

BIDDING

INVITATIONAL BIDS

By Responder
Partner Opens 1♥/1♠

Bridge Lab

with the Monroes

When partner opens the bidding 1♥/1♠ the strength range is 12 -21 points, shape is 5 or more cards in the major suit bid.

Responder invites with 11-12 points. Responder may use “2-step” forcing bids to gather information and clarify how high and where.

PARTNER OPENS 1♥/1♠ 12-21 POINTS 5-CARD OR LONGER SUIT	RESPONDER'S STRENGTH 11-12 Points	Invite to Game 1. Jump Raise to the 3-level with 4-card support 2. Make a Forcing Bid with no fit or 3-card support 3. Bid 2NT (if natural by agreement)
SUPPORT POINTS	When RAISING PARTNER'S SUIT , count HCP plus short suit points. DOUBLETON = 1 POINT SINGLETON = 2-3 POINTS VOID = 3-4 POINTS LOWER VALUE WITH 3-CARD SUPPORT • HIGHER VALUE WITH 4-CARD SUPPORT	

JUMP RAISE	JUMP RAISE TO 3-LEVEL in Opener's Major Suit to invite with 4-card support.	
FORCING BID 2-STEP BID	STANDARD BID A NEW SUIT with no fit or 3-card support. 2 OVER 1 BID 1NT Forcing (6-12 points).	NEW SUIT BY RESPONDER IS FORCING • OPENER IS REQUIRED TO BID AGAIN RESPONDER'S NEW SUIT BIDS ARE NOT FORCING IF RESPONDER HAS PREVIOUSLY PASSED
JUMP TO 2NT [MODERN NATURAL]	JUMP TO 2NT to invite with no major suit fit and a balanced hand. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: Partnerships may agree to use this bid with another meaning in place of a natural bid or assign a different strength range. Discuss with your partner!	

When Does the 1♥/1♠ Opener Accept the Invitation?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14+ points 13 points with UPGRADES 	UPGRADES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10s and 9s Touching (working) honor cards Good shape
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Major Suit Invitational Raises (11-12)

4-card Support (11-12)

Board 1
South Deals

	♠ Q 9 4 2 ♥ Q 10 9 4 ♦ K Q 6 2 ♣ 5						
♠ 3 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ J 9 4 3 ♣ K 9 4 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <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 5 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ J 10 8 7 6	
N							
W							
E							
S							
9 7 8 16	♠ A J 10 8 7 6 ♥ A J 7 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A Q						

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠ ¹	Pass	1 ♠ 4 ♠ ²
All pass			
1. 4-♠s, 11-12 Support Points			
2. Extra ♠, Extra Values			

Contract: 4 ♠ South, 10 Tricks
Lead: 3 ♣, 4th highest, East plays ♣ 10
Losers: 1-♠, 1-♥, 1-♦, 1-♣ = 4.

Play: South wins the free ♣ finesse, plays ♦s to enter dummy, wins the ♠ K finesse, and loses the ♥ K finesse.

3-Card Limit Raise In ♥s

Board 2
South Deals

	♠ A 10 4 3 ♥ A K 9 ♦ 7 6 5 4 ♣ 7 6						
♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ A K 9 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <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 5 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q 10 8 2	
N							
W							
E							
S							
11 8 8 13	♠ 6 ♥ Q J 7 6 5 ♦ A K Q 2 ♣ J 5 4						

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥ 2 ♦ ¹
Pass	3 ♥ ²	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			
1. 4+♦s, 13-18 Points			
2. 3-♥s, 11-12 Support Points			

Contract: 4 ♥ South, 10 Tricks
Lead: ♣ A, From AK, East plays ♣ 10
Losers: 1-♠, 1-♦, 2-♣ = 4.

Play: South loses two ♣s, ruffs a ♣, draws trump, wins four ♦s, and the ♠ A.

Opener Has 6 ♥s

Board 3
South Deals

	♠ K J 3 2 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ 6 4 ♣ K Q 6 4						
♠ 7 6 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ A 10 9 8 5 ♣ A 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <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	♠ A Q 10 9 5 4 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ 10 8 7	
N							
W							
E							
S							
11 9 9 11	♠ 8 ♥ A K 10 8 5 4 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ J 9 5						

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥ 2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥ ¹	All pass	
1. 2-3 ♥s, 11-12 points			

Contract: 3 ♥ South, 9 Tricks
Lead: ♠ 7, East wins, only as high...
Losers: 1-♠, 1-♥, 3-♦, 1-♣ = 6.

Play: East switches to ♦ Q. South ruffs a ♦ in dummy before drawing trump. ♣s are promoted last.

3-Card Limit Raise Using 1 NT Force

Board 4
South Deals

	♠ J 5 4 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ Q J 10 9						
♠ A K 7 6 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ 8 4 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <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 8 3 2 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ K 7 5	
N							
W							
E							
S							
11 7 7 15	♠ Q ♥ K Q J 4 3 ♦ Q J 6 4 ♣ A 6 2						

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 N ¹	Pass	1 ♥ 2 ♦
Pass	3 ♥ ²	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			
1. Forcing, 6-12 points			
2. Jump, 11-12 points			

Contract: 4 ♥ South, 10 Tricks
Lead: ♠ A, East plays ♠ 2
Losers: 1-♠, 1-♦, 1-♣ = 3.

Play: South draws trump ending in Dummy to finesses ♣s. Promote ♦s.

Major Suit Invitational Raises (11-12)

Opener Raises Responder's ♠s

Board 5

North Deals

♠ 9 2 ♥ 8 6 4 2 ♦ K 9 8 4 ♣ A 7 5	♠ K J 10 7 ♥ K Q 10 5 3 ♦ A ♣ J 10 9	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 8 5 ♥ J 7 ♦ 10 7 6 5 2 ♣ K 8 2
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	♠ Q 6 4 3		
	♥ A 9		
	♦ Q J 3		
	♣ Q 6 4 3		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠ ¹
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

1. 11-12 Points

Contract: 4 ♠ South, 10 Tricks
Lead: ♦ 4, 4th highest, East play ♦ 2
Losers: 1-♠, 2-♦, 2-♣ = 5.

Play: Dummy wins ♦ A. South draws trump and wins five ♥s, leading ♥ A 1st. Two ♣s are lost.