



Hand Evaluation

Ace=**4**; King=**3**; Queen=**2**; Jack=**1** High Card Points (**HCPs**)

Suits ranks highest to lowest: Spades; Hearts; Diamonds; Clubs.

Spades and Hearts are the Major Suits.

Diamonds and Clubs are the Minor Suits.

Balanced: No Void; No Singleton; 0 or 1 Doubleton; No 5-Card Major.

Opening Bids

With less than twelve HCPs: PASS.

1NT Opening

If your hand has **12, 13 or 14** and is balanced, open 1NT.

1 of a suit opening

With **12** or more HCPs, open one of a suit.

If you hold a suit longer than all others, open 1 of that suit.

With two 5-card, or two 6-card suits, open 1 higher-ranking suit.

With two, or three, four-card suits in your hand, if one of them is hearts, open 1 heart, otherwise open one of the lowest ranking suit.
(This is an area for much debate in bridge!)



Respond to Partner's 1NT Opening

Balanced Hand

With **0 to 10**: PASS.

With **11 or 12**: raise to 2NT.

With **13 or more**: raise to 3NT.

Unbalanced Hand

11 or more	Six-Card Major	Raise to 4 of the major
13 or more	Five-Card Major	Raise to 3 of the major
0 to 12	Five+ Card Suit	Weak Take Out: 2 of the suit

Responding to Partner's 1 of a Suit Opening

0 to 5		PASS
6 to 9		Raise to 2 of the major
10 to 12	With 4+ cards in the same major	Jump Raise to 3 of the major
13 plus		Jump Raise to 4 of the major
6 plus	With 4+ in a suit	Reply new suit at one-level
10 plus	With 4+ cards in a suit	Reply new suit at two-level
6 to 9	None of the above	Reply with 1NT



Re-bidding after a limit raise or a 1NT Reply

Estimate the total HCP in the two hands. Pass if game is not on.

Opener's Re-bid over change of suit - balanced

1NT shows **15-16**; 2NT shows **17-18**; 3NT shows **19**.

After new suit at two-level 2NT shows **15-17**; 3NT shows **18-19**.

Opener's Re-bid over change of suit – non balanced

Opener must bid again. With six cards in the suit and no second four-card suit:

A raise to 2 of the suit shows **12 to 14**;

Jump to 3 of the suit shows **15 to 19**.

With five cards in the suit and a second four-card suit:

With **12 to 14**HCP, bid the second suit at the two level ONLY if this bid is lower than 2 of your first suit. Otherwise repeat your first suit at the two level;

With **15 to 19**, bid 2 of your second suit IF that bid is higher than two of your first suit. Otherwise jump bid second suit.



Responder's Second Bid (re-bid)

Opener's re-bid

Responder estimates total points.

No Trumps

If game on, raise in NT's/suit to game.

If no game on, then pass if balanced, otherwise raise suit suggesting best fit.

Raises openers suit or raises responder suit at the next level

Pass if no game; bid certain game; make invitational if in between.

Raises openers suit or raises responders' suit with a skip bid

Raise to game if HCP suggest

Third suit with room to bid their opening suit at the two level

If game is on, bid it. Otherwise show preference by passing the second choice or raising the first to the two level.

Third suit at level above opening suit at the two level

Responder is required to bid once more.
Bid to tell opener more about the hand.



Opening Leads

Against No Trumps

Honour (A-10) shows two touching honours below & denies the one above.

Small (2-6 ~7) promises four plus cards in the suit; honour at top.

Middle (7~8~9) discourages return of the suit.

Against Trump Contract

Honour (A-10) shows touching honour below and none above.

Small (2-6 ~7) shows four plus cards in the suit; honour at top.

Middle (7~8~9) may be top of doubleton, or singleton.

Laws, Ethics, Customs and Courtesy

If partner opens the bidding with 1NT, and you are playing face to face at a table, you must say "Twelve to Fourteen" out loud, before the next opponent bids. If you are playing online, type the words into the chat line.

If you are playing face to face at a table, when you make a "skip" bid, put the STOP card on the table, put the bid on the table, wait ten seconds, put the STOP card away.

NOT IN USE

Stayman; Transfers; Asking for Aces; Overcalls; Doubles; Vulnerable Scoring.