

Rita Re'Sponder

Partner opens! What are you to do???? Respond! Of course! Become Rita Re'Sponder! Rita is the CAPTAIN of the team. It is Rita's responsibility to get the pair to game if they belong in game, it is her responsibility to pass if she knows there are not enough points for game.

How many points do you need for a game? No Trump 25/26, Major suit 25/26, Minor Suit 29

I am ASSUMING THERE IS NO interference from Olivia!

With 0-5 points you should 'usually' pass, there are some exceptions to this however. Some of them are:

- Partner opened 1 club or 1 diamond and could only have 3 and you HOLD 'this' hand Kxxx, Qxxx, xx, xxx. You should get the ball rolling with 1 heart, if partner REBIDS a spade, you can pass....or if you feel LUCKY you can say two spades. IF partner REBIDS 2 Hearts, you may pass ;-)
- Partner opens a major suit and you HOLD this hand xxx, xxx, Kxx, Qxxx, Non vul I would support the major suit bid by partner. VUL with partner opening one spade, I would say two spades. Vulnerable with partner opening 1 heart I would have to see how many 10's I had ;-)
- Partner opens a major suit and you HOLD this hand XXXX, XXXX, Ax, xxx I would support partners major
- Partner opens 1 NT 15-17 balanced You hold xxxx, xxxx, xxxxx, void - I would recommend you bid two clubs, asking for a four card major and pass whatever partner bids. Same 'shape' hand with 5 points or less, same recommendation.

With 6 to 9 Points you will bid something

- 🚩 Partner opens one club, you bid your four card suits UP the line, so if your hand is xxxx, xx, xxxx, xxx and you have 6 to 9 points you would bid a diamond
- 🚩 Partner opens one diamond you bid your four card major suits UP the line
- 🚩 Partner opens a major suit, if you have 3 of that major you support him/her by bidding two of the major
- 🚩 Partner opens 1 heart and you do not have 3 hearts, but you do have four spades and 6 to 9 points you can say one spade.
- 🚩 Partner opens 1 spade and you do not have 3 spades, but you have 6 to 9 points, you bid 1 NT and HOPE that partner bids your four card suit ;-) OR rebids 2 spades, which would indicate he/she has SIX of them.
- 🚩 Partner opens 1 NT, with 6 or 7 you would most likely PASS, unless you could transfer to a major suit. And you might transfer if you had 6 of a minor suit as well and 6 or 7 points. If you have that same shape mentioned above xxxx, xxxx, xxxxx, void with 6/7 points you would ask for a four card major and pass whatever partner says
- 🚩 Partner opens 1 NT and you have 8 or 9 points you would transfer and then 'invite' partner to bid a game Example: 1 NT, pass, 2 H, Pass, 2 S, pass, 2NT, asking pard to bid game in either Spades or no trump if he/she has a MAX or a GOOD 16 count. IF partner bids 3 spades, he/she would rather be in a suit contract and doesn't want to be in game so you pass. NOTE: Some people NEVER invite with 8 points, other people do it sometimes. It depends on the 'quality' of the 8 points- Example 2 ACES, yes invite, 4 queens, with little cards to go with them, NO don't invite.

With 10 or 11 points you will also bid something

- Partner opens one club, you again bid your four card suits up the line. Thinking about how many points you and partner have 'together' to decide if there is enough for game in your agreed suit.
- Partner opens one diamond and again, bid your four card suits up the line
- Partner opens a major suit and you have 3 of that major suit, you want to support partner AND tell him/her you have 10/11 points, so you might 'jump' which indicates a LIMIT raise. Example: partner opens 1 spade you HOLD Kxx, AKx, JTxx, xxx you would bid 3 spades telling partner you have a fit with his spades and 10/11 points. If partner holds a little extra he/she might go to game knowing you have 10/11. If partner has a bare 12/13, he/she would pass.

- Again Partner opens one heart, you don't have 3 hearts, but you have four spades, you would bid one spade.
- Partner opens one spade, you don't have 3 spades, so you bid one no trump again, hoping partner will bid a four card suit, that YOU do Have! When partner DOES REBID your four card suit, you can RAISE him/her a level.
Example: partner opens one spade You HOLD xx, AKQx, Qxxx, xxx – you bid 1 NT, partner rebids 2 hearts you say 3 Hearts!!!
- Partner opens 1 NT, with 10 or 11 YOU KNOW you will be in GAME somewhere! The question is WHERE?
Following the principals set above, if you are going to transfer you transfer, and then when partner accepts the transfer you bid 3 NT, so partner KNOWS you belong in GAME and he/she has to CHOOSE the major suit game or no trump. HE/She would choose the major suit if he/she had 3 or 4 of it, he/she would PASS the 3 NT if he/she only had 2 of that major suit.
- Partner opens 1 NT with 10 or 11 and one or two four card major suits, you would bid 2 CLUBS asking partner if he/she had a four card major. IF they say YES and bid that major and it is YOURS you put them in game in that major. IF they have the OTHER major or NO four card major, then you would bid 3 NT.
- Partner opens 1 NT, you have 10/11, you don't have a four card major, you don't have a five card major, you have a five card minor suit...you bid 3 NT ;-)

12 or more points

- Same scenarios as above, but YOU KNOW you are going to be in GAME so YOU must make sure the partnership GETS to a game in a major suit or 3 NT.
- The ONLY reason you would be in game in a minor suit is if you can't stand NO trump and you have 29 points together with partner.

Partner opens 1 C, 1 D, 1 H, 1 S, 1 NT – What do YOU respond with each of the following hands?

AKxx	xxxx	xxxx	AKx	xx	xxxxx	AKx
Xxx	xxxx	xxxx	Axxx	Axxx	xxxx	Axx
Qxx	AKx	xxxxx	A	AKxx	AKx	KQ
Xxx	Ax	Void	xxxxx	xxx	A	Jxxxx

Xx	Ax	xxxx	AKxxx	xx
Xx	Kxx	xxx	xx	Kxxxx
Xxxx	Jxxx	Axx	KQxxx	AQx
AKQxx	Qxxx	Qxx	x	Kxx