

Who's in charge?

Captaincy is used in a constructive auction to decide who is in a better position to determine the final contract. The captain is sometimes the opener and sometimes the responder. The captain is the partner of the first person to limit the hand both in shape and strength. It is important for both partners to recognize when captaincy occurs.

Limited bids by opener that make responder captain

Opening 1NT	15-17
Opening 2NT	20-21
Opening a preemptive bid	less than opening
Rebidding 1NT	12-14
Rebidding 2 of an old suit	minimum (12-15)
Rebidding 3 of an old suit	medium (16-18)
Jump rebidding 2NT	18-19
Jump bidding a new suit (jump shift)	19-21

Limited bids by responder to a one level suit opening

Responding 1NT	6-10
Responding 2NT after a minor opening	11-12
Rebidding 2NT	11-12
Rebidding two of an old suit	6-10
Rebidding three of an old suit	11-12
All raises of partner's opening suit	

