



# **BRIDGE**

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Wizard of Oz Bidding System

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Jump responses at two-level to one-level suit openings are slam tries. Since there is no chance for opener to show his limit, the player who made the jump response must have a standard hand and describe his distribution with his rebid. The jump responses can be used with limited strength and either single suited hands or balanced hands with good five-card suit. In addition, it is possible to use the jump response with good five-card suit and fit to the opening suit. Jump response with two suited hands beside the opening suit creates problem by shortening the bidding space and not giving chance for each side to show their limits. It is best to start the bidding at one-level with this type of hands.

Opener should be trying to show his hand limit over two-level jump response. Without a special distribution, he should use first step relay to give the responder the chance to describe his hand. 2♠ over 2♥ and 2NT over 2♠ responses can be used as relay bids. In this case, 2♠ relay doesn't give any information about spade suit, and it is also known that responder doesn't have a four-card spade suit. Also the jump suit should be directly supported with at least Hxx fit, either with very strong hands or with good five-card suit and minimum opening. It is clear that opener's raise of the jump suit to three-level shows a positive hand. On the other hand, going through relay first then showing the fit is more suitable with a low quality hand. Obviously using relay is a must without a good fit and very strong hands. But special distribution must be shown directly. Rebidding the solid five-card or reasonably good six-card suit or rebidding the second suit with at least 5-5 distribution should be preferred.

S	W	N	E
1♦	---	2♥	---
?			

- 3♣ : Two-suited hand, at least 5-5
- 3♥ : At least three-card fit and a good hand
- 3♠ : Splinter with at least Hxx fit
- 4♣ : Splinter with at least Hxx fit
- 4♦ : Splinter with at least Hxx fit
- 4♥ : Four-card fit with balanced minimum
- 4NT : RKCB in hearts

#### Responder's next actions

- \* 2NT or 3NT rebids show balanced hands.

S	W	N	E	AQJ87	KQT97	AJ9762
1♦	---	2♠	---	KT3	AK	K83
2NT	---	3NT		Q4	J62	Q4
				AQ7	KQ4	AQ

If a plan was made to rebid NT, initial jump response is suitable with 16-18 HCP. Jump response with stronger hands may create problem. With 19+ HCP or without quality five-card suit, decision should be made after first responding at one-level.

- \* Rebidding the jump suit at three-level shows 16+ HCP and either solid or semi-solid long suit.

S	W	N	E	K6	Q4	A
1♦	---	2♥	---	KQJT97	AKJT98	AKQJT9
2♠	---	3♥		Q4	K3	K4
				AQ3	AQT	T652

Responder with sufficient hand for slam that is rebidding his solid suit, may have singleton and low quality four-card minor.

- \* Rebidding the jump major at four-level shows a hand with ~13 HP, solid long suit and 7.5 tricks. This hand should not have two aces or singleton and has at most one side king.

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1♦	---	2♥	---	AKQT986	AKQJ973	KQJT987
2NT	---	4♥		Q4	K5	62
				73	62	K3

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1♣	---	2♠	---	K104	Q4	3
2NT	---	?		J5	5	QJ6
				8	J105	T4
				4♣	4♦	4♥

- \* Returning to the opening suit at three-level shows 16-18 HCP, good quality hand, four-card support and 5-2-4-2 distribution.

S	W	N	E	AK1096	AQJ86	KQ1084
1♣	---	2♠	---	K4	Q5	63
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				AQ75	KJ96	KQ62

- \* Bidding a new suit at three-level after two-level jump response shows 15-17 HCP, good five-card suit, at least four-card support to the opening suit and singleton in the suit bid.

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1♣	---	2♥	---	AKJ84	AQ1084
2♠	---	?		6	Q74
				AQ874	AQJ3
				3♦	3♠

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				AJ86	AJ864	4
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