

Response to Pard's opening bid of one of a suit:

- Fewer than 6 points: **pass!**
- 6 or more you must bid something
- 6 to 10 you are in the minimum range, promising no more than **one bid**
- 11 to 12 you want to **invite** pard to game
- 13 or more you want to **force to game**

Plan what you are going to do:

- Usually bid **4-card majors up the line**
- Do not make 2 over 1 response without at least **11 points** (or really good 10)
- Would you ever respond in a minor suit when you have a 4-card major? Yes, with a **big hand** and unbalanced shape.
- What would your jump to 2NT mean when your pard opens one of a minor? Usually **11-12 HCP** and no 4-card major.
- What would your jump to 3NT mean when your pard opens one of a minor? Usually **13-15 HCP** with no 4-card major.
- What is your second bid likely to be? See [response guidelines above](#).

- What if you have 4 cards on one major and 5 in the other? What if you have 5 cards in each major? Easy, bid the longer suit 1st or spades 1st when 5-5 in the majors. It's a good idea to think through these possible major suit combinations beforehand: 4-4, 5-4, 4-5, 5-5. I often see players get it wrong at the table.
- What is your point range if you respond one-spade to pard's minor suit opening? How many spades do you promise? Answer: Point range 6 or more, number of spades 4 or more.