

The background of the slide features several rolled-up architectural blueprints resting on a light-colored wooden surface. The blueprints are partially unrolled, revealing detailed floor plans with various rooms, walls, and dimensions. Some visible numbers include 2380, 3510, 810, 2650, 2180, 150, 810, 740, 970, 1385, 800, 330, 150, 760, 830, 40, 1030, 1480, 990, 1250, 2560, 2810, 150, 380, 890, 250, 1780, 860, 210, 155, 270, 435, 1185, 2500, 3175, 3100, 1010, 5, 6, and 3. The blueprints are rendered in a light blue and black color scheme, creating a professional and technical atmosphere.

Major suit contracts

Bidding majors, when to open, leads against major suit contracts

Bidding is a conversation
Work with your partner

Summary – bidding majors when partner opens

- Always bid the fit if you have one. When partner bids 1♠ with 3 spades respond:
 - 2♠ with 6 to 9 total points “I don’t have enough for game for game. What do you think?”
 - 3♠ with 10 to 12 total points “We might have enough for game. What do you think?”
 - 4♠ with 13+ total points “We have enough for game. Maybe more! What do you think?”
- Partner opens 1♥ and you have four ♠.
 - Bid 1♠ “I haven’t got 3 hearts, have you got 4 spades to go with mine?”
- Partner opens 1♠.
 - Responding 2♥ to 1♠ always shows 5 hearts. This means that opener can support hearts with 3.
- If partner opens and you change suit, partner must bid again

What do you bid?

- Partner opens 1♥, the opposition passes
- What do you bid?
- You have 11 points and 4 hearts.
- Bid 3♥
- Why? You want to say to your partner “I have support for your hearts and nearly enough for game”
- Two tables bid 2♥ and missed the game

♠ 52

♥ K974

♦ A1096

♣ K94

What do you bid?

- Partner opens 1♣, the opposition passes
- What do you bid?
- You have 6 points and four hearts.
- Bid 1♥
- Why? You want to say to your partner “I have 4 hearts and 6+ points”.
- Two tables bid 2♣. This should show 10+ points and no major. They missed the game in hearts.



♠ K 4 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ 6
♣ Q J 7 6 2

What do you bid?

- You are North and dealer.
- What do you bid?
- East passes and partner responds 1♥
- West passes, what do you bid?
- You have 18 high card points and 2 for distribution = 20, partner has 6+ so you have 26 points
- Bid 4♥
- Only one pair bid game!

♠ Q5
♥ AJ107
♦ AQJ106
♣ A9

3NT= N

3♥+3 S

3♥+1 S

2♥+2 N

1NT-1 N

Summary for opening major suits

- Always open with 13+ points
- Length and strength are important, so open with 12+ points and 5 cards in the major, open with 11+ points and 6 cards in major
- Use the rule of 20 to help you decide to open. The rule of 20 is not used when partner has opened
- Position matters – if you are in the 3rd seat to bid and there are two passes, consider opening with 10+ points if you have good spades.

What do you bid?

♠ 10987
♥ A4
♦ A965
♣ Q82

♠ 32
♥ QJ10
♦ Q107
♣ AJ1073

♠ KJ64
♥ K72
♦ K432
♣ 96

♠ AQ5
♥ 98653
♦ J8
♣ K54

Dealer is South

All hands had 10 points.
None meet the rule of 20
None have length or strength
East is missing the 5th spade to open
light in the fourth seat
Everyone should pass!

2♠-3 E	♥9	150		8	0
2♠= N	♣6	110		6	2
2NT-2 W	♦5	100		4	4
1♥= S	♦7	80		2	6
Passed out		—	—	0	8

What do you bid?

- You are North and dealer.
- What do you bid?
- You have 11 points.
- You have 5 cards in both majors
- Using rule of 20, $11+5+5=21$.
- Open 1♠
- Why? With 2 five card suits, open with the higher ranking one. You can bid hearts on the next round.



♠ K8732
♥ AK1094
♦ J
♣ 96

Summary of opening leads

- Check the bidding and your hand to decide the suit and the card to lead
- If partner bids, lead partner's suit unless you have a great reason not to
- Try to avoid leading suits that they have bid. "Lead the unbid suit"
- Top of a sequence leads are good as partner can anticipate what you have
- Leading a low card indicates you have an honour
- Leading a middle sized card indicates you would prefer partner to lead another suit back
- With 2 or 3 small trumps, lead a doubleton or singleton

What do you lead?

- You are West
- The bidding has been
- What do you lead?
- K♦ - top of a sequence
- A♣ - top of a doubleton, hoping for a ruff

W	N	E	S
		P	1♥
P	3♥	P	4♥
P	P	P	

♠ J643
♥ 32
♦ KQJ32
♣ A6

What do you lead?

- You are West
- The bidding has been
- What do you lead?
- Partner has overcalled hearts. So lead hearts. Which one?
- ♥2. This tells your partner that you have an honour.

W	N	E	S
P	1♣	2♥	2♠
P	4♠	P	P
P			

♠ Q95
♥ J532
♦ J653
♣ J5



Summary

- Discuss with your partner
 - What to respond when partner opens
 - When to open
 - What your opening lead might show