

Opening Bids and Responses

Opening:

<11 points:

6 Card Major, 6-10 points: Open 2 of the Major

7 Card Suit, 3-8 Points: Open 3 of the suit

12-19 Points:

Balanced Hands (4333, 4432, 5332 where 5 card suit is a minor)

Points	Bid
12-14	Open 1NT
15-16	Open 1 of longest suit, rebid NT at the lowest possible level
17-18	Open 1 of longest suit, rebid 2NT
19+	Open 1 of longest suit, rebid 3NT

Longest suit: If you have two 4 card suits, pick the Major (♠, ♥) over the Minor (♦, ♣).

If they are both majors or both minors, pick the lower ranking one (♥ or ♣).

Unbalanced Hands

Open 1 of your longest suit.

If you have two 5+ card suits, bid the Major (♠, ♥) over the Minor (♦, ♣). If they are both majors or both minors, pick the higher ranking one (♥ or ♣).

After partner responds, bid your second suit (if you have one) or rebid your first suit. With 12-15 points, rebid at the lowest possible level, with 16+ points, rebid one level higher than the minimum

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“H&C”: If the singleton is black, open 1♥. If red, open 1♣.

20-24 Points:

Long suit: bid 2♣ (partner responds 2♦), then bid your suit

Balanced (ish): Open 2NT

Not sure: Open 1 of your longest suit

25+ Points:

Open 2♦ (partner responds 2♥), either bid a good suit or NT

Responding

6+ points to bid at 1 level

10+ Points to bid at 2 Level