



CLASS 8 REBIDDING BY OPENER



OBJECTIVES

- Recognize When Opener Must Rebid
- Rebid as Opener after a Limited Bid
- Make a Forcing Bid as Opener (Unlimited)
- Choose a Rebid as Opener after an Unlimited bid

REVIEW

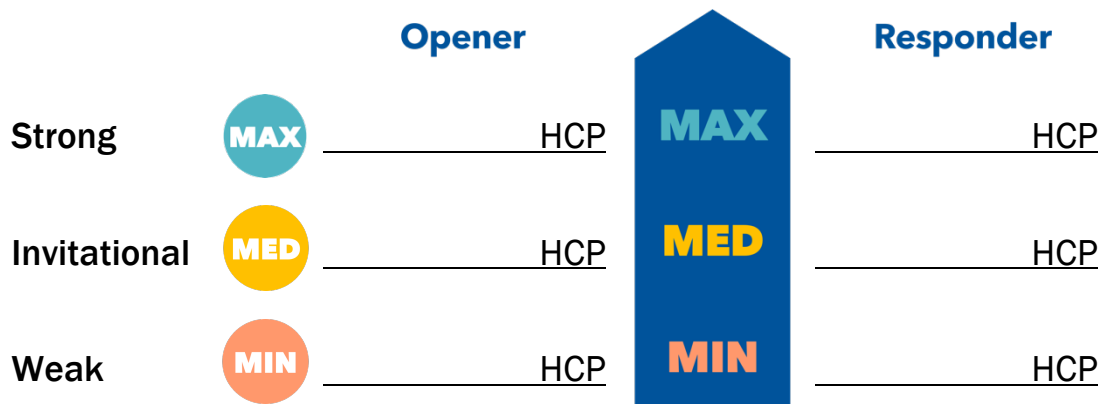
What is a **LIMITED** bid? _____

What is an **UNLIMITED** bid? _____

What 1st bids by Responder are limited? _____

Must Opener bid again after a limited bid? _____

What is a **FORCING** (unlimited) bid by Responder? _____



What other 3 factors may make your hand stronger than HCP might indicate?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REBIDDING

The 2nd bid by **Opener** changes based on whether you know:

- Where you want to play...
- How high you want to contract for...

...or are you still searching?

The priority of contracts (Major → NT → Minors) and the desire to score the most points possible drives the decision about your **REBID**.

WHEN RESPONDER'S BID IS LIMITED

When Responder makes a **LIMITED** bid, it is easy to 'do the math' and decide if you have enough for Game.

Two common **LIMITED** bids by Responder:

- Raises (bidding Opener's suit) – raising partner's suit shows a fit, level shows strength.
- Notrump – denies a Major fit, shows a balanced hand, level shows strength.

WHEN RESPONDER'S BID IS UNLIMITED

When Responder bids an unbid suit (**FORCING**) it is an unlimited bid. **Opener MUST** bid again further describing their distribution and strength.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIDDING



DIRECTIONS

- Work independently to review the auctions on page 71.
- Determine what you know about both the Opener's and Responder's Hands from their 1st bids.
- Ask has Responder limited their hand? If so, have they shown a minimum, medium or maximum hand?
- Decide if Opener is forced to bid again.
- If time allows, discuss your understanding with your table.

Note: The Opening Chart is on page 41 and the Responding Charts are on pages 50 and 60 if needed for reference.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIDDING

1	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♦	Pass	3♦	Pass

Opener's Bid says: _____

Responder's Bid says: _____

If Responder limited their hand, is it MIN, MED or MAX? _____

Is Opener forced to bid again? _____

2	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass

Opener's Bid says: _____

Responder's Bid says: _____

If Responder limited their hand, is it MIN, MED or MAX? _____

Is Opener forced to bid again? _____

3	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass

Opener's Bid says: _____

Responder's Bid says: _____

If Responder limited their hand, is it MIN, MED or MAX? _____

Is Opener forced to bid again? _____

4	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♣	Pass	2NT	Pass

Opener's Bid says: _____



Responder's Bid says: _____

If Responder limited their hand, is it MIN, MED or MAX? _____

Is Opener forced to bid again? _____




OPENER’S 2ND BID AFTER A RAISE

When Responder raises Opener’s suit, it limits their hand.

- Raises to 2-level →  6-9 HCP
- Raises to 3-level →  10-12 HCP

Opener evaluates their hand, including any additional factors that make their hand stronger in the context of this contract and decides if they have a minimum, medium or maximum hand.

Note: Opener with a confirmed Minor Fit and Game values would always prioritize exploring Game in Notrump before committing to Game in a minor.

OPENER’S 2 ND BID AFTER A RAISE		
OPENER’S HAND	RESPONDER’S RAISE SHOWS	
	MIN 6-9 HCP	MED 10-12 HCP
 12-15 HCP	PASS	Do the Math, PASS <u>or</u> Bid Game
 15-18 HCP	Do the Math, PASS <u>or</u> Invite Game	Bid Game
 18+ HCP	Bid Game	Bid Game

LET’S TRY REBIDDING AFTER A RAISE



DIRECTIONS

- Work independently to review the 5 hands on page 73 and choose **Opener’s 2nd bid**.
- Remember when Responder raised, they limited their hand, so ‘do the math’ – do you/might you have Game values? Should you bid again?
- Any factors that make your hand stronger? Is it a MIN, MED or MAX hand?
- If time allows, discuss your rebids with your table.

OPENER'S 2ND BID AFTER A RAISE

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
?			

How many HCP does Responder (**SOUTH**) have? _____

What would **Opener (NORTH)** rebid with the following hands?

1

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

2

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

3

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

4

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

5

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

OPENER'S 2ND BID AFTER A NOTRUMP BID

When Responder bids NT, that also limits their hand.

- Bids of 1NT → 6-10 HCP
- Bids of 2NT → 11-12 HCP
- Bids of 3NT → 13-15 HCP

If **Opener** is also balanced, deciding how high to play is as easy as doing the math!

If **Opener** is NOT balanced...

- Do you have 6+ in the Major suit opened? Do the Math and rebid original suit at appropriate level.

Note: If you have 6+ in the Major opened, you know there's a fit as Responder's NT bid promises a balanced hand, which means they hold at least 2 cards in every suit.

- With a 2nd suit, consider do you/might you have the values for Game; should you bid again?

LET'S TRY REBIDDING AFTER NOTRUMP



DIRECTIONS

- Work together to review the 5 hands on page 75 and choose a 2nd bid.
- Remember when Responder bid NT they limited their hand, so do the math! – do you/might you have Game values?
- Is it a MIN, MED or MAX hand? Should you bid again?
- Are you balanced? If not, anything more to tell Responder?
- Any relevant factors that make your hand stronger?

OPENER'S 2ND AFTER NOTRUMP

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

How many HCP does Responder (**SOUTH**) have? _____

What would **Opener (NORTH)** rebid with the following hands?

1

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____
 Total HCP _____
 Opener's Rebid _____

2

N Student 2 (Table 1) (Dummy)

Opener's HCP _____
 Total HCP _____
 Opener's Rebid _____

3

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____
 Total HCP _____
 Opener's Rebid _____

4

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____
 Total HCP _____
 Opener's Rebid _____

5

N Student 2 (Table 1)

Opener's HCP _____
 Total HCP _____
 Opener's Rebid _____

OPENER REBIDS | STRONG & FORCING

Strong Bids (but not forcing) – Bidding a new suit (where you think you might have a fit) at the lowest level shows up to 17 HCP and promises at least 4 cards in the suit bid.

Forcing Bids – Bidding an unbid suit, skipping a level, shows 18+ HCP. This is called a **JUMP SHIFT**.

Note: This is just one of Opener's Forcing Bids. It's impractical to try and learn everything about these bids in a beginning class...it takes lots of practice!

2ND BID AFTER AN UNLIMITED BID

When Responder bids an unbid suit (**FORCING**), **Opener** MUST bid again describing their distribution and HCP.

- The suit (or NT) **Opener** chooses to rebid further describes their distribution.
- The level of the rebid describes the strength of their hand (HCP + other factors), not the strength of a specific suit.

Opener needs to consider:

- Do they have more cards than originally promised in the suit opened?
- Are they balanced?
- Do they have a 2nd suit
- Do they have a MIN, MED or MAX hand?

LET'S TRY REBIDDING AFTER AN UNLIMITED BID

DIRECTIONS

- Work independently to review the auction and **Opener's** hand on page 77 and choose a 2nd bid.
- Remember when Responder's bid is unlimited, it is **FORCING**, you must bid again.
- Consider the priority of contracts: Majors → Notrump → Minors.
- Do you have a 2nd suit? Are you balanced?
- If time allows, discuss your bids with your table.



OPENER'S 2ND AFTER AN UNLIMITED BID

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
?			

How many HCP does Responder (**SOUTH**) have? _____

What would **Opener (NORTH)** rebid with the following hands?

1

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

2

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

3

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

4

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

5

Opener's HCP _____

Total HCP _____

Opener's Rebid _____

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