

HOW FIT IS YOUR FIT?

– Major suit contracts

- 8-cards is a minimum fit - better to have more

LENGTH - 8-card major suit fit

1. Opener has 5+, responder has 3+
2. Responder has 4+, opener has 4

STRENGTH – 26 Combined points for major suit game

Opener has 12-21

Responder

1. 0-5 – Pass
2. 6-10 – Bid once
3. 11-12 – Invite
4. 13+ - Force to game

Opener Rebids

1. 12-15 – Raise next level
2. 17-18 – Jump one level or invite in new suit
3. 19+ - Bid game or force to game

Reevaluate Hand with shortness when you have and 8-card or better fit in partner's suit (add "dummy" points)

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Board 1

South Deals

♠ 6 5 3 2 ♥ A ♦ Q J 10 4 2 ♣ J 9 6	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ J 10 4 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ 10 8 4 3 2	♠ K Q 8 ♥ Q 10 6 4 3 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ A Q
N							
W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥ ¹	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			
1. 4-♥s, 11-12 Support Points			

Contract: 4 ♥ South - 10 Tricks

Lead: ♦ Q, Top of sequence

Losers: 2-♥, 2-♦ = 4.

Play: Declarer wins the ♦ A, the ♣ AQ, the ♠ A and the ♣ K for a ♦ discard. Then South draws trump (key).

Board 2

North Deals

♠ J 8 7 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ A K 7 ♣ J 8 7 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K Q 2 ♥ 7 6 ♦ Q J 9 6 4 ♣ 10 6 4	♠ 6 5 4 ♥ A K J 2 ♦ 10 8 5 2 ♣ 9 3
N							
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West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥ ¹	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			
1. 4-♥s, 17-18 Support Points			

Contract: 4 ♥ South, 10 Tricks

Lead: ♦ A, Ace from Ace/King

Losers: 2-♠, 4-♦ = 6

Play: South wins the 2nd trick (a trump shift), plays the ♣ AKQ5, discarding 2 ♠s. South ruffs 2 ♦s in dummy and ruffs 2 ♠s.

Board 3

South Deals

♠ Q J ♥ 6 4 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 7 ♣ 7 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 10 9 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ A J 9 6 5 ♣ A 9 2	♠ A K 8 ♥ A Q 10 8 7 ♦ 2 ♣ K 10 8 5
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S							

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣ ¹
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	
1. 3+♠s, 17-18 Points			

Contract: 4 ♥ South - 10 Tricks

Lead: ♦ K, Top of broken sequence

Losers: 1-♠, 1-♦, 1-♣ = 3

Play: South discards (key) a ♠ on the 2nd ♦ trick, ruffs the 3rd ♦ in Dummy, draws trump, promotes ♣s, and wins the ♠ AK.

Board 4

North Deals

♠ 8 2 ♥ Q J 10 2 ♦ 10 9 4 3 ♣ 10 9 6	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ Q J 10 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 5 4 3 2	♠ K 5 4 3 ♥ K 7 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ K 8 7
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W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠ ¹	Pass	4 N
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
All pass			
1. 4+♠s, 19+ Support Points			

Contract: 6 ♠ South - 12 Tricks

Lead: ♥ Q, Top of sequence, passive

Losers: 2-♠, 2-♦ = 3

Play: South wins the ♥ K, draws only two rounds of trump (key), wins the ♥ AK, wins the ♦ AK, wins the ♣ AKQ, and cross ruffs.