

The VoSS'N principle:

VoSS'N is an acronym for Void/Single/Single/None. It is mainly used when the responder has shown at least 8 cards in two specific suits and we have a known fit (one of the two suits is partner's suit). It is also used when we open a Minor on the 1-level and partner preempts.

As the name suggests, VoSS'N implies that:

1st bid shows a Void (unspecified suit, relay asks).

2nd bid shows a Singleton in the lowest ranking suit.

3rd bid shows a Singleton in the highest ranking suit.

4th bid shows a Void/Singleton in None of the suits (2-2 or 3-2)

The VoSS'N principle is used in several situations:

After 1 -2 -3 opener has shown at least 5-3 in the Majors and after the 3 relay we use the VoSS'N scale.

After 2 -3 \square (invitational in) the bids from 3 NT to 4 are VoSS'N with 5 card .

After 2 -3 (invitational in) the bids from 4 \square to 4 are VoSS'N with 5 card .

After 1 \square -2 /2 /2 and 1 -2 /2 the relay bid shows a fit to partner's suit and asks for shortness according to VoSS'N.