

MODULE 8: STUDENT NOTES

Finalising the Auction

After Opener's and Responder's rebids

Responder's Rebids: The 4th bid of the Auction

Opener's Bid	–	Responder's Bid
Opener's Rebid	–	Responder's Rebid

Forcing Bids

Responder should note that if Opener has rebid a new suit at the 3-level, or a new suit above the barrier – that this may be a strong hand up to 19 or more HCP and it is **forcing**.

Responder is required to find another bid to keep the auction open.

Choice of suit or NT

- Give preference to one of partner's suits – Major suit if possible. *Note that if Opener has bid two different suits, Responder can assume they have 5+ cards in their first bid suit.*
- Bid NT with no fit and strength in the unbid suit(s) (see examples below)
- Rebid own 6+ card suit

Choice of level

After opener's rebid, responder should now either take control of the auction, or indicate their actual strength – see some guidelines below:

- If you bid 1NT, or support at the 2-level, after you have bid other suits:

You still show 6-9	1♣ – 1♥
	1♠ – 1NT = 6-9

- If you bid 2NT, support at the 3-level after you have bid other suit(s) or rebid a jump in your own suit to the 3-level:

You still show 10-12	1♣ – 1♥
	1♠ – 3♠ = 10-12

- If you bid game after you have changed suit:

You now show 13+	1♣ – 1♥
	1♠ – 3NT = 13+

The 4th Bid of the Auction

Opener's Rebid showed	Responder Rebid	
12-15	pass or 1NT or suit preference	6-9
	invite	10-12
	bid Game	13+
16-17	pass or suit preference	6-7
	bid Game	8-9+
18-19	bid Game	6-13
	<i>consider Slam – covered later</i>	<i>14+</i>

Examples:

Opener		Responder
♠ KJ1093		♠ Q8
♥ AJ63		♥ K5
♦ KJ3		♦ Q1065
♣ 6		♣ 97532
1♠	–	1NT
2♥	–	2♠
all pass		

Responder shows preference to sign off in Opener's 1st bid suit, which is guaranteed to have at least 5.

Opener		Responder
♠ K4		♠ A765
♥ AQJ74		♥ 1096
♦ A653		♦ K9
♣ 95		♣ A1082
1♥	–	1♠
2♦	–	3♥
4♥	–	all pass

Responder rebids a jump preference to Opener's ♥ s, now a known suit fit. Opener raises to game with extra values.

Opener		Responder
♠ K8		♠ AQ10973
♥ 82		♥ A8
♦ AK985		♦ 84
♣ AJ95		♣ 1042
1♦	–	1♠
2♣	–	3♠
4♠		all pass

Responder invites game in their own single long suit with 10-12 points. Opener has enough to raise to game.

Opener		Responder
♠ AQ73		♠ J62
♥ Q		♥ KJ103
♦ KQ985		♦ J10
♣ QJ5		♣ A1094
1♦	–	1♥
1♠	–	2NT
3NT	–	all pass

Responder has good cover in the unbid suit, so invites game in NT with 10-12 HCP. Opener accepts with extra values.

Opener		Responder
♠ Q7		♠ K1084
♥ AJ643		♥ 3
♦ AQ76		♦ J853
♣ 4		♣ QJ95
1♥	–	1♠
2♦	–	all pass

Responder has a minimum hand and strong preference for Opener's 2nd bid suit, so they pass.

Opener		Responder
♠ Q75		♠ K1084
♥ AQ1095		♥ J
♦ AK94		♦ 1085
♣ A		♣ QJ953
1♥	–	1♠
3♦	–	3NT
all pass		

Opener, with a strong hand, forces to game via a jump rebid to 3 of a new suit. Responder with good values in the other suits chooses 3NT.

Opener		Responder
♠ A3		♠ KQ82
♥ AQ8		♥ J1097
♦ 94		♦ 3
♣ AQJ965		♣ 10843
1♣	–	1♥
3♣	–	5♣
all pass		

Responder has a minimum hand and initially tries a 1♥ response to look for a Major suit fit. After Opener's 16-18 HCP 3♣ rebid, they see their distributional hand is unsuitable for NT, but in ♣ their support is good, so they raise to game in 5♣.

Opener		Responder
♠ KQJ107		♠ 4
♥ KQ2		♥ A1093
♦ 7		♦ AQ985
♣ AJ94		♣ 532
1♠	–	2♦
3♣	–	3NT
all pass		

Opener's 3-level new suit rebid is above the barrier and shows 16+ HCP. Opposite the 2-level response showing 10+ HCP this is forcing to game. Responder has good cover in the unbid ♥ suit and can see there can be no fit there, so they rebid 3NT.

Opener		Responder
♠ 96		♠ KJ52
♥ A5		♥ 94
♦ AK84		♦ Q65
♣ AQ1095		♣ 876
1♣	–	1♠
2♦	–	3♣
all pass		

Responder has a minimum hand and is forced to find a rebid opposite Opener's reverse to 2♦ above the barrier. So, they make their weakest rebid option – signing off in Opener's 1st bid suit 3♣.

Module 8 Quiz - Questions

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Hand 1

♠ AK32
♥ K8
♦ QJ942
♣ K6

Hand 2

♠ 7
♥ Q7
♦ AQJ42
♣ AQ943

Hand 3

♠ 76
♥ K7
♦ AQJ42
♣ AKQ4

Hand 4

♠ A8
♥ 98
♦ AK32
♣ KQJ94

Hand 5

♠ 76
♥ J7
♦ AQ42
♣ KQJ94

What do you open and rebid on each of the above hands after your partner responds 1♥?

	<u>Hand 1</u>	<u>Hand 2</u>	<u>Hand 3</u>	<u>Hand 4</u>	<u>Hand 5</u>
(a) Opening					
(b) Rebid after 1♥					

Hand 6

♠ A976
♥ Q73
♦ 84
♣ AJ98

Hand 7

♠ KJ87
♥ Q3
♦ J93
♣ AQ94

Hand 8

♠ Q754
♥ 95
♦ K9
♣ J9865

Hand 9

♠ AQ864
♥ K3
♦ J7
♣ KJ98

Hand 10

♠ K987
♥ Q3
♦ 1093
♣ AQ94

After your partner opens 1♥:

(a) what do you respond?

(b) what is your responder's rebid if your partner's Opener's rebid was 2♦?

	<u>Hand 6</u>	<u>Hand 7</u>	<u>Hand 8</u>	<u>Hand 9</u>	<u>Hand 10</u>
(a) Response after 1♥					
(b) Responder's Rebid after 2♦					