

Hello A. Bidder,

As Responder, one should always bid 4 card suits up the line so as not to miss a 4/4 fit. Opener also should bid a second suit (with 4) at the one level if possible after responder's bid.

For example, 1C-1H, then 1S by Opener shows a 4-card spade suit and at least 3 clubs.

Your question, however, deals with Responder's bids if they hold 2 five card suits, I believe. In general, the proper way to show this is to first bid the higher-ranking suit followed by the lower and then rebidding the lower if at all possible.

For Example, assuming that the partnership does not play *Fourth Suit Forcing*, the auction of

1C-1H,

1S-2D,

2NT-3D,

shows a hand with 5 diamonds and at least 5 hearts. In general, if Responder rebids a second suit which ranks lower than the first suit bid it shows at least 5 in the second suit and 5 or more in the first suit. It is not game forcing but shows about 8-10 HCP and 2 five card suits.

With fewer points Responder can just bid the cheapest No-Trump after Opener's rebid. If Responder bids his second suit that ranks higher than the first suit, it is game forcing and shows the first suit to be longer (not the same length) as the first suit bid.

In the event that Responder has a game forcing hand with 2 five card suits, then I would recommend bidding the higher-ranking suit first and then jumping to the lower ranking suit at the next call.

For Example, in the auction

1C-1H

1S-3D,

Responder is showing at least an opening bid with at least 5 hearts and 5 diamonds.

I hope this helps clarify the situation for you. If I can explain further, please let me know.

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