

Suppose you have this hand as North

AQJxxx
Kxx
Qxx
x

The auction goes as follows :

N	E	S	W
1S	2C	2S	3C
?			

Now a bid of 3S looks fair. Our hand won't be much use in defense of 3C but won't go far wrong in 3S. We bid 3S expecting partner to pass and let us take our chances.

Suppose though as North we hold this hand :

AQJxx
AKx
Kxxx
x

The auction goes as follows :

N	E	S	W
1S	2C	2S	3C
?			

Now we are favourites to make 3S and may well make 4Sp.

We need partner to consider bidding on to game.

The answer is to bid our second suit diamonds and bid 3D.

Partner will know that we are only interested in playing in Spades and will realise from our 3 Diamond *game try* that we have a strong hand that may make 4Sp.

So the plan is to bid our second suit in competitive auctions whenever we are interested in game.

Sometimes you will have a strong hand but no 4 card second suit.

AKJxx
AKx
Kx
xx

Here we bid our next longest suit { in this case Hrts } and partner will know we are "serious".

N	E	S	W
1S	2C	2S	3C
3H			

Partner will know that Hrts are bid to show a strong hand interested in game.