

Rebids by Opener

Important: When you decide to open, you should consider what your possible rebid will be.

Rebidding Your Suit

Points	Suit Length	Rebid
12 – 14	6+	Two of Suit
15– 18	6+	Three of Suit*
17+	6+	Four of suit after partner's raise

*Why is it important for opener to jump? Usually, responder becomes captain and it is important that opener let her know what opener's hand is. Generally, responder is the only one who has knowledge of both hands.

If responder raises your suit at her first turn to bid, add her possible point count (6-9) to your count. If these two numbers do not add to 25, pass.

Raising Responder's Suit

Points	Suit Length	Rebid Partner's Suit
12 – 14	4+	2 Level
15– 18	4+	3 Level
19+	4+	4 Level

New Suit Rebids

Points	Suit Length	Rebid
12 – 18	4+	Cheapest bid in suit
19+	4+	Jump in suit

To bid a second suit at the two level, opener should have an unbalanced hand (6/4; 5/5; 5/4); otherwise a rebid of one notrump would indicate a balanced hand.

To bid a suit that is **higher** ranking than the opener's first suit, declarer should have 16+ points and the **first suit should be longer than the second**. Otherwise, the opener must bid a suit that is lower ranking in order to bid at the two level.

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Notrump Rebids

If the response to opening is a suit:

Points	Hand Pattern	Rebid
12 – 14	Balanced	1 NT
19 – 20	Balanced	2 NT

If the response to opening is 1 NT*:

Points	Suit Length	Rebid
12 – 14	Balanced	Pass
15 – 18	Balanced	2 NT
19+	Balanced	3 NT

*Many bridge players play a “forcing NT” which means that if opener’s bid is either a heart or spade, and partner responds 1NT then opener must bid again to further describe her hand.

NOTE: Don’t be afraid to bid!! The worst possible thing that can happen is if you get a “bad” board!! The world will not end!! Do not be afraid to make a mistake!!! If you never make a mistake, you will not learn!!!

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