

pina – my specific questions to you are highlighted in pink below. My question on each of them is: Would you recommend/ make this bid or not? Please don't read anything into the question. The bids are very specific. For example, if I don't mention the right bower or the left bower in the bid, it means that having either of these bowers may be the case, but is not required for the bid. Also, if I don't mention side aces, again, you may hold them but they are NOT required for the bid.

Scroll down to:

- **“First Round of Bidding”**
- and
- **“2nd Round of bidding”**
- to see where my **“ask pina”** highlights are.
- **Note:** where I already asked you about a bid, it is highlighted in pink AND has a strikethrough on it like this: ~~ask pina~~
- in 2nd round of bidding - make sure you read the blue highlights first (for 3rd seat and dealer bids) before evaluating the bids listed. They are specific bids.. ie: reverse next and next.

Of course, feel free to comment on any of the other bids as well.

When to Bid in Euchre

basic bidding strategies

holding these cards in your hand is generally good for at least one point

<http://www.EuchreInfo.webs.com/bidding.pdf>

Note: This is only basic bidding strategy. As you become more experienced, you will find other bids that are riskier and work for you as well. The score can make a big difference in when you bid and how you play. You will get euchred with these bids from time to time; however, you are more likely to make your bid.

When bidding, please keep the 2nd commandment of Euchre in mind, “Thou shalt counteth upon thy partner for one trick.” When you are evaluating your hand, you are deciding, “Can I take 2 tricks?”

*see the [10 Commandments of Euchre](#)

As you become more experienced, we recommend that you check out [OhioEuchre.com](#) and [EuchreLinks.com](#) for advanced bidding strategies.

Some Terminology Used:

Seats: (position of each player.) The person sitting across from you is your partner.

	2nd Seat	
1st Seat (Eldest Hand)		3rd Seat (Pone)
	Dealer (4 th Seat)	

1st Seat is to the **LEFT** of the dealer and is his opponent. 1st Seat is also referred to as the “**Eldest Hand.**”

2nd Seat is across from the dealer and is his partner.

3rd Seat is to the **RIGHT** of the dealer and is his opponent. 3rd Seat is also referred to as the “**Pone.**”

4th Seat (the dealer) is 2nd seat's partner.

First Round of Bidding – when the up-card is offered as the trump suit. The up-card is offered first to the player to the LEFT of the dealer – if he declines to order it up, the card is offered to the next player and so on. If the up-card is ordered up it goes to the dealer and he discards one card. If no one orders up the card the 2nd round of bidding begins.

Green (or Green Suits) - “either of the two suits that are the opposite color of trump.” **see endnote #1.

Loner – same thing as ‘going alone.’ – “opting to play without your partner on a particular hand.” **see endnote #2.

Next – the other suit of the SAME color as trump. ie: If CLUBS are trump then the “next” suit is SPADES.

Next (Bid) – is made in the 2nd round of bidding. A next bid is declaring the trump suit to be the SAME color as the former up-card that everyone declined to order up in the 1st round of bidding. ie: If the former up-card was a HEART then the next bid would be DIAMONDS. It is recommended that a next bid be made from the 1st seat or 3rd seat.

Order up – declaring the trump suit.

Reverse Next (Bid) – the same thing as a “green suit bid” - it is a bid made in the 2nd round of bidding.

Reverse next is a bid of a “green suit” (the suits OPPOSITE in color to the former up-card.) For example, if the former up-card was a HEART then a reverse next bid would be SPADES or CLUBS. It is recommended that a reverse next bid be made from 2nd seat or 4th seat (the dealer.)

Second Round of Bidding – begins when the up-card is declined as trump by everyone in the 1st round of bidding. Starting with the player to the LEFT of the dealer, players are asked to declare the trump suit. If the 1st player declines to declare the trump suit, the next player is asked to declare and so on. Any suit may be named trump except for the suit of the former up-card. The dealer does NOT discard a card in this round.

Side Ace – any ace that is not in the trump suit.

Turn-card (Up-card) – the top card from the kitty which has been turned face up. The up-card is offered as the trump suit in the 1st round of bidding. *did I remove this term from the document?

Two-suited – a hand consisting of two suits only.

Up-card (Turn-card) – the top card from the kitty which has been turned face up. The up-card is offered as the trump suit in the 1st round of bidding.

Void – having no cards in a particular suit.

These 2 bids can be made from any seat in either round of bidding:

- 1) **any FIVE trump (even the lowest five ie: 9, 10, Q, K, A)**
 - You should strongly consider a loner bid especially if you are the dealer. ****see endnote #2.**
- 2) **any FOUR trump (even the lowest four ie: 9, 10, Q, K)**
 - You should strongly consider a loner bid especially if you are the dealer. Having a side ace increases your chance of a successful loner. ****see endnote #3.**

First Round of Bidding

1st Seat:

- **THREE** trump with one being a bower **Ohio Euchre**
- **any THREE** trump + 1 side ace **Ohio Euchre**
- **TWO** trump with both of them being bowers + 1 side ace ***R bid.. do it? Ask pina**
- **TWO** trump when one is the right bower + 2 side aces – still not crazy about this bid **Ohio Euchre**
- ~~**TWO** trump when one is the right bower + 1 side ace **ask pina** – **pina said YES she would bid this.**~~
- ~~**R note: not crazy about this bid. R- chuck this bid**~~
- **any TWO** trump + 2 side aces **Ohio Euchre** (don't like this bid... try it out)

2nd Seat:

- **any THREE** or more trump **Ohio Euchre**
- **any THREE** trump when 2 suited (I added this.. is it needed? As per above? **Keep it**)
- **any THREE** trump + 1 side ace **I added this.. is it needed? Keep it**
- **any TWO** ~~or more~~ trump + 1 side ace **Ohio Euchre**

3rd Seat:

- **THREE** trump when you hold both bowers + 1 side ace **Ohio Euchre implied this bid**
- **THREE** trump when you hold both bowers? **ask pina**
- **TWO** trump when you hold both bowers + 2 side aces. **R bid,, ,should I?ask pina**
- This is the easiest suit to get euchred from, so only bid with a strong hand.

4th Seat (Dealer):

Note: You will hold these cards in your hand **AFTER** you pick up the up-card

- **THREE** trump with one being a bower **Ohio Euchre**
- **any THREE** trump + 1 side ace **YES Ohio Euchre**
- **any THREE** trump when you are two suited **YES Ohio Euchre**

- **TWO** trump when the upcard is the right bower (OR you hold the right bower) Ohio Euchre *I don't like this bid BUT keep it in pina doesn't like this bid, either. I'm inclined to chuck this bid YES - chuck this bid
- **TWO** trump when one is the right bower + 1 green side ace R bid, keep it
- any **TWO** trump + 2 side aces Ohio Euchre
- any **TWO** trump + 1 green side ace Ohio Euchre

Second Round of Bidding

1st Seat:

- a "next" bid is recommended. all Ohio Euchre
- **Bid "next" when you hold:**
 - a) Any **THREE** trump in the "next" suit
 - b) Any **TWO** trump in the "next" suit + **ONE** side ace
 - c) Any **ONE** trump in the "next" suit + **TWO** side aces
 - d) **ZERO** trump in the "next" suit + **THREE** side aces
 - e) see endnote # http://ohioeuchre.com/E_next.php

2nd Seat:

- a "reverse next" bid is recommended.
- **add bids here???
- any **THREE** trump + 1 side ace YES do
- any **THREE** trump when 2 suited YES do
- **TWO** trump when one is a bower + side ace??? YES do
- **Bid the "K-9 Kicker":** (which is a type of "reverse next" bid) The rabbit
 - a) your trump suit will be OPPOSITE in color to the former up-card
 - b) you hold a **MINIMUM of a King and 9 in the trump suit.** (ie: an Ace and Queen is fine.)
 - c) side ace that is the SAME color as the former up-card. (So it's a green ace.)
 - d) void in one suit
 - e) see endnote # <http://euchrestrategy.homestead.com/SOTM.html>

3rd Seat:

- a "next" bid is recommended.
- **Bid "next" when you hold:**
- **THREE** trump when you hold both bowers + 1 side ace (took from 1st round bidding)
 - a) **THREE** trump with one being a bower + 1 side ace (R bid... check out for more info.. ask pina)/// **R: note,,** I am GUESSING that holding either bower is fine.... Since the odds say your opponents are NOT holding a bower.
 - b) OR should the above bid be:
 - a) **"THREE** trump with one being the **RIGHT** bower + 1 side ace? ask pina)///

4th Seat (Dealer):

- a "reverse next" bid is recommended.
- **Bid "reverse next" when you hold:** *he didn't list bids here.. I put them here from 1st round of dealer bidding.
 - a) **THREE** trump with one being a bower
 - b) any **THREE** trump + 1 side ace

- c) **any THREE** trump when you are two suited
- d) **any TWO** trump + 2 side aces
- e) **any TWO** trump + 1 green ace (I added this one, he didn't have it) ask pina)//
- f) if "stick the dealer" is not in effect, you may want to pass on bidding if your hand has less than the above recommended trump holdings.

special note: We would like to acknowledge our friends at [OhioEuchre.com](http://ohioeuchre.com) and [EuchreLinks.com](http://euchrelinks.com) and thank them for their great writings on bidding. Most of these bids can be found on the webpages listed below – we merely organized the bids into this format. For more info on bidding (and advanced bids) check out these webpages:

http://ohioeuchre.com/E_When-Should_You-Bid.php
<http://euchre.homestead.com/commandments.html>