

Opening Bids- Minor Suits

Requirements:

A) 13 or more total HCP

B) 3 or more cards in the suit

With equal length in both minor suits (either 3 or 4) it is best to open with 1C unless Diamonds are significantly better in quality. With a five-card major suit open in the major.

What would you open the bidding with?

a) K6543 87 AKQJ 76

b) AK76 AK76 876 87

c) A6 82 762 AKT765

d) 86 AQ76 J876 AK7

e) A65 KJ65 K76 K76

f) 6 K5 K7654 AQJ76

When opening the bidding with 2 five card suits start with the higher ranking one and bid the other one the next time.

Responses:

a) Pass- 0-5 HCP

b) New suit- At least 6 HCP and at least a four-card suit. This is the best option to respond with one of a major to look for a major suit fit. Remember when partner opens with a minor his best suit may actually be a major. The first option in bidding should be to try for an 8 card major suit fit.

- c) Raise partner's minor- Single raise with 6-9 HCP
 Jump raise with 10-12 HCP Both times when you raise partner's suit you need at least 5 card support (because the opening bid only guarantees three). When the responder also has opening count with support for partner's minor, but no major suit to bid, the most likely game is 3NT.
- d) No Trump- Simple 1NT response 6-9 HCP
 Jump to 2NT with 10-12 HCP
 Double jump to 3NT with 13-15 HCP

What would you respond if partner opens 1D and next hand P?

- a) 87 Q7654 87 7654
- b) J876 87 Q765 KJ8
- c) AQ76 Q765 87 984
- d) AJ QJ7 J765 8765
- e) 8 K87 Q8763 T765
- f) AQ7 K65 K876 Q87
- g) 98 K65 AQ765 J76
- h) A7653 AK76 8 764
- i) A6 J876 A8765 KQ