

REBIDS BY THIRD OR FOURTH-SEAT OPENER

After a New Suit Response

Opener can pass a response in a new suit, except for a 1♦ response to a 1♣, which is forcing. He will not pass with a singleton in responder's suit, so a rebid does not promise a full opening bid.

After a 1♥ response to 1♣ or 1♦, opener may sometimes rebid 1♠ with a doubleton heart, even when the opening was a little light.

With a full opening and a convenient rebid, it is usually better not to pass partner's response, even when game is unlikely. After opening 1♣ with ♠754 ♥AQ6 ♦K103 ♣A1084 in third seat, go ahead and rebid 1NT if partner says 1♠. This does not show extra values. After a 1♥ response you would pass, since you have heart support and game is unlikely. With a fourth heart you would raise 1♥ to 2♥, not so much with the thought of game as to shut out the opponents. A raise is encouraging, however, so you need some excuse for the raise: extra strength, four trumps, or ruffing values.

Opener should usually rebid with a 14 HCP hand, both to shut out the opponents and to keep the lines open to a possible game. A 14 HCP hand is sometimes passed, however. After opening 1♠ with ♠KQJ5 ♥862 ♦AJ6 ♣QJ2, you can pass any two-over-one response because game is unlikely.

It follows that any raise of a two-over-one response by a passed hand definitely shows extra values, and the rebid of 2NT is seldom shaded.

After a 2NT Response

See section 4-4, Splinter Rebids by Opener, and Section 4-12, Stoplight.

After a Jump Takeout Response

See section 3-17, Responses by a Passed Hand.