

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises – minors

If your partner opens 1C /D and opponents do not interfere and you give partner a jump raise to 3C / D, what does your raise mean?

- Example 1: 10+ (5)
- Example 2: 4-7 (7)
- Example 3: Weak, < 8 points (5)
- Example 4: 10-12 (4)

Jump raises – Majors

If your partner opens 1H/S and opponents do not interfere and you give partner a jump raise to 3H/3S, what does your raise mean?

- Example 1: 10-12 HCP, 3+ support, 8 losers.
- Example 2: Bergen Raise in the Major. 4+ support, 0-5 HCP.
- Example 3: 10-12 HCP, 4-card support.

Jump shifts after minor opening

If your partner opens a minor and you jump shift (e.g. 1C – 2H), what does your jump shift mean?

- Example 1: Weak, < 6 points (5)
- Example 2: 8+ (5)
- Example 3: 18+ (4)
- Example 4: 16+ (5), game force

Jump shifts after Major opening

If your partner opens a Major and you jump shift (e.g. 1H – 3C), what does your jump shift mean?

- Example 1: Bergen Raise with support in the Major.
- Example 2: 18+, (4), forcing.
- Example 3: Weak, < 10 points, (7)
- Example 4: 16+, (5+ or support for partner), game force.

Responses to strong 2 suit openings

If your partner opens a strong 2 suit (e.g. 2H), what sort of responses do you play?

- Example 1: Step responses

Example 2: 2NT 0-7, 3NT 8-10 bal, new suit nat 8+ etc

Responses to 2NT opening.

If your partner opens 2NT, what sort of responses to you play?

Example 1: Stayman & transfers

Example 2: 3C = Stayman, 3D/H/S = natural

Example 3: All bids natural.