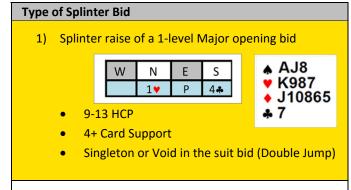
Splinters

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.
- Splinter bids typically use bidding space not typically reserved for any other convention.
- 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. <u>If you can count 12 tricks</u>, then you don't need 33 HCP to bid slam.

There are FIVE major types of Splinter bids.



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

W	N	Е	S
	1 •	Р	3♠



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

Type of Splinter Bid

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

W	N	Е	S
	1•	Р	1.
Р	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	Е	S
	1♥	Р	2*
Р	3♠		

- ★ KJ987◆ KQ9★ A10987
- Promises no additional HCP
- 4+ Card Support
- Singleton or Void in the suit bid (SINGLE Jump)

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

W	N	Е	S
	2*	Р	2 🔷
Р	2♥		3♠

- ♠ 9♥ K876◆ 109876♣ K109
- Game Forcing HCP or more
- 4+ Card Support
- Singleton or Void in the suit bid (SINGLE Jump)