

2. Responder's Limit Bids

The opener needs 12 or more points to open. The responder should respond with 6 or more (half of the opener's requirements).
 The partnership's goal is to bid game if possible.

♣ Game

3NT / 4♥♠ / 5♣♦

♦ What you need for game

- 25 points between the partnership

♥ Choosing the best game

1. Game in opener's MAJOR suit

The partnership needs 8+ cards in the trump suit to choose 4♥/♠. This is called a **FIT**.

2. Game in Notrumps

Without a major fit you should bid 3NT.

3. Game in a minor

Avoid if possible. You're probably better off in 3NT.

♣ Limit Bids

Limit bids are the cornerstone of the Acol system. Not all bids are limit bids - there are 2 types.

1. **Notrump responses** - without a major fit
2. **Same suit responses**- supporting partner's suit

3NT, 4♥ or 4♠ are the best games.
 You should have at least 25 points.

Bid 4♥ or 4♠ if you have a major fit
 Bid 3NT if you have a minor fit or no fit



♦ Responder's Limit Bids

Responder is not always strong enough to bid game immediately. The opener's bid shows between 12 + 19 points, so responder should respond with 6 points to keep the possibility of game open. (19+6=25)

♠ Responding with a major fit

If you have 4-card support for the opener's major suit, you have found the fit you were looking for. How high you bid depends on your points.

Opener	Responder
1♥ / ♠	2♥ / ♠ = 6-9 minimum
1♥ / ♠	3♥ / ♠ = 10-12 close to game
1♥ / ♠	4♥ / ♠ = 13+ enough for game

♣ Responding without a fit

If you don't have a fit, you can respond in notrumps. This is also a limit bid. Again, it is important to show how many points you have.

Opener	Responder
1♣ / ♦ / ♥ / ♠	1NT = 6-9 minimum
1♣ / ♦ / ♥ / ♠	2NT = 10-12 close to game
1♣ / ♦ / ♥ / ♠	3NT = 13+ enough for game