

*An Introduction*

**2 OVER 1 GAME FORCE**

**1 NO TRUMP FORCING**

As a result of the requirement for a 2 OVER 1 bid to be game forcing with 13 points or more, the 1NT bid in response to a major suit opening bid is expanded.

**6-12 points and forcing for one round.**

**THE AUCTION**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
(PASS)	1♥ or 1♠	PASS	1NT FORCING FOR ONE ROUND OPENER MUST MAKE A REBID
	1ST or 2ND Seat	<b>NO COMPETING BID</b>	<b>NOT A PASSED HAND</b> DOES NOT SHOW OR DENY A BALANCED HAND

<b>IMPACT</b>	<p><b>OPENER</b> may not pass, must make a rebid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May be forced to bid 2♣ or 2♦ with a short 3-card suit and a minimum hand.</li><li>• All other rebids by Opener are unchanged (including strong options).</li></ul> <p><b>RESPONDER</b> must make a second natural non-forcing invitational bid with 11-12 points.</p>
<b>ADVANTAGES</b>	<p>Responder has options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correct an unbalanced hand into a trump suit.</li><li>• Easily show a 3-card limit raise.</li><li>• Bid a non-forcing new suit at the 2-level with 6-10 points</li></ul>
<b>DOWNSIDE</b>	<p>Opener does not have an option to pass 1NT even if that is the preferred contract.</p>

## 1 NT Forcing - Intro

### WEAK HAND - LONG SUIT

#### Board 1

North Deals

	♠ A Q 8 3 2		
	♥ 5 2		
	♦ K J 6		
	♣ Q 8 3		
♠ J 9 6	N	♠ K 10 5 4	
♥ K 8	W	♥ A J 7	
♦ A 8 4 3	E	♦ 10 9 2	
♣ J 10 9 7	S	♣ A 5 4	
	♠ 7		
12	♥ Q 10 9 6 4 3		
9 12	♦ Q 7 5		
7	♣ K 6 2		

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2 ♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2 ♥ <sup>3</sup>
All pass			

1. (F) 6-12 any shape.
2. (NF) Forced rebid, 3+♣s
3. (NF) 6-10 points, 5+♥s

**Contract:** 2 ♥ South, 8 Tricks

**Lead:** ♣ J, Top of Sequence

**Losers:** 3-♥, 1-♦, 2-♣ = 6.

**Play:** Hold ♥ losers to two. Finesse for the ♥ J. It's unlikely the ♣ Q will win trick one, so play low, win the ♣ K. Return to dummy with the ♠ A (don't finesse) and play a low ♥ towards the ♥ 9 to finesse for the ♥ J.

### 3-CARD LIMIT RAISE

#### Board 2

East Deals

	♠ K Q 8		
	♥ Q 7 4 3		
	♦ A 6 5		
	♣ 9 6 3		
♠ 9 5	N	♠ 10 7 3	
♥ A 8 5	W	♥ K J 10 9	
♦ J 10 9 8 4	E	♦ K 3	
♣ J 7 4	S	♣ A 10 8 5	
	♠ A J 6 4 2		
11	♥ 6 2		
6 11	♦ Q 7 2		
12	♣ K Q 2		

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2 ♣ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3 ♠ <sup>3</sup>	All pass	

1. (F) 6-12, any shape.
2. (NF) Forced rebid, 13-18, 3+ cards.
3. (NF) 11-12, 3 card support (limit raise).

**Contract:** 3 ♠ South, 9 Tricks

**Lead:** ♦ J, Top of Sequence

**Losers:** 2-♥, 2-♦, 2-♣ = 6.

**Play:** Play low from Dummy at trick one. Keep the ♦ A in Dummy as an entry. Draw 3 rounds of trump to end in Dummy. Two ♣ tricks are needed. Play small ♣ toward ♣ KQ, an *indirect* finesse. Return to dummy with the ♦ A and finesse again.

### FALSE PREFERENCE

#### Board 3

South Deals

	♠ 8 2		
	♥ 7 5 4 2		
	♦ K Q 3		
	♣ A 6 5 3		
♠ J 6	N	♠ A 10 9 4	
♥ Q J	W	♥ K 10 9 8	
♦ 10 8 6 4 2	E	♦ J 5	
♣ K Q 10 8	S	♣ J 7 2	
	♠ K Q 7 5 3		
9	♥ A 6 3		
9 9	♦ A 9 7		
13	♣ 9 4		

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	1 N <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2 ♦ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2 ♠ <sup>3</sup>	All pass	

1. (F) 6-12, any shape.
2. (NF) Forced rebid. 13-18, 3+cards.
3. (NF) False preference.

**Contract:** 2 ♠ South, 8 Tricks

**Lead:** ♣ K, Top of Broken Sequence

**Losers:** 3-♠, 2-♥, 1-♣ = 6.

**Play:** The only suit that offers a chance for turning a loser into an extra trick is ♠s, the long suit. Play low towards the ♠ KQ twice, an *indirect* finesse, to hold the ♠ losers to two when East holds the ♠ A.

### INVITATIONAL REBID

#### Board 4

West Deals

	♠ A Q 8 5 2		
	♥ A 9		
	♦ 5 2		
	♣ A K 10 9		
♠ 9	N	♠ J 10 7 6 4 3	
♥ Q J 10 8 2	W	♥ 5 3	
♦ Q 9 8	E	♦ K J 6 4	
♣ Q 8 4 2	S	♣ 3	
	♠ K		
17	♥ K 7 6 4		
7 5	♦ A 10 7 3		
11	♣ J 7 6 5		

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	1 N <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2 ♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2 NT <sup>3</sup>
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

1. (F) 6-12, any shape.
2. (NF) Forced rebid. 13-18, 3+♣s.
3. (NF) 11-12 balanced invitational.

**Contract:** 3 NT South, 9 Tricks

**Lead:** ♥ Q, Top of Sequence

**Sure Tricks:** 3-♠, 2-♥, 1-♦, 2-♣ = 8.

**Play:** Win the ♥ K, and play the ♠ K to unblock the ♠ suit. Finesse with the ♣ J while all suits are under control. Repeat the finesse to win all 4 ♣ tricks.

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**1NT Forcing QUIZ**

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**OPENER'S REBID after 1♠-P-1NT**

A	B	C	D	E
♠ A Q 9 8 2	♠ Q J 10 6 5 2	♠ A K Q 5 2	♠ A J 5 4 2	♠ A Q J 10 5 4 2
♥ A 5 2	♥ A 5 2	♥ A K Q 10 2	♥ A K 2	♥ A J 2
♦ Q J 2	♦ Q J 2	♦ 10 5 2	♦ K 2	♦ K 2
♣ 7 3	♣ A	♣	♣ K 8 3	♣ 3

- A) 2♦ Do not rebid a 5-card major, a rebid of 2♥ promises a 4-card suit. Responder should be aware that a 2♣ or 2♦ rebid by Opener may be a 3-card suit.
- B) 2♠- shows 6+ spades and a minimum.
- C) 3♥ Natural jump shift forcing to game.
- D) 2NT shows 18-19 balanced, as does any 2NT rebid after a 1-level response.
- E) 4♠ Extra spades, extra points. Willing to go to game opposite 6 points.

**Notice that the only hand with a different response from Standard American is Hand A). All other rebids by Opener are the same as Standard.**

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**RESPONDER'S REBID** after 1♠-1NT-2♣

F		G		H		I		J	
♠	6	♠	A 5 2	♠	Q 7	♠	10	♠	4
♥	10 3 2	♥	Q J 9 8 2	♥	A Q 6 2	♥	Q 10 9 8	♥	K Q 10 8 7 6
♦	Q 5 4 2	♦	K 10 2	♦	9 8 7 6	♦	K Q 10 8 7	♦	Q 4 3 2
♣	A K J 6 4	♣	10 9	♣	5 4 2	♣	A 8 2	♣	J 2

- F) 3♣ Invitational.
- G) 3♠ This sequence is used to show a 3-card limit raise (11-12).
- H) 2♠ This could be a very bad 3-card raise, but is usually a hand like this – a “false-preference.”
- I) 2NT Natural, Invitational.
- J) 2♥ Natural, non-forcing.