

Bidding your shape

We all know that to bid two suits implies a 5-4 shape;

Our first hand has opener bidding two suits and showing 5-4

AQxxx	xxx
xx	----- Axxx
KJxx	Qxx
Ax	xxx

1Sp-----1NT
2D-----2S

and responder too can show 5-4 shapes by bidding their two suits.

AQx	KJxxx
KJxxxx	----- x
Ax	KQJx
xx	Kxx

1H-----1S
2H-----3D
4Sp.

Suppose opener is 5-5 ; this shape can be bid as follows :-

AQxxx	Kx
AQxxx	----- Kxx
A	Kxxxx
xx	xxx

1S-----1NT
2H-----2S
3H-----4H.

By repeating the second suit , the opener has shown that their second suit is at least 5 cards in length , (and that of course , their first suit must be as long if not longer).

Responder can bid in the same fashion.

AQ	KJxxx
AQx	----- KJxxx
KJxx	xx
Jxxx	x

1D-----1S
2NT-----3H
3NT-----4H
Pass.

Responder bids out their shape (patterning out as it is known"); they bid their first suit only once and repeat the second suit.

