

Module 5: STUDENT NOTES

Responding to 1 of a Suit

Responder's new suit bids

If you have 6+ HCP and don't have support for partner's Major suit (done last week) then, if you have enough points to bid at the appropriate level, respond by bidding a new suit at the lowest level. Key notes:

- A **major** suit fit is by far the best.
- It is important to bid your suits in the correct order.
- When bidding a new suit, similar rules apply to Responder as they do to Opener:
 - Longest suit first
 - With two 4-card Major suits, bid the lower available first
 - With two 5-card suits, bid the higher ranking first
 - Keep the bidding as low as possible so there is room to find a fit.

Meaning of a response in a new suit

Important – Responder's **new suit** bid is **forcing**, ie **Opener cannot pass**

They are **unlimited** bids and can have a wide range of points (6-28)

Responses to the opening bid with NO FIT

- Pass 0-5 HCP
- Bid a new suit at 1-level 6+ 4+ suit
- Bid a new suit at 2-level 10+ 4+ minor/5+ Major (don't jump)
- Bid 1NT 6-9 denies a 4+ card suit at the 1-level

Note: A 1NT response to a 1♠, 1♥, or 1♦ opening **does not** promise a balanced hand. It simply says you have 6-9 HCP and can't bid any other suit at the 1-level.

Examples

Opener	Responder
♠ 95	♠ J8764
♥ AQ854	♥ K2
♦ A954	♦ KQJ32
♣ K8	♣ 6
1♥	– 1♠

Opener	Responder
♠ 8	♠ AK54
♥ AQJ5	♥ 9876
♦ KJ542	♦ AQ3
♣ K87	♣ 54
1♦	– 1♥

Opener	Responder
♠ 8	♠ A43
♥ AQJ53	♥ 98
♦ KJ52	♦ AQ643
♣ K87	♣ Q32
1♥	– 2♦

Opener	Responder
♠ 85	♠ AK43
♥ AQ854	♥ K2
♦ A954	♦ 3
♣ K8	♣ AJ9432
1♥	– 2♣

Opener	Responder
♠ 8	♠ J762
♥ AQJ5	♥ 98
♦ KQ842	♦ A9
♣ Q87	♣ J9543
1♦	– 1♠

Opener	Responder
♠ 7	♠ J876
♥ K9754	♥ J92
♦ KQJ54	♦ Q832
♣ A8	♣ 76
1♥	– Pass

Opener's rebids after a new suit response

- Support partner's suit 4+ in that suit (3+ if responder has bid 2 of a major)
- Bid NT Balanced hand, 15-19 HCP (otherwise you open 1NT)
- Bid a new suit 4+ in the 2nd suit (implies you have 5+ in your first bid suit, if it is a higher-ranking suit)
- Rebid own suit 5+ in the suit

Opener supports Responder's Suit

It is important to support partner's suit, if possible – particularly in a Major suit:

After 1♥ – 1♠ –	<i>when opener has a fit in ♠:</i>		
2♠	12-15	4-card support	single raise
3♠	16-17	4-card support	invitational raise
4♠	18-19	4-card support	game raise

Opener's rebids after Responder bids 1NT

When Responder bids 1NT to a 1 of a suit bids 1NT, their hand is limited to between 6-9 HCP. Examples of Opener's rebids on balanced hands should be as follows:

After 1♥ – 1NT –			
or 1♠ – 1NT –			
Pass	12-15	Balanced	(including 5332 shapes)
2NT	16-17	Balanced	invitational raise
3NT	18-19	Balanced hand	game raise

Examples

Opener	Responder	Opener	Responder	Opener	Responder
♠ AQJ52	♠ 76	♠ J4	♠ A5	♠ AK853	♠ 92
♥ K86	♥ J9	♥ AKJ5	♥ Q965	♥ KJ2	♥ 7
♦ J94	♦ Q832	♦ KJ5	♦ Q42	♦ K85	♦ 9642
♣ A8	♣ KQ762	♣ K874	♣ A954	♣ K8	♣ AQJ32
1♠ – 1NT		1♣ – 1♥		1♠ – 1NT	
Pass		3♥ – 4♥		2NT – Pass	

Other Opener's rebids on unbalanced hands where there is no suit fit

Rebids on unbalanced hands where there is no evident Major suit fit are covered later.

Module 5 Quiz

QUESTIONS

Responder's New Suit Bids

Partner has opened the bidding with 1♥ - what do you respond with the following hands?

Hand 1

♠ K954
♥ Q2
♦ 987
♣ AQ43

Hand 2

♠ QJ5
♥ 97
♦ A9875
♣ 843

Hand 3

♠ AK7652
♥ A5
♦ 3
♣ KQ96

Hand 4

♠ 1097
♥ K4
♦ AKJ87
♣ Q62

Hand 5

♠ AKJ7
♥ Q854
♦ 983
♣ 62

Partner has opened the bidding with 1♦ - what do you respond with the following hands?

Hand 1

♠ K864
♥ Q862
♦ 96
♣ J84

Hand 2

♠ K52
♥ 986
♦ 64
♣ AJ1065

Hand 3

♠ K754
♥ A5
♦ 3
♣ AK7652

Hand 4

♠ J1097
♥ K4
♦ 87
♣ Q9654

Hand 5

♠ J542
♥ Q854
♦ A983
♣ 6

As Opener, what is your rebid on each hand after the following auctions?

(a) 1♥ - 1♠
?

(b) 1♥ - 1NT
?

Hand 6

♠ Q952
♥ A986
♦ KJ3
♣ AJ

Hand 7

♠ AJ92
♥ KQJ4
♦ A9
♣ A108

Hand 8

♠ Q952
♥ KJ102
♦ AJ4
♣ AJ

Hand 9

♠ Q952
♥ AQ962
♦ KJ
♣ AJ

Hand 6

(a)

Hand 7

Hand 8

Hand 9

(b)
