

GOT AN ORDINARY OPENING HAND AND NOT SURE WHAT TO OPEN?

USE THIS CHECKLIST.

Q Is it a balanced 12-14 count? **YES** → OPEN **1NT**.

NO

Q Is it the 4-4-4-1 shape? **YES** → SEE THE **4-4-4-1** RULE.

NO

Q Does it have a single longest suit? **YES** → OPEN **THAT SUIT**.

NO

Q Does it have exactly 4 hearts & 4 spades?

YES → OPEN **1♥**.

NO

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OPEN THE **HIGHER RANKING**
OF THE TWO LONGEST SUITS.