

OPENING BIDS

With 4-4-4-1 distribution

0-13 HCP	Pass
14+ HCP	Open 1H (without hearts, open 1C or 1D , never 1S)

With a Balanced Hand, i.e. a maximum of 8 cards in the 2 longest suits (but not with 4441 distribution)
Opener should bid No Trumps within the first 2 rounds to confirm a balanced hand.

0-11 HCP	Pass
12-14 HCP	Open 1NT (See Table 1)
15-16 HCP	Open 1 of a suit [#] , intending to rebid NT* at lowest level
17-18 HCP	Open 1 of a suit [#] , intending to rebid NT*, jumping a level
19-20 HCP	Open 1 of a suit [#] , intending to rebid 3NT*

[#] With two 4 card suits open 1H (or a minor suit without a 4 card heart suit).

With two minor 4 card suits open the weaker (to discourage a lead in that suit against a NT contract).

* With 4 card support for partner's Major suit, support partner's suit rather than a NT rebid.

20-22 HCP	Open 2NT (See Table 2)
23+ HCP	Open 2C (See Table 8)

With a Distributional Hand, i.e. 9 or more cards in the 2 longest suits

With 12+ HCP or 10-11 HCP with a 6 card or two 5 card suits	Open 1 of a suit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid a long suit before a strong suit • With two 5 or 6 card suits open the higher (unless C & S) • Opening one suit & re-bidding another infers at least 5 cards in the first & at least 4 in the second
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With 10+ playing tricks	
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With a good 6 card or longer suit and 8 - 9½ playing tricks	
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With a good 7 card suit and less than 10 HCP	
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If partner bids NT (e.g. 1H → 1NT or 2NT)	See Table 3
If partner raises your suit (e.g. 1H → 2H or 3H)	See Table 4
If partner changes suit at the 1 level (e.g. 1H → 1S)	See Table 5
If partner bids a lower suit at the 2 level (e.g. 1H → 2C)	See Table 6
If partner jumps in a new suit (e.g. 1H → 3C)	See Table 7

Open 2C	See table 8
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Open 2D, 2H, 2S	See table 9
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Open 3C, 3D, 3H, 3S	See table 10
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Order & value of suits
Minor suits (20) Clubs Diamonds
Major suits (30) Hearts Spades
No trumps (40 first, subsequent 30)

If opponents have already bid

See Table 14
