for every card over 4 in a suit)
  - OR dummy shortness points IF you have found a fit (1 for doubleton, 3 for singleton, 5 for void)

## Opener (pass if less than 12 HCP or 13 total points):

1H/1S: I have at least 12 points and at least 5 cards in Hearts / Spades

1C/1D: I have at least 12 points, and my best minor is Clubs/Diamonds (might be only 3 cards)

## Responder (pass with 0-5 points; new suit forcing if responder has not previously passed)

| Shape   | Strength (total points) and Bid  |
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| We have a fit<br>(3 card support for H/S or 5 card support for C/D) | 6-9 pts: Raise to 2 level (weak)<br>10-12 pts: Jump to 3 level (invitational)<br>13-15 pts: Jump to game |
| No fit, another 5+ card suit  | 6-9 points: bid suit on the 1 level or bid 1 NT<br>10+ points: bid suit on 1 or 2 level, as required     |
| No fit, another 4 card suit   | 6+ points: Bid suit on 1 level   |
| No fit, no other biddable suit: maybe we can play in NT             | 6-9 points: bid 1NT<br>10-12 points: bid 2 NT<br>13-15 points: bid 3NT                                   |

## Rebids by opener (may pass with 13-15 points if partner has not made a forcing bid):

| Shape                            | Strength (total points) and Bid   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Fit in partner's suit            | 13-15: single raise of partner's suit<br>16-18: jump in partner's suit<br>19+: bid game or jump shift into a new suit   |
| 6 cards in your suit             | 13-15: rebid your suit at lowest level<br>16-18: jump in your suit<br>19+: bid game or jump shift (can be a 3 card suit)  |
| No fit yet, another 4+ card suit | 13-15: bid it, but do not bid beyond 2 of your original suit<br>16-18: bid it (if beyond original suit, shows strength)<br>19+: jump shift (new suit at a level higher than required) |
| No fit, no other biddable suit   | 13-15: bid NT at lowest level available<br>16-18: If partner has shown 10 points, bid 3NT. If partner has shown 6 points bid 2NT<br>19+: bid 3NT or jump shift (can be a 3 card suit) |

## General Rebids:

- Bid new suits with 4+cards. With two 4 card suits, bid the lower one first. With two 5 card suits bid the higher one first.
- Rebidding a suit without a known fit shows an extra card in that suit. If partner rebids a suit, you can assume he has 6 cards, and show support with 2 cards.
- Rebidding a suit with a known fit is invitational to game.
- If you support your partner's suit on your second opportunity rather than on your first, you may have one less card than if you showed support the first time.
- Jump to show extra strength (3 extra points): shows 6 cards in an unsupported suit