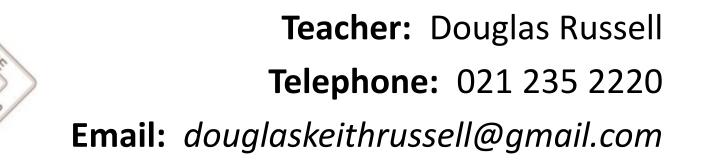
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Module 7

Unbalanced Hands Openings and Rebids



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Unbalanced Openings come in two main types:

- Single-suited
- Two-suited
- Three-suited hands can occur 4441 shapes – but these are rare (may be covered later)





Single-Suited Hands: Opener Rebids their Own Suit

- **2-level** = 12-15 HCP (5+ long suit)
- (you may open on 11 HCP with a 6+ suit)
- **Jump** = 16-17 HCP (6+ long suit)
- GAME = 18-19 HCP (6+ long suit) (- self-sufficient)

Higher-level rebids of your own suit show a longer and/or better quality suit

Bidding Two-Suited Hands – Which suit do you bid first?

- Longest suit
- 2. Lower available 4-card suit
- 3. Higher ranking 5-card suit

Good players consider their rebid options before they bid their first suit!



What type of Opening hand have you got?





Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid

- Agree partner's suit if you have a fit
- Bid NoTrumps on balanced 15-19 HCP
- Bid your suit again (with extra length)
- Bid another (2nd) suit, IF ...
 - your hand is not minimum (16-19), or
 - you can keep the bidding low with your minimum hand (12-15)
 - see following explanation ...





Opener's Rebid of a New Suit

- 2nd suit below the barrier = 12 15 HCP *
 2nd suit above the barrier = 16 19 HCP
- * You must keep bidding low on minimum hands

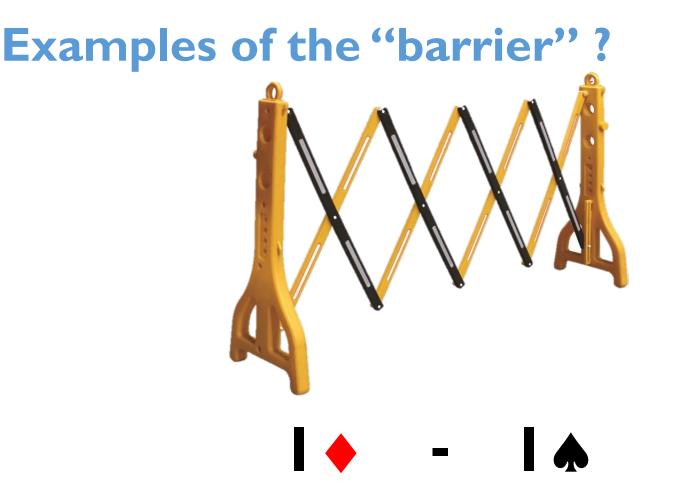
Shows an unbalanced hand Shows 5+ cards in first suit and 4+ cards in second suit

What is the "barrier"?

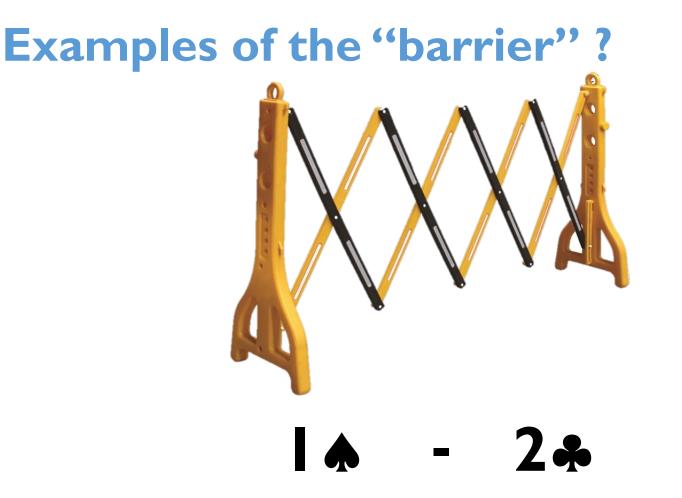


The barrier is 2 of Opener's 1st bid suit

Opener **DOES NOT** bid a new suit past their original opening suit unless they have 16+ points



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



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



Partner bids 1 **A**

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 13 HCP

MINIMUM – bid new suit BELOW 1st suit – Bid 2♣





Partner bids 1 A

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 12 HCP

MINIMUM – CANNOT BID HEARTS

Rebid 1st suit – Bid 2 🔶



Partner bids 1 **A**

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 19 HCP

GAME – MUST BID PAST THE BARRIER

Jump in second suit – Bid 3 ♦



Opener's Rebid of their Own Suit You open I + with this hand Q31042AJKQ7532 * * * * * * * * * * * *

Partner bids 1 A

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 12 HCP

MINIMUM

Rebid your own suit – Bid 2 🔶



Opener's Rebid of their Own Suit You open I♥ with this hand AKKQ8532J8K87 ♦ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

Partner bids 1 A

No fit with partner, unbalanced, 16 HCP

NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL)

Rebid your own suit – Bid 3 🖤



Opener's Rebid of their Own Suit 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♦ ? ?			2◆
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(a) 🕇	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
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(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)



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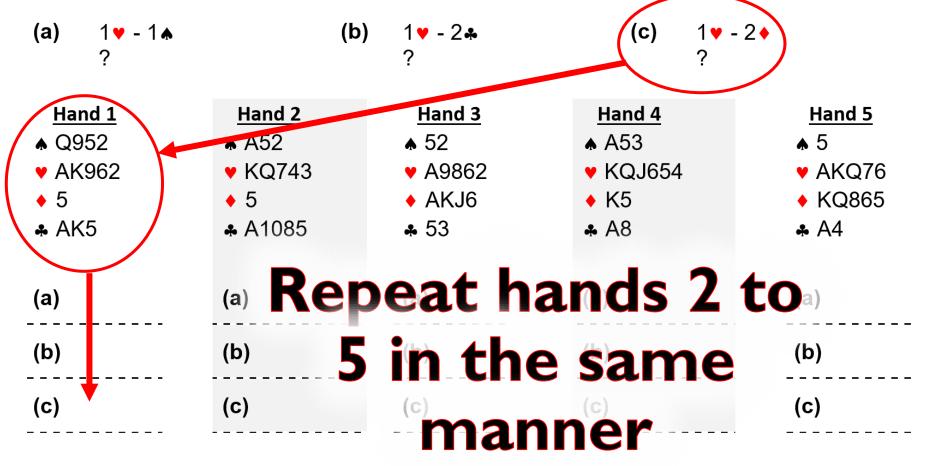
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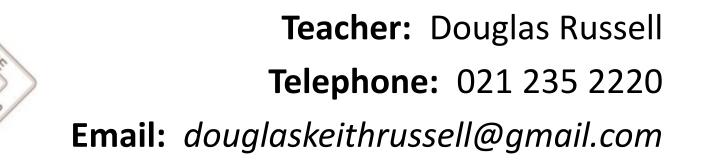


• NZB Youtube Videos Presented by Jane Stearns

- NZ Bridge has developed a set of YouTube videos of lessons. These follow a different order from our new course but are still relevant to what we are learning from a different perspective. They are presented by Jane Stearns. While her style doesn't suit everyone, I encourage you to check them out. They may be found on the following page: https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/teaching-materials.html. If you have time, I'd recommend watching the Youtube videos for Lessons I up to 6 (at this stage).
- The most relevant to this week's topics are the YouTube videos for:
- Lesson I (this is a basic introduction; you may wish to skip this unless you want to go back and revise from the start).
- Lesson 4 (I<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoVZMa8goRM</u>), especially Part 2 of this video which covers one of the key concepts of the "invisible barrier". This applies to bidding a new suit above two of your first bid suit, which **should not be done on minimum hands** and is explained quite well in this second part of the video. The relevant Part 2 section starts 18:30 into the video – but it won't do you any harm to watch the first half, as revision.
- Lesson 6 (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA2Ybkk30zk</u>).



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