



We open 1NT with a balanced hand with 12 to 14 HCP. What if it's a balanced shape but 15-19 HCP?

## Telling the story in two parts

We send the message in two bids:

1. Open the bidding at the one level, bidding your longest suit. If you have two four card suits, and one of them is hearts then you open 1 Heart. Otherwise open one of the lower ranking suit.
2. Now bid again ("opener's re-bid"). Bid No Trumps at a level that shows your HCP count:

### With 15 or 16 HCPs

### Re-bid 1NT


♠ J 10 9	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♥ K Q 9	1♦	P	1♠	P
♦ A K 3 2				
♣ K 4 2	1NT			

### With 17 or 18 HCPs

### Re-bid 2NT

J 10 9	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
♥ K Q 9 2	1♥	P	1♠	P
♦ A K Q				
♣ K 4 2	(  )2NT			

With 19 HCPsRe-bid 3NT

♠	J 10 9	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♥	K Q 9	1♣	P	1♥	P
♦	A K Q				
♣	K J 4 2	(  )3NT			


## If Partner Changes Suit to the 2 Level

Partner promises at least 10 HCP. The partnership almost certainly has a game contract available. You now have a choice of 2NT or 3NT to show the shape and strength of your hand:

With 15, 16 or 17 HCPsRe-bid 2NT

♠	J 10 9	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♥	K Q 9	1♦	P	2♣	P
♦	A K 3 2				
♣	K 4 2	2NT			

With 18 or 19 HCPsRe-bid 3NT

♠	J 10 9 8	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
♥	K Q 9	1♠	P	2♦	P
♦	A K Q				
♣	K J 4	(  )3NT			