

Splinters

Splinters are one of the best bids in bridge. A Splinter bid is an unusual jump in bidding guaranteeing a fit for partner's last named suit and showing a singleton or void in the suit named in the jump bid. It is game forcing.

Reasons to use Splinter bids:

- 1) Splinter bids allow for near perfect hand evaluation by the partner of the person making the Splinter bid.
- 2) Splinter bids typically use bidding space not typically reserved for any other convention.
- 3) A Splinter bid is typically considered a description of your entire hand in just one bid.
- 4) Splinter bids offer you the best chance at finding slam because they allow the chance to count tricks during the auction. If you can count 12 tricks, then you don't need 33 HCP to bid slam.

There are FIVE major types of Splinter bids.

Type of Splinter Bid

- 1) Splinter raise of a 1-level Major opening bid

W	N	E	S
	1♥	P	4♣

♠ AJ8
♥ K987
♦ J10865
♣ 7

- 9-13 HCP
- 4+ Card Support
- Singleton or Void in the suit bid (Double Jump)

- 2) Splinter raise of a 1-level Minor opening bid

W	N	E	S
	1♦	P	3♠

♠ 7
♥ AK2
♦ KJ1098
♣ K987

- 13+ HCP
- 5+ Card Support
- Singleton or Void in the suit bid (Double Jump)

Type of Splinter Bid

- 3) Splinter raise (by Opener) of a Major response to the opening bid

W	N	E	S
	1♦	P	1♠
P	4♥		

♠ KQJ8
♥ 8
♦ AKJ87
♣ AJ10

- 18+ HCP (or Support Points)
- 4+ Card Support
- Singleton or Void in the suit bid (Double Jump)

- 4) Splinter raise after a 2/1 Response

W	N	E	S
	1♥	P	2♣
P	3♠		

♠ KJ987
♥ KJ987
♦ KQ9
♣ A10987

- Promises no additional HCP
- 4+ Card Support
- Singleton or Void in the suit bid (SINGLE Jump)

- 5) Splinter raise after a 2♣ Opener has named a suit (second bid)

W	N	E	S
	2♣	P	2♦
P	2♥		3♠

♠ 9
♥ K876
♦ 109876
♣ K109

- Game Forcing HCP or more
- 4+ Card Support
- Singleton or Void in the suit bid (SINGLE Jump)