



# **BRIDGE**

## **SUPPORTING RESPONDER'S MAJOR & DEVELOPMENTS**

Wizard of Oz Bidding System

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#### ▪ Supporting Responder's Major

S	W	N	E
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
?			

- 2♥ : 12-17<sup>-</sup> FP and normally four-card fit.
- 3♥ : 17<sup>+</sup>-19 FP and four-card fit.
- 3♠ : 19+ FP with shortness in spades and four-card fit..
- 4♣ : 19+ FP with a good club suit and four-card fit.
- 4♦ : 19+ FP with shortness in diamonds and four-card fit.
- 4♥ : 19+ FP with balanced hand and four-card fit

S	W	N	E
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

- 3♦ : Shortness in diamonds with six clubs, three-card fit and 17+ HCP.
- 3♥ : Shortness in hearts with six clubs, three-card fit and 17+ HCP.
- 3♠ : Four-card fit and 17<sup>+</sup>-19<sup>-</sup> FP.
- 4♣ : 19+ FP with a good club suit and four-card fit.
- 4♦ : 19+ FP with shortness in diamonds and four-card fit.
- 4♥ : 19+ FP with shortness in hearts and four-card fit.
- 4♠ : 19+ FP with balanced hand and four-card fit.

AK63 9754 J65 A7	A5 KJ86 AK742 83	KT82 KT94 AKJ7 6	T5 KQ84 AKJT7 AJ	S 1♦ ?	W Pass	N 1♥	E Pass
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2♥	3♥	3♥	4♦
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AKJ7 Q865 4 Q9653	4 AT5 AJ84 KJ862	AQ5 AJ6 4 AQJ973	AK2 QJT3 7 KJT64	S 1♣ ?	W Pass	N 1♥	E Pass
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2♥	2♥	3♦	3♥
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QJ7 AQ8 4 AKJ753	KT4 7 AK6 AKT972	KQ94 63 A7 AQ975	AQ92 A4 63 AKJT5	S 1♣ ?	W Pass	N 1♠	E Pass
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3♦	3♥	3♠	4♣
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AT2 6 AKQT73 KJ8	AQJ3 Q5 AKJT74 4	QT93 4 AK964 AKJ	QT93 AKT AJT6 A5	S 1♦ ?	W Pass	N 1♠	E Pass
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3♥	4♦	4♥	4♠
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**Responder's Second Bids After Support**▪ **After a Single Raise**

S	W	N	E
1m	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

- Pass : To play
- 3♥ : Preemptive with five or more trumps and an unbalanced hand.
- 3♠ : Slam try with 5+ trumps, 19+ FP and shortness in the suit.
- 3NT : Choice of game, with a balanced hand and four trumps, can be 4-4-3-2 with doubleton in opener's minor.
- 4♥ : Choice of game, normally with five trumps and 13 HCP or 14+ FP.
- 4m : Slam try with 5+ trumps, 19+ FP and shortness in the suit.
- 4NT : RKCB for hearts.

S	W	N	E	J643	75	4	KJ8
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	QJ84	KQ764	AQ963	KJ95
2♥	Pass	?		A5	JT52	KT4	J4
				Q62	83	AQ73	AJ82
				Pass	3♥	3♠	3NT

S	W	N	E	AJ83	KJ7	A73	5
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	AKJ82	AQJ642	KJT54	AQT75
2♥	Pass	?		KT4	6	QJ84	K64
				5	A74	7	AKQ7
				4♣	4♦	4♥	4NT

**Trial bids after single raise**

After Opener's two-level support, first step is used as asking for clarification. All other non-jump re-bids show 5+ trumps and unbalanced hands generally with four cards in the suit. After opener's two-level heart support 2NT rebid shows spades. These trial bids are used for finding games or possible slam contracts. In order to use a trial bid for a game contract, responder must have 12-13 FP and 19+ FP for slam try.

S	W	N	E	KT74	A2	A62	AQ7
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	AQ875	KT863	A9763	J8753
2♥	Pass	?		62	74	J754	Q864
				J3	Q985	6	4
				2NT	3♣	3♦	3♦

S	W	N	E	KJT94	AJT75	AT974	AQ8642
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	T4	AQ8	Q753	AQ5
2♠	Pass	?		AJ5	AQ2	A5	K3
				Q93	Q4	J7	Q7
				3♣	3♦	3♥	3♥

After opener's two-level support, responder's jump to 3NT shows balanced hand with game going values and four trumps. In this case opener passes with 4-3-3-3 and three or four trumps where he returns to 4M if he has four trumps with a doubleton or a singleton.

S	W	N	E	AJ87	KQT	A52	KT7
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	Q763	A974	Q9762	J9874
2♥	Pass	?		JT	J83	K4	Q83
				KQT5	AJT	A75	AK
				3NT	3NT	4♥	4♥
AQ84	QJT7	J652	T875	S	W	N	E
KQ6	JT3	963	AJ2	1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
752	KT2	A4	Q7	2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Q95	AQ8	AK95	AQ65	?			
Pass	Pass	4♠	4♠				

### Responses to Trial Bids

After a single raise, responder's trial bids just show an interest in the game and opener responds accordingly. After opener's two-level raises, responder's trial bids can also be used with slammish hands.

### Over Trial Bids

- \* 3M shows minimum
- \* 4M shows minimum but with very good honors in the trumps and trial bid suit.
- \* New suit bids show control with maximum hands.
- \* Four-level jumps show shortness with four trumps.
- \* 3NT shows maximum with three-card fit.

QJ72	AQ83	KT74	KQ86	S	W	N	E
A6	J2	Q5	62	1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
KT974	K975	A972	JT74	2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
K3	Q84	KQ3	AQ7	?			
3♥	3♠	4♣	4♠				

### ■ After Three-Level Support

S	W	N	E
1m	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	?	

- Pass : To play
- 3♠ : Slammish hand that is asking for shortness with at least 15+ FP
- 3NT : Slammish hand that is showing spade shortness with at least 15+ FP
- 4m : Slammish hand that is showing shortness in the suit with at least 15+ FP
- 4♥ : To play
- 4NT : RKCB with controls in the unbid suits and enough strength

S	W	N	E
1m	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

- Pass : To play
- 3NT : Slammish hand that is asking for shortness with at least 15+ FP
- 4m : Slammish hand that is showing shortness in the suit with at least 15+ FP
- 4♥ : Slammish hand that is showing heart shortness with at least 15+ FP
- 4♣ : To play
- 4NT : RKCB with controls in the unbid suits and enough strength

S	W	N	E	AQJ75	QJ984	AQ872	Q7543
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	KJT	A753	Q95	AQ8
3♣	Pass	?		5	K4	4	5
				J753	A5	KJ73	Q862
				3NT	3NT	4♦	4♣

### If responder asks for shortness

- \* Returning to the opening minor shows a good five-card suit, without shortness.
- \* 3NT or return the trump suit shows no shortness and no good side suit.
- \* Shortness is shown with name of the suit or returning the trump suit.

AK	AJ9	72	5	S	W	N	E
KQ74	KJ85	KT96	KQ96	1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
A9753	AQ974	AKJT7	KJ874	3♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
73	5	A3	AQ8	?			
3NT	4♣	4♦	4♥				
J873	AJ72	AJ75	AQ85	S	W	N	E
82	KJ73	6	73	1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
AK	5	K972	AJ764	3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
AQJ75	AQ98	AK73	KQ	?			
4♣	4♦	4♥	4♠				

### ▪ After four-level support

S	W	N	E
1m	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	?	

- 4♣ : Shortness with 5+ trumps and 13+-14 FP
- 4NT : RKCB
- 5m : Shortness with 5+ trumps and 13+-14 FP

S	W	N	E
1m	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	?	

- Pass : To play.
- 4NT : RKCB.
- 5m : Shortness with 5+ trumps and 13+-14 FP.
- 5♥ : Shortness with 5+ trumps and 13+-14 FP.

S	W	N	E	KQ2	7	4	AQ7
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass	J863	QJ762	KQ743	KJ862
4♥	Pass	?		KJ74	KJ84	KQT2	QT3
				Q7	A73	K75	6
				Pass	4♠	4NT	5♣

  

S	W	N	E	J8764	KJ8643	AT865	Q9754
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	Q863	A74	QJ7	2
4♠	Pass	?		AQ7	J92	7	QT6
				5	4	KJ82	AQT3
				Pass	5♣	5♦	5♥

If Responder shows a shortness, opener can bid slam with a very helpful holding in his partner's shortness. Otherwise, he returns to the trump suit at five-level. Opener must understand that responder cannot have a very good hand, because he does not use RKCB.

### OZ-STEPS

#### Special Developments After 1m Opener's Raise of Responder's Major Suit to Two-Level

##### When to Raise Responder's Major with Three-Card Fit

- \* Over 1♥ response, opener must rebid 1♠ with four spades and without four-card heart fit.
- \* Opener prefers 1NT rebid with Qx, Jx or AQ holdings.
- \* Opener prefers 1NT rebid with 3-2-4-4 or 3-2-3-5 distributions and Hx in other major.
- \* Spade raise is acceptable with Kx, Ax or xx hearts and with good three-card fit
- \* Partner's spade suit has to be raised to two-level with three-card fit and 3=4=1=5 or 3=1=4=5 distributions without enough strength for reverse.
- \* Partner's heart suit has to be raised to two-level with three-card fit weak hands and 1=3=5=4 or 1=3=4=5 distributions, but it is better to rebid 2♣ then raise hearts with 1=3=5=4 and ~16 HCP

##### Asking Bids After Opener's Two-Level Major Support.

Responder's use of the first step over opener's 2M raise of his 1M as a response to 1m opening is considered as asking bid. This bid that is requiring information from the opener regarding his strength and distribution is used with at least invitational hands. This asking bid is not used with suitable hands that rebids 4M or hands that asks for preference with 3NT rebid. At the same time using trial bid with 5-4 distributions in search for game or slam contract as well as splinter application with 5+ trumps and shortness as slam try is preferred instead of this asking bid.

S	W	N	E	75	62	AQ3	QT82
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass	KJ84	KJ65	KT74	AJ97
2♥	Pass	?		Q753	K64	KQ7	AQ6
				AQ9	AT86	763	J5
				2♠	2♠	3NT	3NT

  

S	W	N	E	AJ64	QJ86	KJ86	
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	4	KT4	QJ7	
2♠	Pass	?		QT85	A5	Q6	
				A972	JT93	AJ63	
				2NT	2NT	3NT	

**Opener's Responses to the Asking Bids****General Rules**

- \* Returning to the original minor shows a minimum hand with three-card fit.
- \* Bidding the other minor shows maximum hand with three-card fit and a shortness.
- \* Returning to the major suit without jump shows maximum hand with 3-2-4-4 or 3-2-5-3 distributions and three-card fit.
- \* 3H in response to 2NT and 2NT in response to 2♠ asking bids show minimum, balanced hand and four card fit. On the other hand opener may use the same rebids with 4-3-3-3 and maximum hand after 1♣ opening.
- \* 3NT shows minimum hand with shortness and four-card fit.
- \* Bidding the opening minor at four-level shows maximum hand with four-card fit and good five-card minor without shortness
- \* 3♠ rebid in response to 2♠ asking bid or jump rebid with a new suit in response to any asking bid shows shortness with maximum hand and four-card fit.
- \* Jump to 4M shows a maximum balanced hand (4-2-4-3 or 4-2-5-2) with four-card fit.

K96	KT5	AT2	JT4	S	W	N	E
52	K862	4	AKJ3	1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
AQ7	7	KJ85	7	2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
KT862	AJ973	AQ762	KQ962	?			
3♣	3♣	3♦	3♦				

KT84	KJ72	AT75	QJ7	S	W	N	E
J6	K75	KJ6	62	1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
QJ7	A86	752	AJ5	2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
AJ83	J63	AQ8	AQ974	?			
3♥	3♥	3♥	3♠				

K863	QT76	KJT2	QJ96	S	W	N	E
QJ74	K3	4	AJT	1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
6	74	KQ7	75	2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
AJ75	AKJ92	AT964	AQ73	?			
3NT	4♣	4♥	4♠				

KJ5	J97	Q63	QJ7	S	W	N	E
KJ84	A	52	A62	1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
AQ975	KJ853	KJ86	KQ853	2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4	KQ84	AQ74	74	?			
3♣	3♣	3♦	3♦				

Q752	QJ7	QJ96	KJ84	S	W	N	E
QJ8	A6	4	AJ63	1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
AQJ5	AQJ83	AQ753	QJ75	2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
64	T82	KT7	8	?			
3♥	3♠	3NT	3NT				



KT86	J974	QT85	AQ95	S	W	N	E
KT92	A	KT	73	1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
AK75	AQ865	AK97	KJ862	2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
4	K82	JT8	K9	?			
4♣	4♥	4♠	4♠				
Q5	752	4	7	S	W	N	E
Q864	KJ74	QT7	AJ6	1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
KT7	AQ3	KT95	QT75	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
AJ82	KJ6	AQ862	AK863	?			
2NT	2NT	3♣	3♦				
AJ7	A2	7	Q863	S	W	N	E
KQ3	QT4	AQ75	AQ97	1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
74	AT8	J82	4	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
AT854	KT963	AQ653	K962	?			
3♥	3♥	3♠	3NT				
63	AQ9	AK86	Q9	S	W	N	E
Q964	QJ74	Q985	AJ85	1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
A7	8	73	A3	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
AKT97	AT972	A62	KT764	?			
4♣	4♦	4♥	4♥				
Q6	5	K5	K93	S	W	N	E
A752	QT7	KJ7	AQ7	1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
Q753	AK964	AJ74	QJ652	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
A97	AT92	8753	74	?			
2NT	3♣	3♦	3♦				
KT3	A4	4	6	S	W	N	E
KJ8	QT8	K975	JT62	1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
AK974	AKT2	AQ863	AQ85	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
72	J643	AT7	KJ64	?			
3♥	3♥	3♠	3NT				

As seen in the examples, 2NT in response to 2♣ or 3♥ in response to 2NT asking bids are used as double usage. As a result if opener or responder has 4-3-3-3 distribution, we are not losing the chance to play 3NT.

### Developments After Opener's Response to the Asking Bid

#### ▪ After opener showed minimum balanced hand and four-card fit with double usage response

- \* Returning to 3M, bidding 4M or 3NT are contract choices by responder.
- \* New suit is cue-bid and slam try by responder.
- \* Opener bids 3NT over responder's 3M with maximum 4-3-3-3 and responder either passes or bids 4M.

S	W	N	E
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
?			

- Pass : To play with minimum balanced hand.
- 3NT : Shows maximum with 3=4=3=3 distribution.  
 "Responder returns to 4♥ contract if not holding 3=4=3=3 distribution."

▪ **After opener showed minimum hand, four-card fit and shortness with 3NT response**

- \* Returning to 4M is contract choice.
- \* 4♣ is asking for shortness and slam try.  
 "No-name or low-high application."

S	W	N	E
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
?			

- 4♦ : Shows club shortness.
- 4♥ : Shows spade shortness

▪ **After opener showed three-card fit and maximum balanced hand with 3M response**

- \* Bidding 3NT or 4M are contract choices.
- \* Bidding other minor at 4-level is natural and game forcing.
- \* Returning to the opening minor is natural bid and game forcing.
- \* 4NT is RKCB for the agreed major.
- \* 5NT is asking for contract choice with an interest in the unbid minor if opener has four cards.

▪ **After opener showed maximum hand, three-card fit and shortness**

- \* Returning to the opening minor is natural and game forcing.
- \* 3♥ asks for the shortness.  
 "No-name or low-high application."
- \* After asking shortness, bidding 4m is slam try and asking key cards in this minor.

S	W	N	E
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
?			

- 3♠ : Shows spade shortness.
- 3NT : Shows diamond shortness.