

## SIMPLE SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO ONE OF A SUIT

This is a **ultra simplified** summary for beginners. For the full and more detailed information see the [course on responding](#).

Same Suit Responses (not forcing)		
1♥-2♥	6-9	(Includes extra points for shortages)
1♥-3♥	10-12	
1♥-4♥	13+	

NT Responses (not forcing)	
1♥-1NT	6-9
1♥-2NT	11-12
1♥-3NT	13+

Change of Suit Responses (forcing)		
• New suit at the one level	6+	e.g. 1♥-1♠
• New suit at the two level (otherwise bid 1NT with 6-9)	*10+	e.g. 1♥-2♣
• Jump in a new suit (forcing to game)	16+	e.g. 1♥-2♠
This requires an excellent quality suit of normally 6+ cards		

**1♠ 2♥ PROMISES 5+ HEARTS**  
**All Other Non-Jump Suit Responses Promise 4+ Cards**

### SOME EXAMPLES

Opening Bid	Response	Point Range	Number of Cards in suit	Type of bid
1♦	1♥	6+	4+	Forcing
1♦	1NT	6-9	No 4 card major	Limit
1♦	2♣	10+	4+ (no 4 card major)	Forcing
1♦	2♦	6-9	4+ (no 4 card major)	Limit
1♥	2♣	10+	4+ (no 4 card major)	Forcing
1♥	2♠	16+	Normally 6+	Game Forcing
1♠	1NT	6-9	Less than 4 spades	Limit
1♠	2♣	10+	4+	Forcing
1♠	2♥	10+	5+	Forcing
1♠	2♠	6-9	4+	Limit
1♠	3♠	10-12	4+	Limit

\* For a change of suit at the two level we need 10+ high card points or a hand that passes the [Rule of 14](#).