

Franklin Bridge Club

2026 BRIDGE LESSONS



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Lesson Six

Responder's Rebid



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

1. **Support** partner's suit
2. Bid a new suit
3. Bid **NoTrumps** (last resort)

You have 3 choices



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

- This is likely to be the final bid of the auction
- Responder has 2 decisions to make:
 - Choice of suit or No Trumps
 - Choice of level

It's Your Call



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

- Give preference to one of partner's suits (preferably a major)
- Bid No Trumps with no fit and some strength in the unbid suit(s)
- Rebid own 6+ suit

AND AT THE SAME TIME

→ Describe the quality of your hand ←

MINIMUM, NEARLY GAME or GAME



What is the correct level?

It depends on what partner has shown...

GAME	18 – 19 HCP
CLOSE TO GAME	16 – 17 HCP
MINIMUM	12 – 15 HCP



If partner has shown minimum...

- If you are **MINIMUM** (6-9 HCP), pass or bid **1NT** or show suit preference at lowest level
- If you are **CLOSE TO GAME** (10-12 HCP), invite
- If you have **GAME** (13+ HCP), bid to **GAME**

ADD your points to partner's points to choose the level

12 - 15

Minimum



Worked Example 1 - Responder's Hand



Opener opens with

1♦



Worked Example 1 - Responder's Hand



Opener

1♦

Responder

bids 1♥



Worked Example 1 - Responder's Hand



Opener

1♦

Responder

1♥

Opener rebids 2♥



Worked Example 1 - Responder's Hand



Opener

1♦

2♥

Responder

1♥

Responder **PASSES**



Example 2 - Responder's Hand



Opener

Responder

1♥

1♠

2♣

2♥



Example 3 - Responder's Hand



Opener

Responder

1♥

1NT

2♣

2♥



Example 4 - Responder's Hand



Opener

Responder

1♣

1♥

1NT

2NT



Example 5 - Responder's Hand



Opener

Responder

1♠

2♣

2♥

3♠



If partner has shown close to Game Points (16-17 HCP)...

ADD your points to partner's points
to choose the level

- If you are **MINIMUM** (6–7 HCP)
 - pass.... or
 - bid one of partner's suit at lowest level
- Otherwise bid **GAME**



Example 1 - Responder's Hand



Opener

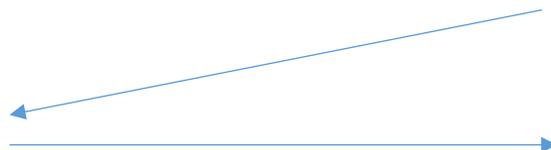
Responder

1♦



1♥

3♥



PASS



Example 2 - Responder's Hand



Opener

1♥

3♥

Responder

1♠

4♥



If partner has shown **Game Points** (18-19 HCP)...

ADD your points to partner's points
to choose the level

- Bid **GAME** (6 - 13 points)
- Consider **SLAM** (14+ points)



Example 1 - Responder's Hand



Opener

Responder

1♣

1♥

2NT

3NT



Questions?



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