

## Bendigo Bridge Club

### Tutorial Topic 1

#### Single Suit Openings and Responses – *What is my partner's bid telling me?*

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#### Context: Opening Bids

Points*	Hand shape	Bid	Covered in
6-12HCP	Distributional	?	Tutorial 10
12-14HCP	Any shape	1 of a suit	This tutorial
15-17HCP	Balanced	1NT	
	Unbalanced	1 of a suit	
18-19HCP	Any shape	1 of a suit	
20-21HCP	Balanced	2NT	Tutorial 11
	Unbalanced	2C	Tutorial 9
22+HCP	Any shape	2C	

\* the points ranges are notional. What matters is that you and your partner agree, and are speaking the same language.

#### Symbols and abbreviations:

<b>F?</b>	Is the bid forcing, or not? (remember: if the bidder has previously passed, their bid is not forcing)
<b>F1</b>	Forcing for 1 round (partner may not pass unless there is an intervening bid)
<b>HCP</b>	High card points
<b>NF</b>	Non-forcing
<b>TP</b>	Total points (you can add distribution points because you've found a trump fit)

#### SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR OPENING ONE OF A SUIT, AND FIRST RESPONSE

OPENER						RESPONDER						
Bid	Pts	S	H	D	C	Bid	Pts	S	H	D	C	F?
1C	12-19 HCP	0-4	0-4	0-6	3-6	pass	0-5 HCP	immaterial				NF
						1D	6+ HCP	0-3	0-3	4-6	0-4	F1
						1H	6+ HCP	0-6	4-6	0-6	0-6	F1
				More H than S								
				1S	6+ HCP	4-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	F1		
						More S than H, or 5-5						
				2C	10+ HCP	0-3	0-3	0-4	5-6	F1		
				1NT	6-9 HCP	0-3	0-3	0-4	0-4	NF		
				2NT	10-12 HCP							
3NT	13+HCP											

**SUMMARY CONT'D**

OPENER						RESPONDER							
Bid	Pts	S	H	D	C	Bid	Pts	S	H	D	C	F?	
<b>1D</b>	12-19 HCP	0-4	0-4	3-6	0-6	pass	0-5 HCP	immaterial					
						1H	6+ HCP	0-6	4-6	0-6	0-6	F1	
								More H than S					
				1S	6+ HCP	4-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	F1			
						More S than H, or 5-5							
				2C	10+ HCP	0-3	0-3	0-3	5-6	F1			
				2D	10+ HCP	0-3	0-3	5-6	0-5	F1			
				1NT	6-9 HCP	0-3	0-3	0-4	0-6	NF			
				2NT	10-12 HCP	0-3	0-3	0-4	0-6	NF			
3NT	13+HCP												
<b>1H</b>	12-19 HCP	0-6	5-6	0-6	0-6	pass	0-5 HCP*	immaterial					
						1S	6+ HCP	4-6	0-2	0-6	0-6	F1	
						2C	10+ HCP	0-3	0-2	0-5	5-6	F1	
		2D	10+ HCP			0-3	0-2	5-6	0-6	F1			
		2H	6-9 TP			0-4	3-6	0-6	0-6	NF			
		3H	10-12TP										
		4H	13+ TP										
		1NT	6-9 HCP			2-4	0-2	2-6	2-6	NF			
		2NT	10-12 HCP										
3NT	13+HCP												
<b>1S</b>	12-19 HCP	5-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	pass	0-5 HCP*	immaterial					
						2C	10+ HCP	0-2	0-3	0-6	5-6	F1	
						2D	10+ HCP	0-2	0-3	5-6	0-6	F1	
		2H	10+ HCP			0-2	4-6	0-6	0-6	F1			
		2S	6-9TP			3-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	NF			
		3S	10-12TP										
		4S	13+ TP										
		1NT	6-9 HCP			0-2	2-4	2-6	2-6	NF			
		2NT	10-12 HCP										
3NT	13+HCP												

Questions:

1. If North opens 1C, and South replies 1D, what inferences should North draw compared with South replying 1NT?
2. If the bidding goes:

N	E	S	W
1D	P	INT	P
2C	P		

What does this mean? What should South bid now, holding:

S: K 10 2	S: 8 5	S:
H: Q 9 3	H: Q J 6	H: Q J 6
D: 10 9 4	D: K 10 7 2	D: K 10 8 7 5 2
C: J 10 8 4	C: J 9 7 4	C: J 9 7 4