

## **Responding to suit opening**

The full notes are in my bridge notes that you already have. However I wish to bring to your attention certain important facts discussed during my classes.

- 1) Once a fit in majors is found do not try to find a better fit in the other major.
- 2) If partner has opened a minor suit you must respond in the major suit that you have even if you have support for partner's suit.
- 3) Passing a major suit in fact denies possession of that major. Even if you have a long minor suit and only a 4 card major the major suit needs to be bid first.
- 4) When supporting partner's major suit you may support to 2 or 3 or 4 level depending on the points you have.
- 5) When supporting partner's minor suit you may support to 2 or 3 level only failing that bid the other minor suit awaiting to know partner's hand.
- 6) When responding with a new suit refrain as far as possible to respond with a jump on the first round even if you have a lot of points.
- 7) Responding with a new suit that can be bid at 1 level you need just 6 or more points while if the suit you wish to bid can only be bid at 2 level you will need at least 10 points.
- 8) Responding 1 No-trump is actually on many occasions a stop-gap bid because you cannot bid anything else. It may be any distribution and denies majors. It shows 6-9 points.
- 9) Sometimes even if you have support for partner's minor suit you may decide to respond 1 No-trump but in this case it will be 6-9 points and balanced.
- 10) 2 No-trumps response will be 11-12 points balanced and will deny majors.
- 11) With 10 points just bid a minor suit at 2 level.
- 12) Refrain from responding 3 No-trumps immediately.