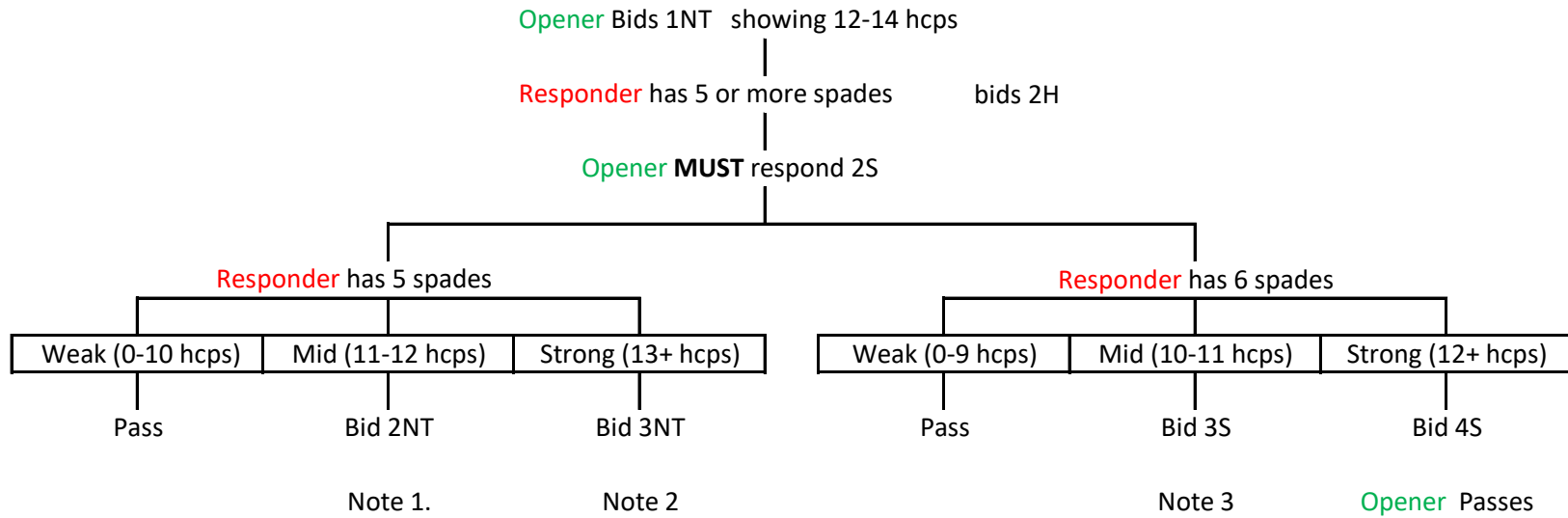


## Red Suit Transfers



The 1NT opener now decides the best contract based on her/his strength and number of cards in the relevant suits as suggested below (these are guidelines rather than absolute rules)

- 1 (a) with 12hcps\*, opener passes with 2 spades or bids 3S with 3 or 4 spades  
 (b) with 14 hcps\*, opener bids 3NT with 2 spades or 4S with 3 or 4 spades
- 2 with 2 spades opener passes leaving contract in 3NT: with 3 or 4 spades opener bids 4S
- 3 (a) with 12 hcps\*, opener passes with 2 or 3 spades  
 (b) with 14 hcps\*, opener bids 3NT with 2 spades or bids 4S with 3 or 4 spades

\* with 13 hcps opener chooses higher or lower bid depending on strength of suit and vulnerability

Responder could also show her/his second suit if 5/4 and strong. Opener then picks best contract.

The above example shows a transfer to spades. If the responder has 5 hearts she/he bids 2 diamonds as a transfer to hearts. In that case read hearts instead of spades for the subsequent bids