

Invitational Bidding – Major Suits

How do I know what kind of hand I have?

Minimum: 12 – 15 points
Invitational: 16 – 18 points
Maximum: 18+

How can I show my partner what kind of hand I have?

With minimum hand:

- Raise partner's suit: 1C – 1H – 2H
- Rebid own suit: 1H – 1S – 2H
- Rebid 1NT: 1H – 1S – 1NT
- Rebid suit lower ranking than opening bid: 1D – 1H – 2C or 1S – 1NT – 2H

With an invitational hand:

- Jump raise partner's suit with **four-card** support: 1H – 1S – 3S
- Jump in your suit (MUST have **six-card** suit): 1H – 1S – 3H
- Raise to 3 in agreed suit: 1H – 2H – 3H
- Raise partner's notrump bid: 1H – 1NT – 2NT

How can I show that I have two suits and an invitational hand?

- Open with your longer suit, then rebid the shorter suit: 1H – 1NT – 2S
 - Remember the first suit MUST be longer than the second. With two suits of equal length, open the higher then bid the lower-ranking suit.
 - This bid is called a **reverse** because you are skipping over your natural rebid to bid a suit higher.

If I bid a reverse, what would my hand look like?

- 16 – 18 HCPs
- Two suits with one suit longer than the other
- Most points are concentrated in these two suits
- May have singletons or voids ~ though not a “must-have”

Opener reversed. Now what do I do?

- Responder MUST bid as a reverse is FORCING
- Raise opener's first suit with three-card support
- Raise opener's second suit (especially if a major) with four-card support
- Bid 2NT with a minimum response; (assuming opener's rebid is a major)
- Bid 3NT with a balanced maximum

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Your Hand	# Points	Your Bid	Partner's Response	Your Rebid?
1. QJ1047 K10982 AQ 7				
2. A47 KQJ743 AQ 97				
3. AK74 QJ83 KQ7 K10				
4. QJ10 K9752 KJ8 Q4				
5. AK10762 Q4 K74 A10				
6. KQJ4 AKJ1092 QJ7 VOID				
7. 8 AQJ104 J AQJ1095				
8. K10953 AQ7 K7 KQ4				
9. 9 AKQ872 Q32 AQJ				
10. AQJ94 AJ10 K82 J6				