



# CLASS 9 REBIDDING BY RESPONDER



## OBJECTIVES

- Rebid as Responder with a Major Fit
- Visualize Partner's Hand When No Major Fit
- Choose a Rebid as Responder When Still Searching for Where to Play

## REVIEW

What is Opener's 2<sup>nd</sup> Bid based on? \_\_\_\_\_

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What bids by Responder (after a suit is opened) limit their hand? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Opener do when Responder raises? \_\_\_\_\_

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If Responder bids an unbid suit, must Opener bid again? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a **FORCING** (unlimited) rebid by Opener? \_\_\_\_\_

What level can Opener bid a new (unbid) suit that is NOT forcing to Responder?

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When can Responder consider additional factors and categorize their hand?

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What are the HCP ranges for MIN, MED and MAX Responder hands?

MIN

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MED

\_\_\_\_\_

MAX

\_\_\_\_\_

## RESPONDER’S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID

After Opener’s rebid, **Responder** often has a fairly good idea as to Opener’s distribution and strength.

**Responder’s** rebid depends on whether they have:

- A Major fit (8+ cards in ♥’s or ♠’s between the 2 hands).
- Do NOT have a Major fit and still looking for a place to play.


## RESPONDER’S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID WITH A MAJOR FIT

The first priority is always finding a Major fit. Opener confirms a fit by raising your Major when they rebid; and the level describes the strength of their hand.


### Opener Raises Major Example

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass

**Responder has promised 6+ HCP**

If Opener bid 2♠  – confirms a fit and shows a minimum hand (12-15 HCP).

If Opener bid 3♠  – shows interest in Game, an invitational hand (15-18 HCP).

If Opener bid 4♠  – says they have Game values (18+ HCP).

Once you have found a Major fit, you need to ‘do the math,’ consider other factors that may make Game possible and decide.

**Responder** is not forced to bid again after a raise by Opener but can choose to bid if thinks Game (or Slam) is possible.

- Without Game values → Responder passes.
- Unsure if Game values → Raise to 3♠, inviting Opener to decide.
- With Game values → Responder bids Game.

## LET’S TRY REBIDDING AS RESPONDER



### **DIRECTIONS**

- Work together using hands on pages 81-82 and decide on a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid.
- What has Opener’s rebid told you about their strength?
- Does your hand have any factors that make it stronger?
- Do you have the values for Game? Or should you stay low and safe?
- Note the first 4 hands have a different auction than the 2<sup>nd</sup> set.

## RESPONDER'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID WITH A MAJOR FIT

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	?	

How many HCP does Opener (**NORTH**) have? \_\_\_\_\_

What would **Responder (SOUTH)** rebid with these hands?

### Responder Hand #1

S Student 1 ( Table 1 )

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #2

S Student 1 ( Table 1 )

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #3

S Student 1 ( Table 1 )

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #4

S Student 1 ( Table 1 )

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

## RESPONDER'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID WITH A MAJOR FIT

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

How many HCP does Opener (**NORTH**) have? \_\_\_\_\_

What would **Responder (SOUTH)** rebid with these hands?

### Responder Hand #5

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #6

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #7

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #8

Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

## RESPONDER'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID WHEN STILL SEARCHING

Without a Major Fit, **Responder** needs to consider...

- Could we have a fit in the unbid major?
- Is it possible to play Notrump?
- Do we have a Minor fit?
- Did Opener limit their HCP?
- Could we still have the values for Game?

When Opener denies a fit, **Responder** has to visualize what Opener's hand might look like based on their bids.

### VISUALIZING OPENER'S HAND

#### Visualization Demo

Responder's Hand (**SOUTH**).



NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass		

Was Opener's Rebid Forcing? \_\_\_\_\_

Combined HCP \_\_\_\_\_

What does Opener know about **Responder's** hand based on their bids? \_\_\_\_\_

Bid	Opener Promised	Opener Denied
1♦		
2♣		

How many cards does Opener hold in each suit? (e.g., <4 or 1-3 or 5+)

♠	♥	♦	♣

Does **Responder** rebid? \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMON HAND DISTRIBUTION PATTERNS

HAND PATTERN PROBABILITIES	
Shape	Probability
4-4-3-2	21.6%
5-3-3-2	15.5%
5-4-3-1	12.9%
5-4-2-2	10.6%
4-3-3-3	10.5%
6-3-2-2	5.6%
6-4-2-1	4.7%
6-3-3-1	3.4%
5-5-2-1	3.2%
4-4-4-1	3.0%

There are 39 possible shapes for a bridge hand. This chart shows the 10 most common and their frequency.

**71% of all hands will be one of these top 5 distribution patterns.**

And almost 48% of bridge hands have a balanced distribution (e.g., 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2 or 5-3-3-2).

Notice that none of the top 10 shapes contain a void.

## LET'S TRY VISUALIZING OPENER'S HAND



### DIRECTIONS

- Work together to review auctions and Responder's hand on pages 85-87.
- Note what Opener has promised and what they have denied.
- Consider what is implied by choice of bids within the context of the priority of contracts (e.g., if they rebid a minor, they are denying a balanced hand).
- Determine how many cards Opener might hold in each suit (it can be a range or less/greater than a #).
- Calculate what the possible HCP range is for the combined hands.
- Remove the cards from the **SOUTH**, **EAST** and **WEST** pockets for Board #1. Using only those cards, create a hand that resembles Opener's hand in shape and strength (HCP).
- Make notes about the hand built in your manual on pages 85-87.
- When finished, return the unused cards to the board and repeat with Boards #2 and #3.
- If time allows, go back and discuss if Responder should rebid and what their rebid might be.

## LET'S VISUALIZE OPENER'S HAND | BOARD #1

Pull ONLY the cards from the **NORTH**, **EAST**, and **WEST** pockets. (**SOUTH** is Responder's hand).

### Hand #1

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass		

**Responder's Hand (SOUTH).**



Was Opener's Rebid Forcing? \_\_\_\_\_

Combined HCP \_\_\_\_\_

What does **Opener** know about **Responder's** hand based on their bids? \_\_\_\_\_

Bid	Opener Promised	Opener Denied
1♦		
2♣		

How many cards does Opener hold in each suit? (e.g., <4 or 1-3 or 5+)

♠	♥	♦	♣

Opener's Hand Visualized (Opener's HCP Range \_\_\_\_\_)

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Thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

Does **Responder** rebid? \_\_\_\_\_

## LET'S VISUALIZE OPENER'S HAND | BOARD #2

Pull ONLY the cards from the **NORTH**, **EAST**, and **WEST** pockets. (**SOUTH** is Responder's hand).

### Hand #2

Responder's Hand (**SOUTH**).



NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass		

Was Opener's Rebid Forcing? \_\_\_\_\_

Combined HCP \_\_\_\_\_

What does **Opener** know about **Responder's** hand based on their bids? \_\_\_\_\_

Bid	Opener Promised	Opener Denied
1♣		
1♠		

How many cards does Opener hold in each suit? (e.g., <4 or 1-3 or 5+)

♠	♥	♦	♣

Opener's Hand Visualized (Opener's HCP Range \_\_\_\_\_)

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Thoughts \_\_\_\_\_

Does **Responder** rebid? \_\_\_\_\_



## LET'S VISUALIZE OPENER'S HAND | BOARD #3

Pull ONLY the cards from the **NORTH**, **EAST**, and **WEST** pockets. (**SOUTH** is Responder's hand).

### Hand #3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass		

**Responder's Hand (SOUTH).**



Was Opener's Rebid Forcing? \_\_\_\_\_

Combined HCP \_\_\_\_\_

What does **Opener** know about **Responder's** hand based on their bids? \_\_\_\_\_

Bid	Opener Promised	Opener Denied
1♦		
2N		

How many cards does Opener hold in each suit? (e.g., <4 or 1-3 or 5+)

♠	♥	♦	♣

Opener's Hand Visualized (Opener's HCP Range \_\_\_\_\_)

Thoughts \_\_\_\_\_



Does **Responder** rebid? \_\_\_\_\_

## RESPONDER’S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID WHEN STILL SEARCHING

When Opener denies a fit in **Responder’s** major, **Responder** has to deduce what Opener’s bid and rebid have indicated about their hand.

Think about whether you have Game values and if a Major fit is still possible. Evaluate the risk of bidding higher. A Major fit may be worth stretching for. If majors aren’t possible; with Game values, NT is usually preferred over minors.

*Note: These guidelines are only an aid, it is impossible to cover every eventuality.*

OPENER	RESPONDER		
<i>Has Opener limited their hand?</i>	<b>NO GAME</b>	<b>??? GAME</b>	<b>GO GAME</b>
<b>Rebids Notrump (balanced)</b> 1NT = 12-14 HCP 2NT = 18-19 HCP 3NT = 19 HCP (and typically a long minor suit)	Balanced Hand		
	<b>PASS</b>	If Opener bid 1NT <b>Bid 2NT (Invite)</b>	<b>Bid 3NT</b>
	Unbalanced and 6+ cards in original suit		
	<b>Bid lowest level</b>	<b>Bid skipping level</b>	Majors... <b>Bid Game</b> Minors... <b>Bid 3NT</b>
	Unbalanced and 2nd 4-card suit (lower in rank)		
	Majors... <b>Bid lowest*</b> Minors... <b>PASS</b>	<b>Bid lowest level</b>	<b>Bid lowest level</b>
Unbalanced and 2nd 4-card suit (higher in rank)			
<b>PASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>Bid lowest level</b>	
<b>Rebids Original Suit</b> Major shows 6+ cards / Minor shows 5+ cards  rebid suit at lowest level  rebid suit 1 level higher than necessary (inviting Game)	Fit with Opener’s Suit		
	<b>PASS</b>	<b>Raise lowest level</b>	<b>Raise to Game</b>
	No Fit with Opener’s Suit and 6+ cards in original suit		
	<b>PASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>Bid lowest level</b>
No Fit with Opener’s Suit and 2nd 4-card suit			
<b>PASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>Bid lowest level</b>	
<b>Rebids New (Unbid) Suit</b>	Visualize Opener’s hand and evaluate possibility of Game		

\* Must believe a Major fit is possible or have a strong hand

## LET’S TRY REBIDDING AS RESPONDER



### DIRECTIONS

- Work independently to review auctions and hands on pages 89-90.
- Use the chart above to help you choose Responder’s 2<sup>nd</sup> bid.
- Note the first 4 hands have a different auction than the 2<sup>nd</sup> set.
- Try to visualize Opener’s hand, have they limited their HCP?
- If time allows, discuss your rebids with your table.

## RESPONDER'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID WHEN STILL SEARCHING

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

How many HCP does Opener (**NORTH**) have? \_\_\_\_\_

What would **Responder (SOUTH)** rebid with these hands?

### Responder Hand #1



Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #2

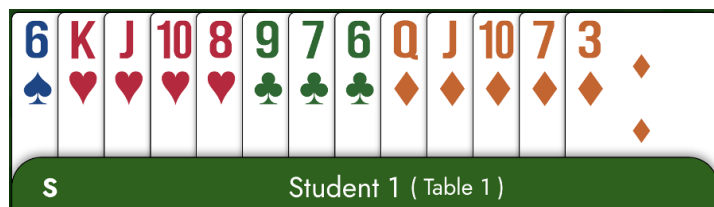


Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #3

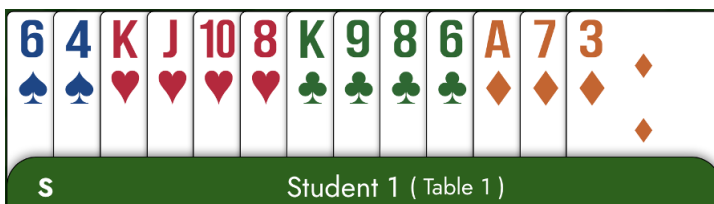


Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #4



Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

## RESPONDER'S 2<sup>ND</sup> BID WHEN STILL SEARCHING

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

How many HCP does Opener (**NORTH**) have? \_\_\_\_\_

What would **Responder (SOUTH)** rebid with these hands?

### Responder Hand #5



Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #6

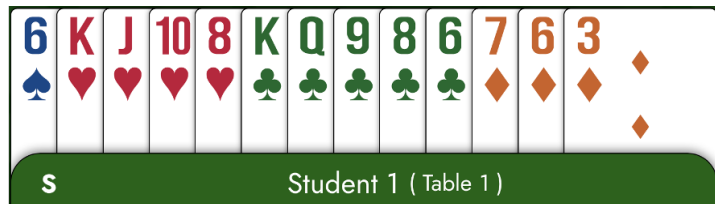


Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #7



Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_

### Responder Hand #8



Responder's HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Total HCP \_\_\_\_\_

Responder's Rebid \_\_\_\_\_