



 Barriers in Bidding    

An especially important concept in bidding is the notion of barriers. Your first bid at the one level creates a barrier. This barrier is the same suit but one level higher.

So, if your first bid is 1♦ then your barrier is 2♦. This applies if you are opener or responder.

You should not bid past this barrier unless

1. You have more cards in the first suit than the second. If you are the opener you need more than 16 points (reverse) or 19 points (jump shift)

or if you are the responder you need more than 12 points.

2. You are forced to bid by partner.

If you are opener and partner changes suit you are required to bid again unless he is a passed hand

3. You are supporting a suit bid by partner. You can't bid 2♥ on your own (unless you have 16 pts) but you can agree partner suit

4. You are in the pass out seat