

Bill Wheeler's Bidding Course

Sample Hands # 1

Typical 1 Heart Opening hands → 12-21 HCP; 5+ H

Hand 1

♠ AK32

♥ KQ932

♦ J54

♣ 8

Hand 2

♠ A9

♥ AQ862

♦ QT

♣ 9876

Hand 3

♠ K

♥ AQJ10872

♦ AKQ9

♣ Q

Hand 1: 13 points; 5+ cards in Hearts Suit.

Hand 2 :12 points; 5+ cards in Hearts Suit.

Hand 3: 21 points ; 5+ cards in Hearts Suit..

Note: Minimum requirements is 12 HCP...

Partner Opens 1H

Response: **Pass**

Hand 1

♠ J43

♥ JT

♦ J52

♣ 87652

Hand1: 0-5 HCP

Responses : 1♠ → 6-12 HCP; 4+ ♠s; **Not Forcing;
Must Alert !**

Hand 1

♠ AK32

♥ 32

♦ 7652

♣ 987

Hand 2

♠ 9876

♥ -

♦ 98765

♣ AQ76

Hand 3

♠ AKQJ

♥ 98

♦ 543

♣ J432

Hand 1 - 1♠ Promises 4+ cards; 6-12 HCP

Hand 2 - 1♠ Promises 4+ cards; 6-12 HCP

Hand 3 - 1♠ Promises 4+ cards; 6-12 HCP

The above hands are not forcing

Responses : 1 NT to 1♥ Opener; 6-12 HCP; Forcing; Explain

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3	Hand 4
♠ Q64	♠ 98	♠ A65	♠ JT98
♥ Q76	♥ AQ8	♥ A82	♥ KQ32
♦ Q532	♦ KJ75	♦ Q975	♦ 975
♣ 1097	♣ 9876	♣ Q3	♣ 43

Hand 1, 2, and 3 Respond 1NT to all; **6-12 HCP;**
No 4 cards Spade suit.

Hand 4: ?

Quiz

**What do you respond to your Partner's 1H bid
with the following hand:**

♠ 5432
♥ 82
♦ -
♣ AKQJ1098

Partner bids 1♥

Responses : 2♣ → 13+ HCP → 2/1

Hand 1

♠ Q64

♥ A7

♦ AK

♣ 1097532

Hand 2

♠ AK6

♥ Q876

♦ K

♣ J8765

Hand 3

♠ A652

♥ A8

♦ KQ

♣ KJ976

Hand 1 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♣; ♣s longer than ♦; Game Force.

Hand 2 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♣; ♣s longer than ♦; Game Force

Hand 3 - 17 HCP; Bid 2♣; ♣s longer than ♦; Game Force

Responses : 2♦ → 13+ HCP → 2/1

Hand 1

♠ KJ54

♥ KJ9

♦ KJT2

♣ J8

Hand 2

♠ AKT

♥ AJ32

♦ KJ4

♣ 943

Hand 3

♠ AKQJ

♥

♦ 97542

♣ KT85

Hand 1 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♦; ♦s longer than ♣; Game Force

Hand 2 - 16 HCP; Bid 2♦; ♦s longer than ♣; Game Force

Hand 3 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♦; ♦s longer than ♣; Game Force

All of above hands asks partner to describe their hand for points and distribution

Partner opens 1♥

Responses : 2♥ → 8-9 HCP; 3♥s exactly

Hand 1

♠ AK
♥ 654
♦ JT43
♣ 8932

Hand 2

♠ 876
♥ A87
♦ K32
♣ Q543

Hand 3

♠ AKQ
♥ 432
♦ 76543
♣ 32

Hand 1 - 8 HCP; Bid 2♥; 3♥ cards

Hand 2 - 9 HCP; Bid 2♥; 3♥ cards

Hand 3 - 9 HCP; Bid 2♥; 3♥ cards

Responses : 2♠ → 13+ HCP; 2/1 → Promises 5+ ♠

Hand 1

♠ AKQ32
♥ Q2
♦ Q2
♣ 6543

Hand 2

♠ 65432
♥ 6543
♦ AQ
♣ AK

Hand 3

♠ Q6543
♥ Q654
♦ AK
♣ A2

Hand 1 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♠; 5+ ♠s; Game Force.

Hand 2 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♠; 5+ ♠s; Game Force.

Hand 3 - 15 HCP; Bid 2♠; 5+ ♠s; Game Force.

NOT Alertable; Game Forcing

Partner opens **1♥**

Responses : 2 NT to 1♥ Opener; 13+ HCP; 4+♥s

Hand 1

♠ Q64
♥ Q732
♦ Q532
♣ AK4

Hand 2

♠ A62
♥ AQ73
♦ KJ75
♣ 98

Hand 3

♠ A65
♥ A873
♦ Q97
♣ QJ3

Hand 1, 2, and 3 Respond 2NT to all; **13+ HCP**;
Shows 4 cards in Hearts. Alertable

Quiz

What do you respond to your Partner's 1H bid with the following hand:

♠ 65432
♥ A9
♦ -
♣ AKQJ43

Responses : 3♣ Bergen Raise ; Must Alert!

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3(Good 8)
♠ 32	♠ 432	♠ AK
♥ 6543	♥ AKQ2	♥ 10432
♦ 32	♦ 432	♦ J10932
♣ AKQ32	♣ 432	♣ 32

Hand 1 - 3♣ Promises 4+ cards; 7-9 HCP

Hand 2 - 3♣ Promises 4+ cards; 7-9 HCP

Hand 3 - 3♣ Promises 4+ cards; 7-9 HCP

Responses : 3♦ Bergen Raise ; Must Alert!

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3
♠ J2	♠ 2	♠ AK
♥ 6543	♥ AKQ2	♥ 5432
♦ 32	♦ K632	♦ QJ32
♣ AKQ32	♣ 6432	♣ J32

Hand 1 - 3♦ 10-12 HCP; Promises 4+ cards;

Hand 2 - 3♦ 10-12 HCP; Promises 4+ cards;

Hand 3 - 3♦ 10-12 HCP; Promises 4+ cards;

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Responses : 3♥ 0-5 HCP; 4+ HEARTS;Alertable

Hand 1

♠ 432

♥ KQ32

♦ 987

♣ 87

Hand 2

♠ J65

♥ 5432

♦ 2

♣ A9876

Hand 3

♠ KJ98

♥ J432

♦ 32

♣ 43

Hand 1 - 3♥ 0-5 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Hand 2 - 3♥ 0-5 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Hand 3 - 3♥ 0-5 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Responses : 3♠ 0-5 HCP; 6+ Spades;Alertable

Hand 1

♠ 764532

♥ 3

♦ KQ

♣ 8765

Hand 2

♠ J986532

♥ 43

♦ 2

♣ A98

Hand 3

♠ KJ9876

♥ J4

♦ 32

♣ 432

Hand 1 - 3♠ 0-5 HCP; Promises 6+ cards

Hand 2 - 3♠ 0-5 HCP; Promises 6+ cards

Hand 3 - 3♠ 0-5 HCP; Promises 6+ cards

Partner opens **1♥**

Responses : 3 NT to 1♥ Opener; 13-15 HCP; 2♥s OR LESS

Hand 1

♠ Q64

♥ Q7

♦ Q532

♣ AK432

Hand 2

♠ A62

♥ AQ

♦ KJ75

♣ 9873

Hand 3

♠ A65

♥ A8

♦ Q972

♣ QJ32

Hand 1, 2, and 3 Respond 3NT to all; **13-15 HCP;**
Shows 2 cards or less in Hearts.

Quiz

What do you respond to your Partner's 1H bid with the following hand:

♠ 65432

♥ A9

♦ -

♣ AKQJ43

Partner opens 1 ♥

Responses : 4 ♣ ; **Must Alert!**; Splinter Bid,
singleton or void in Clubs; 13+ points; 4 cards in
Hearts; Slam Interest

Hand 1

♠ AKQJ

♥ 6543

♦ K987

♣ 2

Hand 2

♠ 8765

♥ AKQ2

♦ AJ73

♣ T

Hand 3

♠ AJ62

♥ A982

♦ AJ43

♣ 4

Hand 1 - 4 ♣ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♥ s;

Hand 2 - 4 ♣ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♥ s;

Hand 3 - 4 ♣ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♥ s;

Responses : 4 ♦ ; **Must Alert!**; Splinter Bid,
singleton or void in Diamonds; 13+ points; 4
cards in Hearts; Slam Interest

Hand 1

♠ AKQJ

♥ 6543

♦ 2

♣ K984

Hand 2

♠ 8765

♥ AKQ2

♦ T

♣ AJ76

Hand 3

♠ A962

♥ A982

♦ 7

♣ AQ98

Hand 1 - 4 ♦ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♥ s;

Hand 2 - 4 ♦ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♥ s;

Hand 3 - 4 ♦ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♥ s;

Partner opens 1 ♥

Responses : 4 ♥; Jamming Bid

Hand 1

♠ AQ

♥ 65432

♦ 543

♣ 987

Hand 2

♠ Q98

♥ QJ542

♦ J87

♣ 75

Hand 3

♠ K76

♥ J9832

♦ J87

♣ J6

Hand 1 - 4♥ 0-6 pts; Promises 5+ cards in ♥

Hand 2 - 4♥ 0-6 pts; Promises 5+ cards in ♥

Hand 3 - 4♥ 0-6 pts; Promises 5+ cards in ♥

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Sample Hands # 1

Responses : 1 NT to 1♠ Opener; 6-12 HCP; Forcing; Explain

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3	Hand 4
♠ Q64	♠ 98	♠ A65	♠ JT98
♥ Q76	♥ AQ8	♥ A82	♥ KQ32
♦ Q532	♦ KJ75	♦ Q975	♦ 975
♣ 1097	♣ 9876	♣ Q3	♣ 43

Hand 1, 2, and 3 Respond 1NT to all; **6-12 HCP**;

Hand 4: ?

Quiz

What do you respond to your Partner's 1S bid with the following hand:

♠ 54

♥ 82

♦ AKQJ109876

♣ -

Partner bids 1♠

Responses : 2♣ → 13+ HCP → 2/1

Hand 1

♠ Q64

♥ A7

♦ AK

♣ 1097532

Hand 2

♠ AK6

♥ Q876

♦ K

♣ J8765

Hand 3

♠ A65

♥ A82

♦ KQ

♣ KJ976

Hand 1 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♣; ♣s longer than ♦; Game Force.

Hand 2 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♣; ♣s longer than ♦; Game Force

Hand 3 - 17 HCP; Bid 2♣; ♣s longer than ♦; Game Force

Responses : 2♦ → 13+ HCP → 2/1

Hand 1

♠ KJ5

♥ KJ94

♦ KJT2

♣ J8

Hand 2

♠ AK

♥ AJ32

♦ KJ4

♣ T943

Hand 3

♠ J

♥ 432

♦ AKQ42

♣ KT85

Hand 1 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♦; ♦s longer than ♣; Game Force

Hand 2 - 16 HCP; Bid 2♦; ♦s longer than ♣; Game Force

Hand 3 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♦; ♦s longer than ♣; Game Force

All of above hands asks partner to describe their hand for points and distribution

Partner opens 1♠

Responses : 2♥ → 13+ HCP; Promises 5+ ♥

Hand 1

♠ AK
♥ 65432
♦ JT43
♣ AJ

Hand 2

♠ KJ6
♥ A8732
♦ K32
♣ Q5

Hand 3

♠ AKQ
♥ 76432
♦ A65
♣ 32

Hand 1 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♥; 5+♥ cards

Hand 2 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♥; 5+ ♥ cards

Hand 3 - 13 HCP; Bid 2♥; 5+ ♥ cards

Responses : 2♠ → 8-9 pts; 2/1 → 3 ♥s exactly

Hand 1

♠ A32
♥ K92
♦ Q52
♣ 9543

Hand 2

♠ 654
♥ 65432
♦ Q2
♣ AK7

Hand 3

♠ 543
♥ J654
♦ AK
♣ 5432

Hand 1 - 9 HCP; Bid 2♠; 3 ♠ Cards.

Hand 2 - 9 HCP; Bid 2♠; 3 ♠ Cards.

Hand 3 - 8 HCP; Bid 2♠; 3 ♠ Cards..

Partner opens **1♠**

Responses : 2NT to 1♠ Opener; 13+ HCP; 4+♠S ;Alertable;
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Hand 1

♠ Q642

♥ Q73

♦ Q53

♣ AK4

Hand 2

♠ A632

♥ AQ73

♦ KJ7

♣ 98

Hand 3

♠ 6543

♥ A873

♦ Q9

♣ AQJ

Hand 1, 2, and 3 Respond 2NT to all; **13+ HCP**;
Shows 4 cards in Spades

Quiz

**What do you respond to your Partner's 1♠ bid
with the following hand:**

♠ 6

♥ A9

♦ 6543

♣ AKQJ43

Responses : 3♣ Bergen Raise ; Must Alert!

Hand 1

♠ 5432

♥ 43

♦ 32

♣ AKQ32

Hand 2

♠ 5432

♥ AKT

♦ 432

♣ 432

Hand 3

♠ AK32

♥ 543

♦ 543

♣ 432

Hand 1 - 3♣ 7-9 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Hand 2 - 3♣ 7-9 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Hand 3 - 3♣ 7-9 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Responses : 3♦ Bergen Raise ; Must Alert!

Hand 1

♠ J542

♥ 65

♦ 32

♣ AKQ32

Hand 2

♠ 9432

♥ AKQ2

♦ K32

♣ 432

Hand 3

♠ A765

♥ 543

♦ QJ32

♣ KJ

Hand 1 - 3♦ 10-12 HCP; Promises 4+ ♠ cards;

Hand 2 - 3♦ 10-12 HCP; Promises 4+ ♠ cards;

Hand 3 - 3♦ 10-12 HCP; Promises 4+ ♠ cards;

Responses : 3 ♥ 0-5 PTS; 6+ HEARTS; Alertable

Hand 1

♠ 4
♥ KQ8762
♦ 9876
♣ 87

Hand 2

♠ J65
♥ 987654
♦ 2
♣ A98

Hand 3

♠ J98
♥ JT98432
♦ 3
♣ 43

Hand 1 - 3♥ 0-5 HCP; Promises 6+ cards

Hand 2 - 3♥ 0-5 HCP; Promises 6+ cards

Hand 3 - 3♥ 0-5 HCP; Promises 6+ cards

Responses : 3 ♠ 0-5 PTS; 4+ Spades; Alertable

Hand 1

♠ 6532
♥ KQ2
♦ 987
♣ 872

Hand 2

♠ J652
♥ 43
♦ 2
♣ A98765

Hand 3

♠ KT92
♥ J432
♦ 43
♣ 432

Hand 1 - 3♠ 0-5 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Hand 2 - 3♠ 0-5 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Hand 3 - 3♠ 0-5 HCP; Promises 4+ cards

Partner opens **1♠**

Responses : 3 NT to 1♠ Opener; 13-15 HCP; 2♠s OR LESS

Hand 1

♠ Q
♥ QT7
♦ Q532
♣ AK432

Hand 2

♠ A6
♥ AQ
♦ KJ752
♣ 9873

Hand 3

♠ A2
♥ A83
♦ Q972
♣ QJ32

Hand 1, 2, and 3 Respond 3NT to all; **13-15 HCP;**
Shows 2 cards or less in Spades.

Quiz

**What do you respond to your Partner's 1S bid
with the following hand:**

♠ 6
♥ A9
♦ 32
♣ AKQJ5432

Partner opens 1 ♠

Responses : 4 ♣ ; **Must Alert!**; Splinter Bid,
singleton or void in Clubs; 13+ points; 4 cards in
Spades; Slam Interest

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3
♠ AKQJ	♠ 8765	♠ AJ62
♥ 6543	♥ AKQ2	♥ A982
♦ K987	♦ AJ73	♦ A J43
♣ 2	♣ T	♣ 4

Hand 1 - 4 ♣ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Hand 2 - 4 ♣ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Hand 3 - 4 ♣ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Responses : 4 ♦ ; **Must Alert!**; Splinter Bid,
singleton or void in Diamonds; 13+ points; 4
cards in Spades

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3
♠ AKQJ	♠ 8765	♠ A962
♥ 6543	♥ AKQ2	♥ A982
♦ 2	♦ T	♦ 7
♣ K984	♣ AJ76	♣ AQ98

Hand 1 - 4 ♦ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Hand 2 - 4 ♦ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Hand 3 - 4 ♦ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Responses : 4 ♥ Must Alert!; Splinter Bid, singleton or void in Hearts; 13+ points; 4 cards in Spades

Hand 1

♠ AKQJ

♥ 6

♦ 987

♣ K984

Hand 2

♠ 8765

♥ 2

♦ AKQ2

♣ AJ76

Hand 3

♠ A962

♥ 9

♦ A982

♣ AQ98

Hand 1 - 4 ♥ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Hand 2 - 4 ♥ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Hand 3 - 4 ♥ 13+ HCP; Promises 4 cards in ♠ s;

Opener bids 1♠

Responses : 4♠ 0-6 PTS; 5+ Spades

Hand 1

♠ 65432

♥ KQ2

♦ 98

♣ 872

Hand 2

♠ J6542

♥ J32

♦ J

♣ Q987

Hand 3

♠ KT932

♥ J43

♦ 432

♣ 43

Hand 1 - 4♠ 0-6 HCP; Promises 5+ cards

Hand 2 - 4♠ 0-6 HCP; Promises 5+ cards

Hand 3 - 4♠ 0-6 HCP; Promises 5+ cards