

# Franklin Bridge Club

## 2026 BRIDGE LESSONS



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# Lesson Three

## Responder's Limit Bids



# Ranking of the Suits

**N**o **T**rumps

**S**pades



**H**earts



**Major Suit**

**D**iamonds



**C**lubs



**Minor Suits**



# Finding a Fit

- A **Fit** is 8+ cards in one suit between the two hands
- If there is a fit in a **major** suit, then this will be the trump suit
- If there is no fit, then choose  
NoTrumps



# Basic Rules for Opening bids

- You must have enough High Card Points

12+



# Basic Rules for Responder's bids

- You must have enough **High Card Points**

6+



# Basic Rules for Responder's bids

## You have 3 choices

1. **Support** partner's suit
2. Bid a new suit (next week's lesson)
3. Bid **NoTrumps** ... the bid when you have no other choice



# Responder's Limit bids

- **Support** partner's suit
- Bid **NoTrumps** ... the bid when you have no other choice

**These are limit bids**  
**... they are NOT FORCING**



# FIRST CHOICE: Support Partner's suit

- **Minimum (6-9)** ... bid at the 2-level
- **Nearly game (10-12)** ... bid at the 3-level
- **Game (13+)** ... bid at the Game level

**These are limit bids**  
**... they are NOT FORCING**



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



???



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



6 - 9 points ... with a fit

Bid 2♥ ... **MINIMUM**



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



???



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



10 – 12 points ... with a fit

Bid 3♥ ... **CLOSE TO GAME**



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



???



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



13+ points ... with a fit

Bid 4♥ ... **GAME**



# Can't bid a suit ? Bid NoTrumps

- Minimum (6-9) bid **1NT**
- Nearly game (10-12) bid **2NT**
- Game (13-15) bid **3NT**

**These are limit bids ...  
they are NOT FORCING**



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

???



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

with 6-9 points .... **MUST bid INT**



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

???



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

with 6-9 points .... **MUST bid INT**



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

???



# Partner Opens 1♥ .. what do you bid?



No fit in hearts

with 10-12 points ... **MUST** bid 2NT



# Opener's REBID after 2-level (6-9) raise

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 15	PASS
Close to Game	16 – 17	INVITE (bid 3)
GAME	18 – 19	BID GAME



# Opener's REBID after 3-level raise

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 13	PASS
GAME	14+	BID GAME



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

## Opener



Open: 1♥

## Responder



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

## Opener



Open: 1♥

## Responder



Respond: 2♥



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

## Opener



Open: 1♥

Opener's rebid: PASS

## Responder



Respond: 2♥



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

Opener



18HCP

Open: 1♥

Responder



6  
HCP



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

Opener

18HCP



Open: 1♥

Responder



Respond: 2♥

6  
HCP



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

Opener



18HCP

Open: 1♥

Opener's rebid: 3♥

Responder



Respond: 2♥

6  
HCP



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

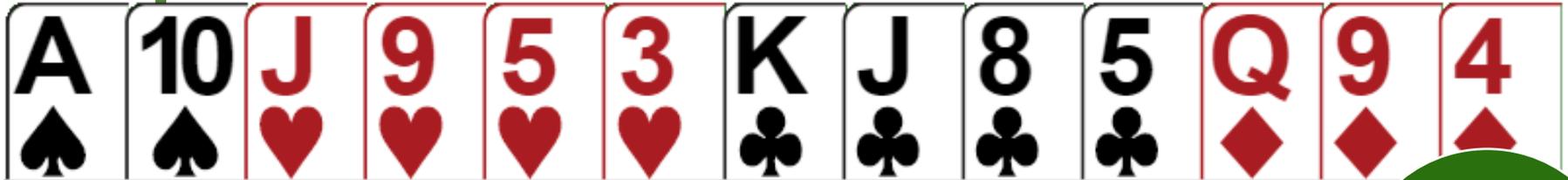
Opener

15HCP



Open: 1♥

Responder



11  
HCP



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

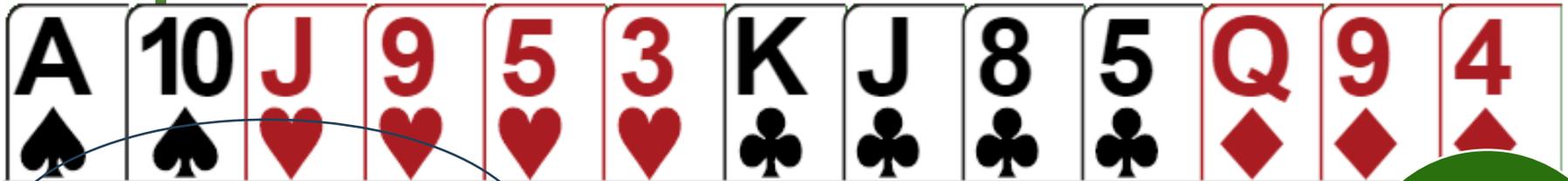
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Opener



Open: 1♥

Responder



Respond: 3♥

11  
HCP



# Opening – Responding - rebidding

Opener

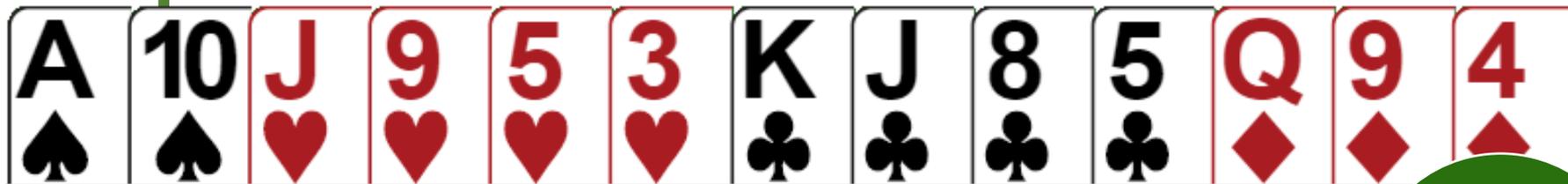


15HCP

Open: 1♥

Opener's rebid: 4♥

Responder



Respond: 3♥

11  
HCP



# Opener's REBID after INT response (6-9)

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 15	Pass Bid lower new suit Rebid own suit
Close to Game	16 – 17	Bid new suit Bid 2NT Jump in own suit (6+)
GAME	18 – 19	<b>BID GAME</b> Bid 3NT Bid 4 Major (6+)



# Opener's **REBID** after 2NT response (10-12)

<b>OPENER</b>	<b>HCP</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Minimum	12 – 13	Pass Rebid own suit (6+)
<b>GAME</b>	14 +	Bid new suit Bid 3NT Bid 4 Major (6+)



# Questions?



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