

Positive responses to 1♣ strong

With a balanced (4432 or 4333) hand bid 1♠ then 2♦<sup>+</sup>. Otherwise bid your suit(s) “down the line”, except bid 1♠ then 2♣ with the reds and 2♥<sup>+</sup> directly with the minors, and 2♣ then 2♥ with (41)44.

1♥	1-suiter ♠	2-suiter ♠	3-suiter ♠ <sup>a</sup>	balanced –
1♠	–	♥♦ (2♣ next)	–	balanced
1NT	♥	♥	♥ <sup>b</sup>	–
2♣	♦	♦ <sup>c</sup>	♦	–
2♦	♣	♣ (non-reverse)	♦ or ♣	<b>BAL</b>
2♥	–	reverse (45 <sup>+</sup> ); ♣	♣ + (♠ or ♥)	⋮
2♠	high shortage	5+5 <sup>+</sup>	<b>3-SUITER</b>	
2NT	mid shortage	high shortage	<b>3-SUITER</b>	
3♣	equal shortage	5422 / high shortage		
3♦	5332	5431 / equal shortage		
3♥	6331 / 6223 / 7222 <sup>d</sup>	6421 / 5521		
3♠	7330 / 6232 / 6322 <sup>e</sup>	6430 / 5530 / 5611		
3NT	7(32)1	7420 / 5620 / 6511		
4♣	⋮	7411 / 6520		
4♦		⋮		

### 3-SUITER

Step 1 may be 2♠ or 2NT depending on whether responder is short in a minor or a major.

1	high shortage (then start at 2)
2	4441
3	4450
4	4540
5	5440
6	⋮

### BAL

With 4432, show whether the two four-card suits are the same color, rank, or shape, then bid your doubleton.

With 4333 bid 2♠ (first bidding 2♦ with a 4-card major) then show whether your 4-card suit is low or high.

2♦	4432	4333
2♥	color	4-card major
2♠	rank	–
2NT	–	always
3♣	2♠	–
3♦	2♣	3433
3♥	2♦	4333
3♠	2♥	⋮
	⋮	

<sup>a</sup>With ♠♦♣ bid 2♣ first

<sup>b</sup>With ♥♦♣ bid 2♣ first

<sup>c</sup>With ♦♣ bid 2♥<sup>+</sup> directly

<sup>d</sup>6223 is shown via 2♠ and 3♣ while 7222 is shown via 3♣ only.

<sup>e</sup>6232 is shown via 2♠ and 3♣ while 6322 is shown via 3♣ only.