

Fourth Suit Forcing

Fourth Suit Forcing is a game forcing bid indicating to the opener that responder has game forcing values and possibly extra length in the responder's first suit. When Responder initiates Fourth Suit Forcing, it is an artificial bid and says NOTHING about the suit (Fourth Suit).

A Fourth Suit conventional bid requires an [Alert]

Opener's bid priorities are as follows:

1. Bid responder's 1st suit with 3-card support
2. Rebid a suit with extra length
3. Bid NT with stoppers in the 4th suit

Following a 4th suit bid:

Bid	Typical Meaning
1♦ > 1♠ > 2♣ > 2♥* [Alert] > 2♠	Opener is showing 3-card support for Spades. As a game forcing bid, there is no need to rush the bidding.
1♦ > 1♠ > 2♣ > 2♥* [Alert] > 3♣	Opener is showing lack of support for Spades and a two-suited hand with 5+ Diamonds and 5 Clubs.
1♦ > 1♠ > 2♣ > 2♥* [Alert] > 2NT	Opener is showing a lack of support for Spades and a stopper in Hearts. As a game forcing bid, there is no need to rush the bidding.

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