

BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Welcome



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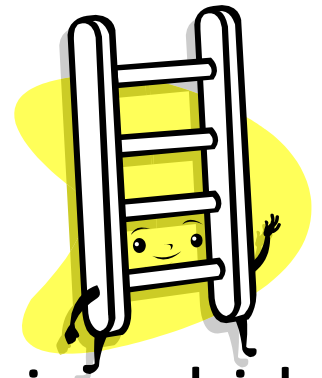
Module 4

Opening 1 of a suit

Responses to 1 of a suit bid



The Auction



- Every suit has a ranking order
- Each **bid** must be higher than the previous bid

1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠	1NT
2♣	2♦	2♥	2♠	2NT
3♣	3♦	3♥	3♠	3NT
4♣	4♦	4♥	4♠	4NT
etc				

- The first person to bid is the **Opener**
- Opener's partner is the **Responder**



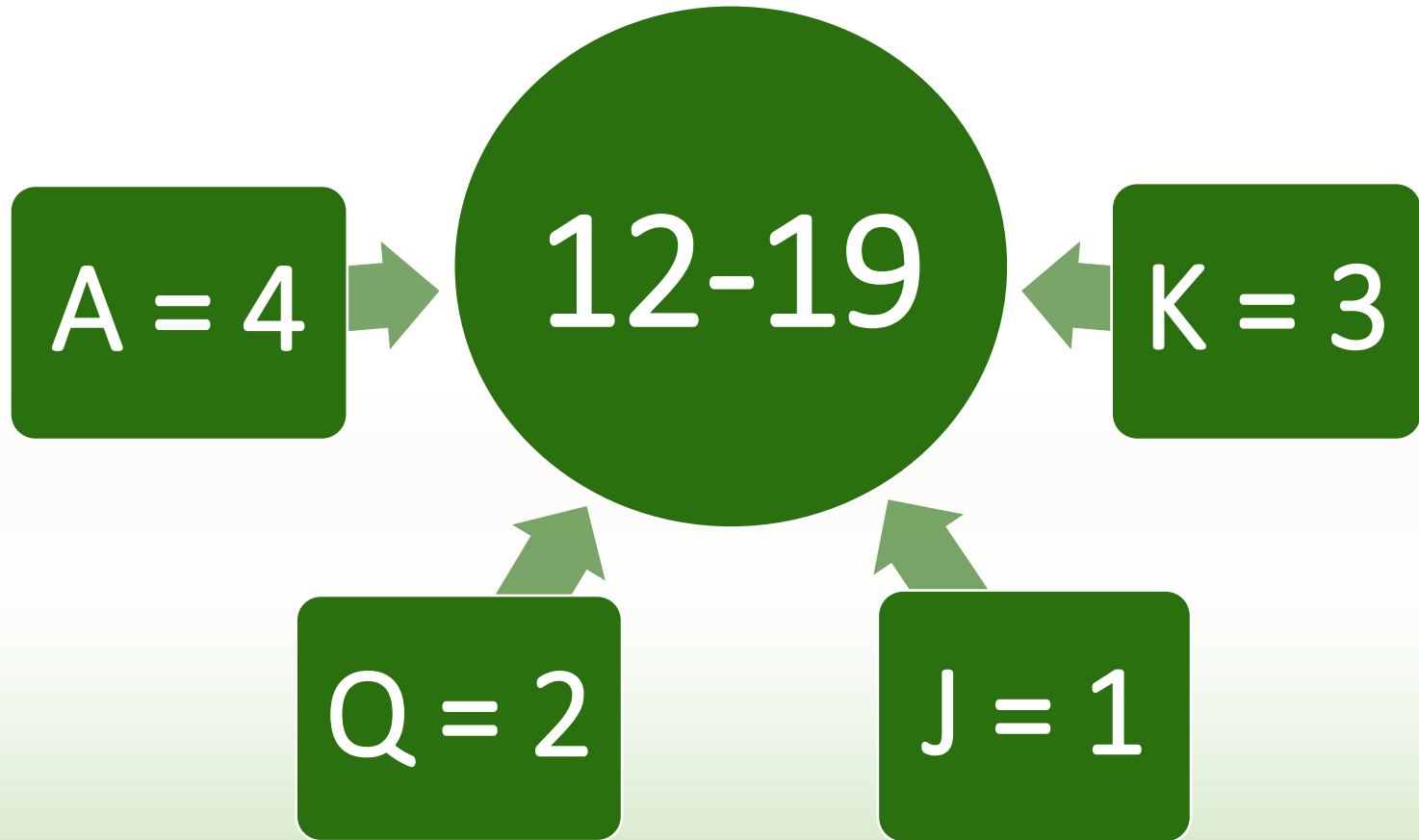
Opener's First Bid

	Points	Description
1♣	12 - 19	4 + clubs
1♦	12 – 19	4 + diamonds
1♥	12 – 19	4 + hearts
1♠	12 – 19	4 + spades
1NT	12 – 14	Balanced hand ... SPECIAL CASE – LAST WEEK



Basic Rules for Opening 1-suit

- You must have enough **High Card Points**



Which hand can open the bidding?

D
Teaching Board 1

N North - Click to Sit Robot

W West - C Robot

E East - C Robot

S South - Click to Sit Robot

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH

Hand details:

- North:** A♠, Q♠, 7♥, 6♥, J♣, 7♣, 6♣, 3♣, J♦, 8♦, 4♦, 3♦, 2♦
- West:** J♠, 10♠, 9♠, 8♠, 7♠, 5♥, 4♥, 3♥, 2♥, 10♣, 8♣, 6♦, 5♦
- East:** 6♠, 9♥, 8♥, A♣, K♣, Q♣, 5♣, 4♣, 2♣, A♦, K♦, Q♦, 9♦
- South:** K♠, 5♠, 4♠, 3♠, 2♠, A♥, K♥, Q♥, J♥, 10♥, 9♣, 10♦, 7♦

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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Hand 1 (North): J♠ 9♠ 5♠ 4♠ A♥ 7♥ 6♥ AK♣ J♣ 9♣ 5♣ 5♦

Hand 2 (West): 10♠ 6♠ 3♠ 2♠ Q♣ 10♣ 4♣ 3♣ 2♣ Q♦ 8♦ 3♦ 2♦

Hand 3 (East): A♠ K♠ 8♠ K♥ J♥ 9♥ 5♥ 2♥ 7♣ K♦ 10♦ 9♦ 7♦

Hand 4 (South): Q♠ 7♠ Q♥ 10♥ 8♥ 4♥ 3♥ 8♣ 6♣ A♦ J♦ 6♦ 4♦

Rules for 1-level suit openings

- Bid your **longest** suit first



Basic Rules for 1-level suit openings

- Bid your lower ranking **4-card** suit first



What do you open?

- Bid your higher ranking **5-card** suit first



Quiz ... what do you open?



Open 1♣

... open your lower ranking 4-card suit first



Quiz ... what do you open?



Open 1♠

... open your higher ranking 5-card suit first



Summary for 1-level suit openers

12-19

- Open with 12-19 points
- Bid your longest suit first
- If you have two 4-card suits bid the lower ranked suit first
- If you have two 5-card suits bid the higher ranked suit first
- Suit quality does not matter



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

- You must have enough **High Card Points**

6
or more

$\frac{1}{2}$ the
amount of
points you
need to
open



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

1. **Support** partner's suit – *this lesson*
2. Bid a new suit (*done in later lessons*)
3. Bid **No Trumps** (*done in later lessons*)

You have 3 choices



Responder's Limit bids

- **Support** partner's suit if possible

These are limit bids
... they are NOT FORCING



FIRST CHOICE: Support Partner's suit

- Minimum (6-9) ... bid at the 2-level
- Nearly game (10-12) ... bid at the 3-level
- Game (13+) ... bid at the Game level

These are limit bids
... they are NOT FORCING



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid



6 - 9 points ... with a fit

Bid 2♥ ... **MINIMUM**



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid



10 – 12 points ... with a fit

Bid 3♥ ... **CLOSE TO GAME**



Partner Opens 1♥ ... what do you bid



13+ points ... with a fit

Bid 4♥ ... **GAME**



Opener's REBID after 2-level (6-9) raise

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 15	PASS
Close to Game	16 – 17	INVITE (bid 3)
GAME	18 – 19	BID GAME



Opener's REBID after 3-level raise

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 13	PASS
GAME	14+	BID GAME



Opener's Rebid



Bid
2♥



Opener
then
1♥
PASS



Opener's Rebid 6 + 17



Bid

2 ♥



Open 1 ♥
then
rebid 1 ♥

3 ♥



Opener's Rebid



Bid

3 ♥



Opener then rebid

4 ♥



OPENER

PENTHOUSE -
GAME

18 - 19 pts

MIDDLE FLOOR -
NEARLY GAME

16 - 17 pts

GROUND FLOOR -
MINIMUM

12 - 15 pts

PENTHOUSE ... many
delights!!!

MIDDLE FLOOR ...
shower & simple food

GROUND FLOOR ...
just the basics

RESPONDER

13 + pts

10 - 12 pts

6 - 9 pts

0 - 11 pts
share with the
dog (and fleas)



0 - 5 pts
share with the dog



Lesson 4 Summary

- Open 1 of a suit with 12-19 points and an unbalanced hand
- Open by bidding ***longest suit first***
- With two 4-card suits, open ***lower ranking***
- With two 5-card suits, open ***higher ranking***
- With a fit (4+ cards) in Opener's suit, Responder raises to 2 of the suit with 6-9 points, to 3 of the suit with 10-12 points, and to game with 13+ points
- Opener rebids according to the total number high card points known to be held in the two hands. With fewer than 25, passes; with 25 or more, bids game; or invites to game asking if Responder is maximum.



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