

Forcing and Non-Forcing Bids

The following are forcing bids – you should not pass:

- **Cue bid of opponents' suit**
- **New suit by responder if an unpassed hand**
- **Jump in new suit by opener**
- **Reverse by opener**
- **2NT by partner after you open a weak 2 bid**
- **A pass by partner when your side has bid game voluntarily and the opponents bid higher**
- **A suit bid by partner after you open in a suit, partner responds, and you jump in your original suit.**
- **A suit bid by opener after opener has opened strong 2C.**

Reverse: Your second suit bid is higher in rank than your first suit bid. Example: 1D by you, 1S by partner, 2H by you.

You can't "not play reverses!" If you force your partner to bid at the 3 level to return to your first suit, you need a very good hand!

General rule: Jumps in "old" suits, by opener or responder, are not forcing. Jumps in "new" suits are forcing.

The following bids are non-forcing:

- **Non-jump bid in a new suit by opener lower in rank than first suit**
- **A bid of 4NT by partner after you open 1NT**
- **A bid of 2NT by partner after you open a minor**
- **A jump to 2NT by you after you open a minor and partner responds in a major**
- **A jump raise by opener of responder's major suit**
- **A rebid of 2NT by opener after opener's first bid of 2C...IF responder's first bid was 2H showing a bust.**