

LESSON 4: STUDENT NOTES

Responder's Limit Bids

Responder has choices:

The opener's partner, the responder, needs only 6 HCP to enter the auction.

Responder has 3 choices:

- Support bids of partner's suit – limit raise
- Notrump bids – limit bids
- Bid a new suit – unlimited, **forcing** for 1 round – next week's lesson

Limit bids are very useful as they are specific in strength and length.

Responder's Limit Raises

Supporting Partner's Suit Opening (4+ card support)

1♥ – 2♥	6-9	4+ support
3♥	10-12	4+ support
4♥	13+	4+ support

Responder's Limit NT Bids – next week's lesson will clarify when to use these bids

1♠ – 1NT	6-9	denies 4+ support
2NT	10-12	denies 4+ support
3NT	13+	denies 4+ support

Opener's Rebid after a Limit Raise

After 1♥ – 2♥	
Pass	12-15
3♥	16-17
4♥	18-19

After 1♥ – 3♥	
Pass	12-13
4♥	14+

Opener's Rebid after a NT Limit Response

After 1♥ – 1NT		
Pass/rebid suit at min level	12-15	
New suit	12-17	Promises 5+ hearts and 4+ new suit
2NT/3♥	16-17	3♥ shows a 6+ suit
3NT/4♥	18-19	4♥ shows a 6+ suit

After 1♥ – 2NT		
Pass/rebid suit at min level	12-13	
New suit	14+	Promises 5+ hearts and 4+ new suit
3NT/4♥	14+	4♥ shows a 6+ suit

PLAY & DEFENCE TIP

Defence: Opening Leads

Defence starts with the Opening Lead

Leading against a Notrump Contract

- Lead partner's suit (if they bid one)
- Lead top of a sequence of 3 honours or broken sequence **KQJ3 KQ109**
- Lead a **low card from a suit with an honour** **AJ854 K932 Q64**
- Lead a **high card from a suit with NO honour** **974 8742**
- Lead an unbid major before an unbid minor – opponents usually bid a major if they have one

Leading against a Suit Contract

- Lead partner's suit (if they have bid one)
- Lead top of a sequence of 2 or 3 honours **QJ932 J1065**
- Lead a **singleton in a side suit**
– you may be able to get a ruff with a small trump
- Lead a **low card from a suit with an honour, EXCEPT** a suit with the Ace at the top
- Lead a **high card from a suit with NO honour** **97642 104**

Summary

- ♣ If there is a suit not bid the opponents, then without an obvious lead, lead that suit
- ♣ If you lead a **low card you will promise an honour** in that suit
- ♣ If you lead a high card (like a 9, 8 or 7) then you deny holding an honour in that suit
- ♣ If you lead an honour card, it should show at least the honour below that
- ♣ **Don't lead away from an Ace in a suit contract** – you may lose to a singleton K