



1)The opener has a four-card fit in the responder's suit,

With a first-zone hand (12-14HCP), the opener gives support at the 2 level 2 With a second-zone hand the opener supports at the 3 level With a third-zone hand:

- balanced: 3 SA; the responder will conclude at 4 in the major or pass.
- unbalanced: supports at the 4 level in the major or makes a slam bid



Problème E1197

The opener's low support bid shows:

-a four-card heart fit and a first-zone opening (12-14HCP)



Problème E1204

Not having opened 1NT, the opener cannot have a balanced hand. The responder should realize this.





2) the opener doesn't have a fit in the responder's major

Repeating the opening suit at level:

- 2 with a first-zone hand (12-14HCP)
- 3 with a second-zone hand (15-17HCP)

a non-forcing NT bid at level:

- 1 with a first-zone balanced hand (12-14HCP)
- 2 (jump) with a third-zone hand (18-19HCP)
- After a 1 heart opening and the response of 1 spade, without a 4-card minor, and without spade support, the opener is obliged to bid 2 clubs or 2 diamonds. He can bid 2NT next time round.



Problème E1196

A jump rebid in the opening minor with a second-zone unbalanced hand



Problème E1201

1NT rebid with a first zone balanced hand





3) without a fit, the opener can also announce a two-suiter hand

ie he can bid another suit of at least four cards at the two level. There are three sorts of two-suiter hands: The minimum two-suiter, n on-forcing with 12-17HCP. This allows the responder to remain at the two level by

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The maximum two-suiter, forcing for a round with at least 17HCP. The responder has to jump a level to get back to the opening suit.

The jump shift, game forcing, as from 20HCP or so.



Problème E1195

Minimum two-suiter. The responder can return to diamonds, the opener's first suit, at level 2





Important !!!

You will not always be strong enough to announce your two suits, especially when the 5-card suit is the minor and not the major. Don't mislead your partner as to the strength of your hand.



Problème E4830

Impossible to bid your 4-card major. You need 17HCP for a maximum two-suiter.