

Reverses

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$1\mathbf{x} - 1\mathbf{y} - ?$

- $2\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y} < \mathbf{z}$ = reverse
- $3\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} > \mathbf{z}$ = jump shift
- $3\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y} < \mathbf{z}$ = jump reverse

$1\mathbf{m} - 1\heartsuit - ?$

- $1\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$, 12-17
- $2\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$, (18)19+

1 Reverse

- **F1**
- (16)17+ 4-5 distribution
- first suit always longer (with 5-5 we open higher suit)
- do not jump above a reverse to show extra values
- jump rebid of a minor denies 4M

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2 Jump shift

- **GF**
- (18)19+

3 Jump reverse

- **GF**
- shows 6+ cards in first suit
- does not promise anything in the second suit

4 Reverse: responder's rebid

- Cheaper from 4th suit and 2NT = slow down bid ($\leq 7pc$), we are not in **GF**.
- Bid above slow down bid = **GF**.
- Bid below slow down bid = **F1**.
- After slow down bid responder may sign off in any of the opener's suits.
- Whatever responder bypass is denied. **!!**
- Bidding 4th suit if it is above 2NT shows 5-5 in responder's suits.

5 Reacting to slow down

- After slow down bid opener is requested to bid 3 of the suit they opened or, if there is room below this bid, they can bid 2NT or support for the responder's suit. All those bids are **NF**.

Examples: opener's hand

1. $\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit AK82 \diamondsuit A42 \clubsuit KQJ75$ (17)

Just in place for a reverse. Open $1\clubsuit$ and reverse $2\heartsuit$.

2. $\spadesuit K7 \heartsuit AQ32 \diamondsuit AQJT96 \clubsuit 3$ (16)

Open $1\diamondsuit$ and rebid $2\heartsuit$. Remember that jump rebid of a minor denies 4M.

3. $\spadesuit 7 \heartsuit AQT42 \diamondsuit 2 \clubsuit AKQT63$ (15)

Open $1\clubsuit$, rebid $2\heartsuit$ and then bid again to show 5th \heartsuit .

4. You open 1♦. Partner rebids 1♠.

♠ J 4 ♥ A Q T 2 ♦ A J 9 8 3 ♣ A Q (18)

The hand is strong enough to reverse, but it is better to bid 2NT showing balanced hand. We have two club stoppers. If we had no club stopper, we would reverse.

5. ♠ 5 ♥ A 4 ♦ K J 8 6 3 ♣ A K Q 6 3 (17)

This hand is not strong enough to jump shift. Open 1♦ and rebid 2♣.

6. You open 1♣. Partner rebids 1♠.

♠ 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A K 2 ♣ A K Q 9 7 3 2 (16)

Jump reverse to 3♦ single suited ♣ hand and **GF**.

Examples: responder's hand

1. Partner opened 1♦, you bid 1♠, partner rebid 2♥.

♠ K Q 6 5 ♥ T 2 ♦ Q J 4 ♣ A 6 4 2 (12)

Bid 3♦ showing support for ♦. It is a **GF** bid.

2. Partner opened 1♦, you bid 1♠, partner rebid 2♥.

♠ K 7 6 5 ♥ T 2 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ J 6 4 2 (6)

Bid 2NT – **slow down**.