

GOOD BRIDGE ADVICE FOR YOUR PARTNER

While all of us bid and play flawlessly, occasionally our partners get us into trouble. Here is some good advice for your partner. Be sure to show these tips to your partner or he will never improve up to your exalted level.

1. When partner bids two suits and you have an equal number of cards in those suits, you **HAVE** to put partner back into the first suit even if you have a weak hand. This is called taking a preference.

You hold:	xx xx Kxxx KJxxx	The bidding goes:	Partner 1S 2H	You 1NT ?
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You should bid 2S. At least you have a seven card fit while hearts could be a six card fit. Bidding 3C or 2NT is awful.

2. If you are 5-5, the correct opening bid is the higher ranking suit--NOT the stronger suit.

You hold:	Jxxxx Kx AKJxx x	The correct opening bid is 1S. (<i>Up the line with three's and four's. From the top with five's or more's.</i>)
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3. After either you or partner bid any number of Notrump, any double by either of you is for penalty.

4. After your partner opens 1H or 1S, and you respond 1NT, partner needs 6 cards to rebid that suit.

5. If you are 4-4-4-1 and an opening hand, if your RHO opens in your singleton, make a takeout double. If RHO opens in one of your four card suits, Pass and double later if the bidding comes out right.

You hold:	AJxx KQxx x Kxxx	Double an opening bid of 1D (or 3D) but pass all other bids.
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6. A takeout double by a passed hand shows 9-11 pts and shortness in the opponent's suit.

You hold:	xx	The bidding goes:	You	LHO	Partner	RHO
	KJxx		Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
	AQxx		?			
	Jxx					

Double to show almost an opening bid with short spades and support for the other suits.

7. You do NOT need an honor to raise partner's suit.

You hold:	Qxxx	If partner opens 1H, raise to 2H.
	xxx	
	x	
	Axxxx	

8. In a competitive auction where both sides are bidding, do not count Quacks in the opponent's suits unless partner bids Notrump.

9. When partner leads an honor on opening lead, your card should be ATTITUDE.

10. When drawing trumps, don't forget that the trump suit can be a source of entries to dummy. Decide where you want to be after drawing trumps. Try to keep flexibility in the trump suit.

ex.	Q76	Say you want to draw trumps and end up in your hand. Playing the AK blocks the suit. Try the A and then J.
	AKJ10832	That way, later in the hand you can lead to the Queen or play the K and stay in your hand. Flexibility!

11. Don't bid the same values twice.

12. Don't play with someone you don't like.

13. Don't scream at your partner when he makes a mistake.