



Responder's support bids of a major at the 3 level

The major difficulty of a 3 level support bid is determining:

• if they are forcing and with slam hopes

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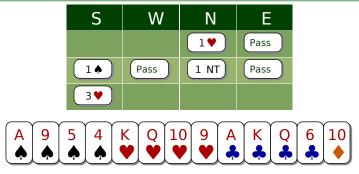
- if Game invitational
- of even if they are pre-empts and need to stop at the 3 level

Two major rules of support bids are:

- Rule 1: after a 2/1 suit shift all support bids at the 3 level indicate Slam possibility and are 100% forcing
- Rule 2: after Responder's 1♠ bid, all support bids at the 3 level are forcing and are much stronger than a 4♥ jump bid



Problem 20152 After a 2/1 suit shift all support bids at the 3 level indicate Slam possibility and are 100% forcing



Problem 20155 After Responder's 1♠ bid, all support bids at the 3 level are forcing and are much stronger than a 4♥ jump bid





After a 2/1 suit shift

all support bids at the 3 level

- · indicate slam possibility
- these bids are 100% forcing

The major support can be bid on the 1st or 2nd round of bidding.

Generally all bids that follow are control bids or a 4NT to see if all controls are present



Problem 20153 3♥ Support bid with Slam possibility



Problem 20154 3♥, support bid at the 3 level (no jump) of Opener's 2nd suit is also a possible Slam bid.

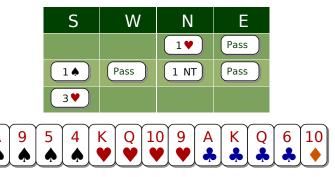




After Responder's 1♠ bid on a 1♥ opening all support bids at the 3 level are forcing and are much stronger than a 4♥ jump bid

This rule applies on Opener's 1NT, 2♣ or 2♦ rebids. If Opener repeats his ♥ ... this is an exception! (there are always exceptions to the rules)

Only exception to Rule 2: If Opener rebids his hearts after Responder's 1. bid, a support bid at the 3 level is Game proposal but very often with only a 2 card fit



Problem 20155 After Responder's 1♠ bid on Opener's 1♥ bid all support bids at the 3 level are forcing and are much stronger than a 4♥ jump bid



Problem 20158 Here the 3♥ support bid isn't forcing. Opener has now shown 6 cards, Responder has bid minimum support. It's up to the Opener to decide...





Support bids at the 3 level are possibile Game invitation

These support bids are non-forcing and are Game invitation: it's up to the Opener to decide

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- Direct support bid: 1♥ 3♥ shows a 4 cards fit and approx 9HCP
- Support bids of 6 card major after
 - 1♠ and 10-11HCP
 - and verly Nottemaximhyu2nc(alroll HsQP)port fit
- Support bid of the major bid at the 1 level but on the 2nd bidding round: 4 cards fit and approx 10-11HCP
- 3♥ support bid after a 1NT responding bid on a 1♠ opening



Problem 20159 Minimum Game invitation with less than 11HCP. Opener needs a 2nd zone hand to accept.



Problem E 20162 3♠ Game invitation