#### **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

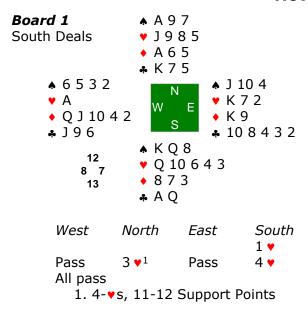
- 1. 0-5 Pass
- 2. 6-10 Bid once
- 3. 11-12 Invite
- 4. 13+ Force to game

# **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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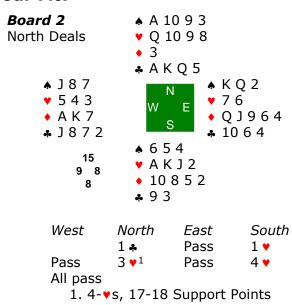
**Contract:** 4 ♥ South - 10 Tricks **Lead:** • Q, Top of sequence **Losers:** 2-♥, 2-♦ = 4.

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

Board 3 **↑** 7654 South Deals ▼ KJ9 4 3 ♣ QJ63 ♠ Q J **▲** 10 9 3 2 N **v** 6 4 3 2 **y** 5 Ε • K Q 10 8 7 AJ965 ♣ A 9 2 **\*** 74 ♠ A K 8 7 A Q 10 8 7 8 9 2 16 ♣ K 10 8 5 West East South North 1 🔻 2 🔻 Pass Pass 3 **.** <sup>1</sup> Pass 4 🕶 All pass 1. 3+\*s, 17-18 Points

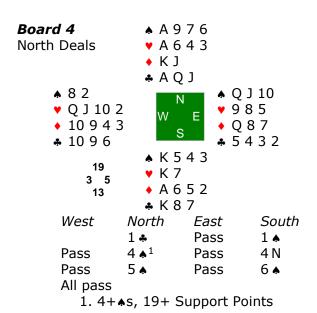
**Contract:** 4 ♥ South - 10 Tricks **Lead:** ♦ K, Top of broken sequence **Losers:** 1-♠, 1-♠, 1-♣ = 3

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



**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.



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.