

RESPONDING TO ONE OF A SUIT

SAME SUIT RESPONSE

- You need 4 or more cards in partner's suit
- Same suit responses are NOT forcing

You can add extra points for shortage, but only because you KNOW you have an eight card fit. 5 for void, 3 for singleton, 1 for doubleton

Bid	Points	Example
Raise one level	6-9	1♠ 2♠
Jump to three level	10-12	1♠ 3♠
Jump to game	13-15	1♠ 4♠

But if partner opens a minor suit (1♣ or 1♦) and you have 4 in their suit **and** 4 in a major, bid your major.

‘NEVER DENY A 4 CARD MAJOR’

Note that this only applies when **responding!**

When opening, always start with your longest suit, major or minor.

NEW SUIT RESPONSE

- You need 4 or more cards to bid your own suit.
- A new suit response is always FORCING.

New Suit Bids	Points	Example
At the one level	6-15	1♥ 1♠
At the two level (not a jump)	9-15	1♥ 2♣
Jump in a new suit	16+	1♥ 2♠

You don't have to bid at the two level just because you have 9 or more points. Bid at the one level if you can.