**Revision Workshop: Bidding Introduction Teaching Notes**

When Bridge is played well, it is not a game of rules, but a game of thinking, partnership, and making mistakes. The winner is the one who:

* outthinks their opponent
* is a good partner, someone always trying to understand partner and make life easy for partner
* is willing to make mistakes, learns from their mistakes with the aim to make different mistakes next time. Over time the number or errors diminishes but all the best players will always make some mistakes – otherwise it isn’t Bridge.

Define:

Opener, responder, overcaller

Major

Minor

HCP

Total Points or Points

Complete Bidding Memory Aid and review System

Highlight Guidelines for Bidding Quiz:

Mission for bidding is:

* Find an 8-card fit in a major or be in a NT contract
* Be in a NT or Major suit Game if the partnership has 25 points
* Get the opponents down if they win the contract
* Play in a part score or minor contract if there is no other option

Equal Length Suits with emphasis on Majors

* OPENER bids highest of equal length majors
* BUT RESPONDER bids lowest of equal length majors
* Both Opener and Responder bids Majors before minors
* Responder’s first duty is to support partner if there is a fit ie THREE+ cards unless they have a BIG hand ie 13+
* Go through 1 example

NT openings(What is 1NT?)

* 15-17
* Counting points for NT – remember length
* BALANCE: What are balanced hands 4333, 4432, 5332, 6322 if minor is 6 cards long
* Go through 1 example

Minor Openings with Rebids

* No 5+ card major; Must have at least 3 cards in the minor;
* Usually not 15-17 unless there is shortage;
* Usually open longest minor
* Responder’s first duty is to bid the LONGEST 4 card major if at least 4 cards. They bid the lowest if the majors are equal length but openers do it the other way around.
* Opener’s rebid is to find a major fit or be in a NT contract. Only if these are not possible do we consider minors.

Responder(???) Rebids

* No
* Is PASS a bid?