

1. XYZ Lesson

- The XYZ bid is **ALWAYS** responder's second bid.
- It never occurs for the overcalling side.
- It only occurs after three bids at the 1 level i.e. 1X-1Y-1Z
- It never occurs if a fit is found.
- This convention uses responder's rebids of 2C, 2D and 2NT.

2. Clarifying a few bids which are not XYZ

- 1C-1D-1H-1S can be played as natural and F1.
- 1C-1D-1H-2S can be played as Fourth Suit Forcing to Game.
- 1X-1Y-1Z-1N is natural, no fit and 5-10 hcp and is passable.
- 1C-1H-2H is a natural raise (continuations as after 1M-2M)
- 1D-1H-1S-2S is 4 card raise and 5-10 hcp.
- 1C-1H-2C-2D after opener's rebid of a suit, the lowest unbid suit is artificial and FG (3rd suit forcing to game, 3sfg).

3. The 2C rebid in XYZ

- This bid forces partner to bid 2D and the next bid is invitational (**always!**).
- 1C-1H-1N-2C-2D-2H is invitational with 5+hearts.
- If you are refusing the invite just pass 2H even with only 2 cards.
- this is better than 3H being the invite and refusing at the 3 level then going one off.
- This is like 1N-2D-2H-P which may be a 5-2 fit but this is OK since
 - the 5 card trump suit will produce tricks because of its length
 - the 5 card trump suit will provide ruffing entries so that you can lead small cards towards high cards in the stronger hand.
 - the trump suit will stop the opponents cashing a good, long suit against you.

4. The 2D rebid in XYZ

- This bid is completely artificial and says three things
 - this auction is now Game Forcing
 - I am not 5-5
 - I do not want to set my own long solid trump suit
- responses are natural and up-the-line.
- 1C-1H-1S-2D-2H shows opener has 3 hearts
- 1C-1H-1S-2D-2S show opener doesn't have 3 hearts but has 5 spades (and 6 clubs)
- 1C-1H-1S-2D-2N shows opener doesn't have 3 hearts, doesn't have 5 spades and doesn't have 5 clubs (4234 or 4243)
- 1C-1H-1S-2D-3C shows opener doesn't have 3 hearts, doesn't have 5 spades but has 5 clubs (4225 or 4135)

5. The 2NT rebid in XYZ

- This is extremely rare!
- It forces opener to bid 3C and will be passed.
- It is used for hands like xx KJxx x Qxxxxx
- The auction goes 1C-1H-1N-2N-3C-P
- Responder has tried to find a heart fit and, when that fails, plays is 3C
- What does one do with xx KJxx Qxxxxx x?
- 1C-1H-1S-2C-2D-P Partner is expecting you to make an invitational noise but you pass it out in 2D!

6. Responder Jumps in a New Suit

- This is game forcing and at least 5-5 (remember bid 2D if not 5-5 to make auction FG).
- 1C-1H-1S-3C shows x5x5 or better and FG values and now
 - 1C-1H-1S-3C-3H agrees hearts, any other bid denies 3 card heart support.
 - 1C-1H-1S-3C-4C agrees clubs and might, sensibly be minorwood.
 - 1C-1H-1S-3C-3D denies a fit in either hearts or clubs and is trying to get into 3NT (asking for help) or giving an option to show 3 card spade support..
 - 1C-1H-1S-3C-3S should show 6 card spades and no fit for H or C.
 - 1C-1H-1S-3C-3N is to play

7. Responder Jumps in Own Suit

- This is game forcing and sets responder's suit which will be solid or semi-solid and 6+cards
- 1C-1H-1S-3H shows x6xx, denies 4 card spades
- 1C-1H-1S-3H-4H should be avoided as responder is likely interested in slam.
- 1C-1H-1S-3H-3S should be a cue bid with hearts agreed.
- 1C-1H-1S-3H-4C should be a cue bid with hearts agreed.
- 1C-1H-1S-3H-4D should be a cue bid with hearts agreed.
- 1C-1H-1S-3H-3N might be 4135 or 4144 and unenthusiastic about proceeding towards slam.
- (semi-solid is 1 loser opposite xx).

8. Responder is Weak

- Make a minimum rebid or pass.
- Do not bid 2C or 2D!
- 1C-1H-1S-P shows some spade fit and a weak hand which didn't really have a 1H response.
- 1C-1H-1N denies 4 card spades and has 11-14 hcp (else open 1NT) so
 - 1C-1H-1N-P shows a flattish hand and 5-10(11)hcp).
- 1C-1H-1S-2H weak hand with 5+cards wanting to play in 2H.
- 1C-1H-1S-2S weak hand with 4 spade cards with 5-10 hcp and wanting to play in 2S.

9. The Invitational Hands

- 1C-1H-1S-2C-2D-2H invite with 5+ hearts.
- 1C-1H-1S-2C-2D-2S invite with 4 spades.
- 1C-1H-1S-2C-2D-2NT invite, denies 5 hearts, denies 4 spades. Only Pass or 3N expected.
- 1C-1H-1S-2C-2D-3m invite, denies 5 hearts and 4 spades, not flat so has 5+m. Only Pass or 3N expected.
- 1C-1H-1S-2C-2D-3H invite with 6 hearts.

10. A Summary

- 1C-1H-1S-2H weak with 5+ hearts; to be passed.
- 1C-1H-1S-2C-2D-2H invite with 5+hearts, only pass or 4H allowed. 3H is not allowed.
- 1C-1H-1S-2D-2H-3H sets hearts with 3-5 fit, FG/Sl
- 1C-1H-1S-2D-2N-3H sets hearts with 2-6 fit, FG/Sl.
- 1C-1H-1S-3H sets hearts with 6 or 7 cards, semisolid or solid, FG maybe slam interest
- 1C-1H-1S-4H sets hearts with 7+ cards, expects to be passed.

99. The End

- Whew!