

Bergen Raises and Jacoby Response Bids to Open 1H or 1S

The aim is to get a fast arrival to the agreed major suit and stop the opposition from bidding.

The system is based on finding a 9+ card trump suit fit and utilises the law of total tricks which means at the very minimum you can compete at the three level.

The following is an introduction to the system. A more advanced system can be used to show 5-3 card fits, splinters and the ability to handle competitive auctions. See later Notes.

It pays to gain experience in using this bidding system and accept that mistakes are inevitable as part of the learning process!!!

Opener

1H or 1S 10+ High Card Point (HCP), 5+ card suit.

Responder

Pass with less than 6 HCP

Bid 2H/2S with 6-10 HCP and 3 card support

BID 2NT – 12+ HCP and 4 card support in the bid major – **MUST BE ALERTED**

Bid 3C with 6-9 HCP and 4 card support - **MUST BE ALERTED**

BID 3D with 10-11 HCP and 4 card support – **MUST BE ALERTED**

BID 3H/S with less than 6 HCP and 4 card support – **MUST BE ALERTED**

BID 4H/S with less than 6 HCP and 5+ card support or enough HCPs for game

Note:

1. 3C/D/H/S and 4H/S are considered Bergen Raises showing 4+ card support in the Major. Therefore BE VERY CAREFUL when using these bids!!.
2. To be successful using Bergen raises you must have a potentially good cross ruffing hand, distributional with shortages, etc. **Not a 4-3-3-3 shape hand**
3. 2NT is known as Jacoby and is usually forcing to Game or Slam. As for Bergen Raises BE VERY CAREFUL when using these bids!!

Opener Rebids

The Opener rebids according to his hand and what he knows about partner's hand.

BID of 3H/S is a weak Opener and to play.

Links

https://www.bridgebum.com/bergen_raises.php

https://www.bridgebum.com/jacoby_2nt.php