



Responses to opening bids that do not show fit

Suit changes at level 1

In response to a major opening, the only possibility is a 1♠ response after a 1♥ opening. The opener may have anything between 13 and 23HL. The responder, having at least 6HL can have legitimate hopes for game. This suit change has no upper limit. Forcing, ce changement de couleur n'a pas de limite supérieure. The responder may have a choice between a suite change at the 1 level or at the 2 level. It all depends on the strength of his hand :

- If the responder has the strength to impose game (12-13HL) he bids his longest suit at the 2 level
- if not, he bids it at the 1 level

A	K	Q	3	A	K	Q	10	8	J	9	8	J
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦

S	W	N	E
		1♥	Pass
1♠			

10	8	7	5	J	9	A	10	6	5	K	Q	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem 5440 From 6HD, bid your ♠ 4 carder, even if the suit has no honors. 1 1NT bid would deny 4 cards in ♠

S	W	N	E
		1♥	Pass
2♥			

A	10	8	7	6	Q	10	4	7	2	J	6	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem 5439 a support bid is better than a suit change to 1♠ that would facilitate an overcall by the opps at 2♣ or 2♦..



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The 1NT response

The responder may not have the required strength to bid his suit at the 2 level...He then bids 1NT which does not promise a regular hand.

Q	J	10	K	Q	J	9	8	7	J	6	Q	10
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
1 NT			

6	4	2	K	Q	10	8	4	K	J	9	8	7
♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercice 5546

1SA Vous n'avez pas la force pour nommer les ♦ au palier de 2. Votre main n'est pas du tout régulière, mais vous ne pouvez pas passer



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NT rebids by the opener

The NT rebids by the opener show

- 12-14H : 1 NT
- 18-19HL : 2 NT
- 19-20H : 3 NT

S	W	N	E
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 NT			

A	K	Q	7	4	2	10	4	K	J	10	8	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E1214 The best bid available to describe your 1st zone hand.

S	W	N	E
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 NT			

A	J	9	Q	7	A	Q	J	9	4	3	K	6
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Your hand is definitely worth 18HD with this beautiful 6 cards suit, is it not ?



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The jump repetition of the opening suit

It guarantees a beautiful 6 cards suit and a 2nd zone hand (15-17 HCP)

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1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♥			



Problem 1285 3 ♥, a jump repetition of the opening suit

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