



## The Responder's 2nd bid after a 1NT forcing

### After a suit change at level 2 rebid by opener

there are 4 types of rebids after a forcing NT initial response:

-0 Pass with 5-8 HCP and nothing better to say

-1 Support in Opener's 1st suit

at the 2 level with 5-10 HCP and 2 cards in opening suit

at the 3 level with 3 cards in Opener's Suit and 10-12 HCP

-2 Support in Opener's 2nd suit at the 3 level with a 4-5+ fit in Opener's 2nd Suit and 10-12 useful HCP

-3 A suit shift at the 2 level with no fit, a weak hand (5 – 9 HCP) and a 5-6+ card suit. This is a sign off.  
Opener will pass

at the 3 level with a top range 1NT (10 – 11 HCP) and a good 6+ card suit. This bid is invitational but not forcing. Opener may pass or seek a NT contract.

-4 A NT bid at minimum level.... Strength can be shown in later bidding.

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### With a weak hand

there are 3 types of rebids

- 1 Pass Shows a clear preference for that suit. If partner's rebid was 2C or 2D, you should have at least 4-card support to pass. If partner's rebid was 2H (after opening 1S), you can pass with 3-card support.
- 2 Retreat to Opener's 1st suit pure preference with 5-10HCP and 2 cards in opening suit. Opener will pass
- 3 A simple suit shift with no fit, a weak hand (5 – 9 HCP) Long suit (6+-cards at the 3-level; strong 5+ cards at the 2-level). This is a sign off. Opener will pass

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Problem E9800 2♥ 8 HCP, a 3 cards support, a decent hand... raise to level 2 (even with 5 very nice ♠ cards)

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Problem E9802 2♥ Definitely not 3♥ with this awful 4333 distribution. Your hand has no added ruffing value and your lonely Qs aren't worth much.

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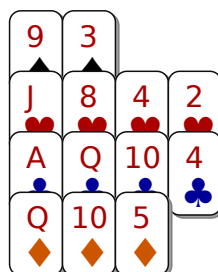
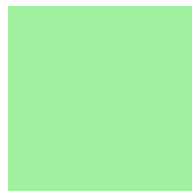
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### With an invitational hand (10-12HCP)

there are 5 types of rebids

- 1 2NT Shows stoppers in unbid suits, and no fit for partner's major, with 10-12HCP .
- 2 Jump in partner's 1st suit It shows a 3 cards fit with 10-12HCP
- 3 Raise partner's Major rebid It shows a 2 cards fit with 10-12HCP
- 4 Raise partner's in minor rebid It shows a 5+-card support, an unbalanced distribution (lack of stoppers for a notrump rebid) and 10-12HCP.
- 5 Bid the 'Impossible 2♠) Shows an interest in NT, a good fit in the minor , and no fit for partner's major, with 10-12HCP ... but no ♠ stopper. Opener will bid NT with a stopper or repeat his minor otherwise.
- 6 Jump in a new suit Strong 6+-card suit, invitational.
- 7 Bid a game (3NT or 4 of partner's major) With a maximum hand, improved by opener's rebid (double fit or complementary values). Clearly a sign off

S	W	N	E
		1♥	Pass
3♥			



Problem E4819 3♥ Show your strength... jump to the 3-level. This will also complicate your opponents' bidding.



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### After a strong rebid by opener

there are 3 types of rebids

- 1 After 2NT rebid Stayman, Texas transfers or NT bids are all operational
- 2 After an inverted 2-suiter All game level bids are sign-offs, all non game fits are forcing to game with potential slam interest.
- 3 After a jump rebid of his suit by opener Responder may pass. All game level bids are sign offs. Bidding a new suit shows a fit and a control.

Problem E5317 1NT A poor hand (4333), scattered honors...try to make 7 tricks.. rather than 8!  
Give preference to 1NT.

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

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
2 NT			

A	8	K	9	7	K	J	8	6	9	8	5	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5442. Here is the famous support 2NT in response to a Major opening. 11 HCP, a 3 cards support and a balanced hand (4432). Your hand may also be 5422, with a minor 5th. Convenient, isn't it ?