



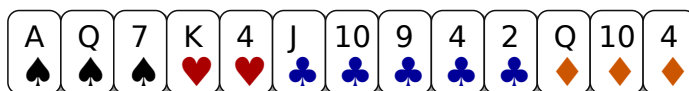
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A reminder: a reopening bid comes from the opponents after two players have passed. After an opening 1 of a suit followed by two passes, you can reopen the bidding:

- by bidding a strongish suit with 8-12HCP,
- by doubling with possibly a weak hand and a correct distribution
- by a NT bid with strength in the opponents' suit and a balanced hand,
- with a cue bid of the opening suit and a two-suiter

S	W	N	E
	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
1 NT			



Exercise E4773 1NT South is in a reopening position in the first round. His bid shows 9-13HCP and a spade stopper.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
1 ♥			



Exercise E4848 1 heart You can bid hearts with only 4 cards as their quality compensates for the absent fifth card.



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### To reopen the bidding in a suit requires:

- between 8 and 12HCP, preferably a five-card suit,
- or a strong four-card suit (with solid high cards),
- or else a strong suit and more than 12HCP if the distribution makes it impossible to double.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
2 ♦			



Exercise E4774 2 diamonds Bid your highest ranking minor (there's no bid to describe a minor two-suiter in this situation. (2NT would be natural and show 17-19HCP)

S	W	N	E
	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			



Exercise E4783 PASS with the honors spread around and two inefficient queens, your hand isn't worth 10HCP but more like 6...



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### The reopening double

The necessary strength depends on the quality of the distribution.

- With a three-suiter and a void or singleton in the opponents' suit, 7-8HCP are enough!
- If you cannot play all the unannounced suits, a strong hand is necessary: 15-16HCP minimum.
- Don't double with a singleton or a void in an unannounced suit. Bid your suit even with more than 12HCP!

The cue bid of a minor opening shows a major two-suiter and if the opening is major, it shows the other major and the clubs, as in second seat.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♣	Pass	Pass
X			

A ♠	J ♠	10 ♠	8 ♠	4 ♠	A ♥	J ♥	7 ♥	4 ♣	3 ♣	A ♦	5 ♦	2 ♦
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Exercise E4850 **double** When reopening with 13HCP or more, begin by doubling before bidding your five-card suit.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
1 ♥			

6 ♠	A ♥	Q ♥	10 ♥	6 ♥	5 ♥	A ♣	K ♣	J ♣	8 ♣	8 ♦	7 ♦	6 ♦
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Exercise E9652 **1heart** Never double with a singleton in an unbid suit!



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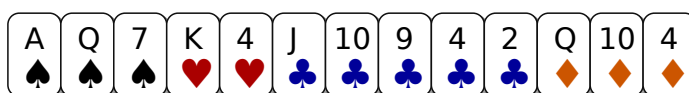
### NT reopening bids

- 1NT with 10-12HCP, a balanced hand and at least one stopper in the opponents' suit.
- 2NT with 17-19HCP, a balanced hand and solid stoppers in the opponents' suit.

careful !

Don't mistake the 2NT conventional overcall in second seat which shows a two-suiter in the two lowest-ranking suits with the 2NT reopening bid by the player in fourth seat, which is natural.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
1 NT			



Exercise E4773 1NT to show this balanced hand of 12HCP.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
2 NT			



Exercise E9653 2NT A natural bid with 17-19HCP and a solid stopper in the opponents' suit