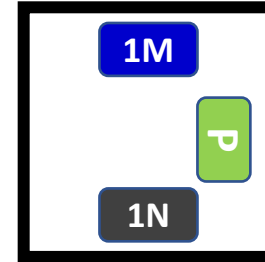
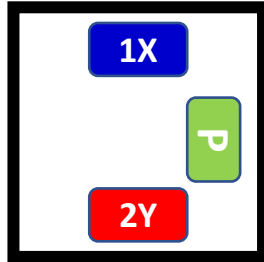




2/1 GAME FORCING

DECEMBER 16, 2024



GAME FORCING AUCTIONS

STARTING WITH 2/1

GAME FORCING AUCTIONS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1 ♠ P 2 ♥

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1 ♥ P 2 ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1 ♦ P 2 ♣

CONTRACTS AVAILABLE

3NT

4 ♥

4 ♠

4NT

5 ♣

5 ♦

5 ♥

5 ♠

5NT

6 ♣

6 ♦

6 ♥

6 ♠

6NT

7 ♣

7 ♦

7 ♥

7 ♠

7NT

OTHER AUCTIONS

(NON – GAME FORCING)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
------	-------	------	-------

	1 ♠	P	1N
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
------	-------	------	-------

	1 ♥	P	1N
--	-----	---	----

CONTRACTS AVAILABLE

2 ♣	2 ♦	2 ♥	2 ♠	2NT
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3 ♣	3 ♦	3 ♥	3 ♠	3NT
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4 ♣	4 ♦	4 ♥	4 ♠
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TWO OVER ONE

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

1 ♠

P

2 ♦



1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

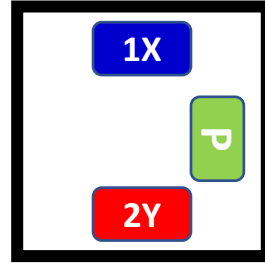
1 ♥

P

1N



990 x 660



TWO OVER ONE

GAME FORCING AUCTIONS

2/1 GAME FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

YOU

♠ A92

♥ 42

♦ Q82

♣ AKJ73

AGREEMENT

A NON – JUMP RESPONSE OF A NEW SUIT
AT THE TWO LEVEL WILL BE GAME
FORCING (13+ points) WHEN;

OUR SIDE OPENS 1D – 1H – 1S

OUR SIDE HAS NOT PASSED

NEITHER OPPONENT HAS BID
(non-competitive auctions)

BASIC 2 over 1 GAME FORCING RESPONSES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♦

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♥

- **13+ total points with 5+ ♥**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♥	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♥	P	2 ♦

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♦	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

RESPONDER

BID 1

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ K87

♥ A72

♦ J2

♣ AJT72

2

♠ 32

♥ AK32

♦ 9842

♣ AQJ

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ AQ2

♦ AT82

♣ 98

4

♠ AQ763

♥ 2

♦ KJT9

♣ K96

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ K87

♥ A72

♦ J2

♣ AJT72



2/1 GAME FORCING

We start by showing our 13+ total points and we will support spades next.

2

♠ 32

♥ AK32

♦ 9842

♣ AQJ



13+ points - 4+ diamonds

Note we can **NOT** bid **2H** with this hand because that would show 5+ hearts.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ AQ2

♦ AT82

♣ 98



We have a game forcing hand and a major suit fit already. Game Force and raise hearts next.

4

♠ AQ763

♥ 2

♦ KJT9

♣ K96



Shape should dictate your responses. When we later game force with this hand we will be showing **5+Spades**.

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 	P	??

 **AKJT87** 1
 **72**
 **A2**
 **QT2**

 **2** 2
 **AK32**
 **942**
 **AQJT2**

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 	P	??

 **KT98** 3
 **AQT92**
 **A2**
 **98**

 **AT3** 4
 **K982**
 **KJT**
 **K96**

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♦	P	??

 **AKJT87** 1
 **72**
 **A2**
 **QT2**



2/1 IS NEVER A JUMP!

1 Spade is forcing and shows 6+ points. We will game force later in this auction for sure.

 **2** 2
 **AK32**
 **942**
 **AQJT2**



13+ points - 4+ clubs

This is the only 2/1 game force that will start after a 1D opening.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♠	P	??

 **KT98** 3
 **AQT92**
 **A2**
 **98**



JACOBY 2NT

When we have a 9 card major suit fit and game forcing values we use this always!

 **AT3** 4
 **K982**
 **KJT**
 **K96**



Sometimes we just have odd hands that don't have a clear bid. We know we are supporting spades next so 2C is a means to an end.

RESPONDER

BID 2

FAST ARRIVAL

SHOWS A MINIMUM HAND

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	2♣
P	2N	P	4♥

YOU

♠ J92
♥ QT4
♦ KJT
♣ AQ98

SLOW APPROACH

SHOWS MORE THAN A MINIMUM

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♠	P	2♣
P	2N	P	3♠

YOU

♠ A98
♥ 4
♦ AQ2
♣ AQT972

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1 ♠ 2 ♥	P P	2 ♦ ??

1

♠ AT2
♥ AKQ2
♦ J964
♣ 52

2

♠ AJT
♥ A4
♦ AKQT98
♣ 32

3

♠ A2
♥ K92
♦ AQT976
♣ 72

4

♠ A5
♥ J2
♦ AK973
♣ QT92

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1♠ 2♥	P P	2♦ ??

1

♠ AT2
♥ AKQ2
♦ J964
♣ 52

3♥

4 – 4 is better than 5 – 3!
When we have two fits, it's a strong position. We slow down to show non minimums.

2

♠ AJT
♥ A4
♦ AKQT98
♣ 32

2♠

Don't get distracted by shiny side suits. Show your Major Suit fit as soon as you can!

3

♠ A2
♥ K92
♦ AQT976
♣ 72

3♦

Sometimes you just have to keep making natural bids to get partner to choose or pattern out further.

4

♠ A5
♥ J2
♦ AK973
♣ QT92

2N

It's a good idea to grab NT from our side of the table with this semi-balanced hand with good stoppers.

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	2 ♣
P	2 ♠		

1

♠ AT2

♥ A3

♦ KJ64

♣ A952

2

♠ 4

♥ AJ94

♦ K43

♣ KQJ82

3

♠ Q2

♥ K43

♦ K96

♣ AJ532

4

♠ 2

♥ AJ2

♦ 93

♣ AKJT832

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	2 ♣
P	2 ♠		

1

♠ AT2
♥ A3
♦ KJ64
♣ A952

3 ♠

Slow down with extra values!
While in a game force, the slower you go the more you have.

2

♠ 4
♥ AJ94
♦ K43
♣ KQJ82

2N

No need to show your heart suit, or to jump. Just show your ability to play No-Trump and see what partner does.

3

♠ Q2
♥ K43
♦ K96
♣ AJ532

4 ♠

Bare minimum game forcing hand. We've found our fit. We get to game quickly.

4

♠ 2
♥ AJ2
♦ 93
♣ AKJT832

3 ♣

No need to do anything but continue describing your hand.

OPENER

1ST RESPONSE TO 2/1

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

YOU



AJ



AT842



KJ82



73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

2♦

YOU



AJ



AT842



KJ82



73

4+ cards in diamonds
12 - 21 total points

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

YOU



AJ



AT842



J82



K73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

2N

YOU



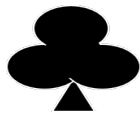
AJ



AT842



J82



K73

12 – 14 balanced

...

...

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

YOU



AK



AQ842



A82



Q73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

2N

YOU



AK



AQ842



A82



Q73

**WHEN PARTNER MAKES
A 2/1 RESPONSE TO
YOUR OPENING, LET
YOUR SHAPE DICTATE
YOUR CALL. EVEN WHEN
YOU HAVE EXTRA
VALUES!**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♥
P	2♣	P	2N

12 – 14
or
18 – 19

YOU

♠ AJ
♥ AT842
♦ J82
♣ K73

or

YOU

♠ AK
♥ AQ842
♦ A82
♣ Q73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

YOU



AJ42



AT842



KJ



73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

2♣

P

2♠

1♥

YOU



AJ42



AT842



KJ



73

**12 – 21 total points
4+ cards in spades**

****note:** This is not a “reverse”, as we are in a game forcing auction already.

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

1 ♠

P

2 ♦

P

??

YOU



AQT874



K974



A5



4

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P P P 1 ♠

P 2 ♦ P 2 ♥

YOU

♠ AQT874

♥ K974

♦ A5

♣ 4

Always show your 4 card heart suit before showing your 6th spade with these types of hands.

OPENER'S COMMON RESPONSES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	P	2♣
P	2♥	6+ cards 12 - 21	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♦
P	2N	bal. 12 - 14 or 18 - 19	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♥	Fit & non minimum	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♦	Natural 12 - 21	

AFTER 2/1....

GENERAL CONCEPTS

The principle of fast arrival.

- Slow down with your extra values.
- Speed up with your minimum hands.
- BOTH PLAYERS ARE ADHERING TO THIS!

Show your shape.

- Show your secondary suits quickly or reveal balanced shape, without a fit, by bidding no-trump.
- Establish your fits (especially in the majors) as quickly as possible.
- You will have an opportunity to show any extra values later in the auction. Shape is the most important initially.

Step 1 – Find your Strain (suit fit or NT).

Step 2 – Determine if Slam is possible.

RESPONDER'S COMMON 2ND BIDS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	3N
Minimum & no fit			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♦
P	2N	P	3♠
3 fit & non min.			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♥	P	4♣
Control (1 st or 2 nd)			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♦	P	4♠
3 fit & minimum			

OPENER

2ND BID AFTER 2/1

TWO / ONE OPENER

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♥
P	2♣	P	2N
P	3♥	P	??

1

♠ AT2

♥ AKQ82

♦ 964

♣ 52

2

♠ AT

♥ AQT84

♦ A98

♣ KJT

3

♠ 92

♥ K9742

♦ Q76

♣ AKQ

4

♠ QJ5

♥ KQJ92

♦ AK9

♣ QT

TWO / ONE OPENER

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♥
P	2♣	P	2N
P	3♥	P	??

1

♠ AT2

♥ AKQ82

♦ 964

♣ 52

4♥

No interest in going forward from this side. We get to game without delay.

2

♠ AT

♥ AQT84

♦ A98

♣ KJT

3♠

****CONTROL BID****
In game forcing auctions, with a known major suit fit, any new suit is a control bid.

3

♠ 92

♥ K9742

♦ Q76

♣ AKQ

4♥

So happy to get out of a bad NT contract 😊

4

♠ QJ5

♥ KQJ92

♦ AK9

♣ QT

4♦

****CONTROL BID****
This is a very descriptive control bid. It denies control in the black suits as well 😊

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	2 ♦	P	2 ♥
P	3 ♥	P	??

1

♠ QT986

♥ AQ82

♦ A6

♣ 72

2

♠ QJT82

♥ AKT42

♦ 8

♣ AK

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	2 ♣	P	2 ♦
P	3 ♣	P	??

3

♠ KT9

♥ AQT92

♦ AJ52

♣ 8

4

♠ 3

♥ KJ982

♦ KJT42

♣ A9

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	2 ♦	P	2 ♥
P	3 ♥	P	??

♠

QT986

1

♥

AQ82

♦

A6

♣

72

♠

QJT82

2

♥

AKT42

♦

8

♣

AK

4♥

FAST ARRIVAL

Show your minimum hand by proceeding to game quickly.

4♣

SLOW APPROACH

This is a control bid which shows 1st or 2nd round control in clubs and interest in slam.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	2 ♣	P	2 ♦
P	3 ♣	P	??

♠

KT9

3

♥

AQT92

♦

AJ52

♣

8

3N

WE HAVE FOUND OUR SPOT

We have the spade suit stopped and have not found a fit yet.

♠

3

4

♥

KJ982

♦

KJT42

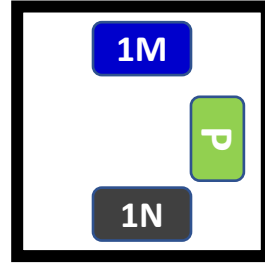
♣

A9

3♦

NO DESTINATION? – KEEP GOING

The beauty of 2/1 is that we can take our time. Keep describing and see if partner can bid 3NT.



1NT SEMI - FORCING

AFTER OUR 1 LEVEL MAJOR SUIT OPENINGS

1NT SEMI – FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P

1N

YOU

♠ T92

♥ J2

♦ Q82

♣ AKJ73

AGREEMENT

A RESPONSE OF 1 NO - TRUMP TO A
MAJOR SUIT OPENING WILL SHOW;

~6 – 12 TOTAL POINTS

(~6 – 11 if passed hand)

ALMOST ANY SHAPE

(especially if unpassed hand)

“HIGHLY SUGGESTS” PARTNER BID

(but can be passed)

RESPONDER

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ 87

♥ A72

♦ J2

♣ AJT972

2

♠ 832

♥ J32

♦ Q842

♣ QJ7

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ 32

♦ AT82

♣ KJ8

4

♠ A

♥ J82

♦ KJT92

♣ QT82

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ 87
♥ A72
♦ J2
♣ AJT972

1N

When we play 2/1 as a game forcing bid, we must use 1NT as our response with some unbalanced hands like these.

2

♠ 832
♥ J32
♦ Q842
♣ QJ7

1N

****SPECIAL USE****
With some really bad 3 card raises, we can go through the 1NT forcing sequence first.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98
♥ 32
♦ AT82
♣ KJ8

1♠

When you bid 1NT over 1H, you are always denying a 4 card spades suit! Don't miss this one 😊

4

♠ A
♥ J82
♦ KJT92
♣ QT82

2♦

Don't forget to evaluate your hand properly once you've found a fit in a suit.

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

??

YOU

♠ **A82**

♥ **T4**

♦ **KT982**

♣ **QJ7**

THE 3 CARD LIMIT RAISE

These hands can not be shown with one direct bid. So, we must take two steps to show these invitational hands with 3 card spade support to partner.

Step one is to bid 1N (semi –forcing now) and then, if given the opportunity, jump to the 3 level of partner's major with our next bid.

Correct Bid:

1N

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	1N
P	2 ♣	P	??

YOU

♠ A82

♥ T4

♦ KT982

♣ QJ7

THE 3 CARD LIMIT RAISE FOLLOW UPS

The classic. Just jump to 3 of partner's major to show this invitational raise with 3 card support.

Correct Bid:

3 ♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♥

P

??

YOU

♠ JT42

♥ K93

♦ AT3

♣ K92

DO NOT BYPASS SPADES

When partner opens 1H, we should not bypass our 4 card spade suit to bid 1NT. Remember, the 1S response is still forcing so we will always have another bid on these auctions. Show your hand naturally and maybe you can find an even better fit with partner in these situations.

Correct Bid:

1♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1♥ P 1♠

P 1N P ??

YOU

♠ JT42

♥ K93

♦ AT3

♣ K92

MAKE YOUR CALL NOW

Correct Bid:

3♥

1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠ 832

♥ 92

♦ K753

♣ AJ42

TAKING A PREFERENCE

With 2 of partner's major and
4 of partner's minor suit
response;

ALWAYS PREFER THE MAJOR SUIT

Partner may only have 3 cards of
that minor suit response to our
forcing 1NT bid.

Correct Bid:

2♥

1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

??

YOU

 83

 2

 QJ3

 AJT9842

1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♦	P	??

YOU

♠ 83

♥ 2

♦ QJ3

♣ AJT9842

SIGNING OFF

Another 2 step process;

Step 1: Bid 1NT

Step 2: Bid new suit at lowest level

This always says “Stop bidding!”.
Shows 6+ cards and less than
invitational values.

Correct Bid:

3♣

1 NO – TRUMP SEMI – FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	??

1

♠ K2

♥ T84

♦ AJ76

♣ K532

2

♠ AJT

♥ Q8

♦ 9873

♣ AT98

3

♠ J42

♥ 972

♦ QJ96

♣ Q72

4

♠ AT54

♥ 82

♦ QJ9

♣ J873

1 NO – TRUMP

SEMI – FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	??

1

♠ K2

♥ T84

♦ AJ76

♣ K532

1N

We do not have a game forcing hand and we can't raise hearts directly.

2

♠ AJT

♥ Q8

♦ 9873

♣ AT98

1N

We do not have a game forcing hand.

3

♠ J42

♥ 972

♦ QJ96

♣ Q72

1N

We could raise hearts, but when our hand is this bad, it is best to go through 1NT and then sign off in 2 of major.

4

♠ AT54

♥ 82

♦ QJ9

♣ J873

1♠

Always show your 4 card spade suit over 1H if you have one. 1NT would deny 4 Spades.

1 NO – TRUMP

SEMI – FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1♥	P	1N
	2♦	P	??

1

♠ K2

♥ T84

♦ AJ76

♣ K532

2

♠ AJT

♥ Q8

♦ 9873

♣ AT98

3

♠ J42

♥ 97

♦ QJ962

♣ Q75

4

♠ AT5

♥ 82

♦ J942

♣ AQ82

1 NO – TRUMP

SEMI – FORCING

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♦	P	??

1

♠ K2

♥ T84

♦ AJ76

♣ K532

3♥

This is step 2 of your limit raise with 3 card support. Don't forget to jump.

2

♠ AJT

♥ Q8

♦ 9873

♣ AT98

2N

Invitational to 3NT
Usually 11 – 12

3

♠ J42

♥ 97

♦ QJ962

♣ Q75

P

Take your preference of suits simply by passing and letting partner play in a known fit.

4

♠ AT5

♥ 82

♦ J942

♣ AQ82

2N

Invitational to 3NT
Usually 11 – 12

THE MOST COMMON FOLLOW UPS AFTER 1NT SEMI - FORCING

TAKING A PREFERENCE

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♣	P	2♥

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	1N
P	2♦	P	P

When we are “taking a preference”, we are frequently going to be doing so without a fit in a suit. When doing this we stay as low as we possibly can!

INVITING TO GAME

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♣	P	3♥

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	1N
P	2♦	P	3♥

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	1N
P	2♦	P	2N

SIGNING OFF

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	P	1N
P	2♣	P	2♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	1N
P	2♦	P	3♣

After making the 1NT forcing response, the responder can sign off (show a bad hand and 6+ in the suit) by bidding a new suit at the lowest available level.

OPENER

1ST RESPONSE TO 1NT

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

1N

P

1 ♠

??

YOU



KJ632



J2



KT3



A97

THIS IS WHY WE PLAY THE 1NT RESPONSE AS SEMI – FORCING

If we were playing the 1NT response as forcing, we would be forced to bid 2C with this hand. Now we get to pass 1NT with a great hand for that contract.

We risk playing 1NT when partner has a 3 card limit raise or some unbalanced hand that had to bid 1NT but, on average, these are rare occurrences.

No system is perfect but, our gains with this treatment far outweigh our potential losses.

We can pass when;

We do not have a 4 card side suit and when we have a minimum opening hand.

Correct Bid:

P

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

1N

P

??

YOU



KQT432



7



AJ43



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6 – 4 (Major & Minor)?

REBID YOUR MAJOR SUIT

This is a good general rule to follow. When you are relatively weak, it is best to rebid your major.

This treatment has several advantages with the main one being that major suits will achieve higher scores than minor suits (great for matchpoints scoring).

Correct Bid:

2 ♠

1 NO-TRUMP SEMI-FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♠

P

1N

P

??

YOU



KQT432



AQ43



3



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ALWAYS SHOW HEARTS

****ALWAYS****

Whenever we are 6 – 4 (spades – hearts) we rebid 2H!
We are way more likely to find a fit in hearts and will almost never be able to recover if we do not advertise our shape in this way!

We're OK (usually) missing a minor suit fit when we have a 6 card major. We are not OK when we miss a good major suit fit when we have one!

Correct Bid:

2♥

OPENER

2ND BID AFTER 1NT SEMI - FORCING

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	1N	P	2 ♦
P	2 ♠	P	??

1

♠ AT986

♥ A2

♦ AJ96

♣ J2

2

♠ AQT94

♥ A2

♦ A832

♣ K4

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	1N	P	2 ♣
P	2N	P	??

3

♠ AJ2

♥ AKT92

♦ 2

♣ QT83

4

♠ Q3

♥ KJ982

♦ Q2

♣ A942

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	1N	P	2 ♦
P	2 ♠	P	??

♠

AT986

1

♥

A2

♦

AJ96

♣

J2

P

PARTNER'S PREFERENCE
Partner is signing off and saying "I prefer Spades". They may not even have a fit.

♠

AQT94

2

♥

A2

♦

A832

♣

K4

2N

SHOW EXTRAS
When we bid, in these spots, this is the type of hand we need. Lots of extras.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	1N	P	2 ♣
P	2N	P	??

♠

AJ2

3

♥

AKT92

♦

2

♣

QT83

3N

WE HAVE A MAXIMUM
We accept our partner's invitation to game even though our shape isn't ideal.

♠

Q3

4

♥

KJ982

♦

Q2

♣

A942

P

WE HAVE A MINIMUM
Just like every other invitation right? With a max you accept with mins like this you decline.

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	1N	P	2 ♦
P	3 ♣	P	??

1

♠ AT986

♥ A2

♦ AJ96

♣ J2

2

♠ AQT94

♥

♦ AT832

♣ J42

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	1N	P	2 ♣
P	2 ♥	P	??

3

♠ 2

♥ AKT92

♦ AJ2

♣ QT83

4

♠ Q3

♥ KJ982

♦ Q2

♣ A942

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	1N	P	2 ♦
P	3 ♣	P	??

♠

AT986

1

♥

A2

♦

AJ96

♣

J2

P

PARTNER IS SIGNING OFF

After the semi – forcing NT, a new suit by responder, at the lowest level, is a signoff.

♠

AQT94

2

♥

A2

♦

AT832

♣

J42

P

YOU'RE HAPPY

No need to rebid diamonds here. You found a great club fit.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	1N	P	2 ♣
P	2 ♥	P	??

♠

2

3

♥

AKT92

♦

AJ2

♣

QT83

P

YOU MAY NOT HAVE A FIT

Partner is just taking a preference here. Pass and hope for success.

♠

Q3

4

♥

KJ982

♦

Q2

♣

A942

P

SAME STORY

When we know we don't have game and don't have a fit, we stay LOW 😊