

The main aim in the bidding is to locate an 8-card major fit if present.

After partner has made an opening bid of 1NT:

With a 5-card major and an appropriate hand you should attempt to locate a major fit.

See D3.3

With no interest in locating a major fit, and knowing that partner has 12-14 points, you can apply arithmetic to work out the level you should be playing at.

Within some ranges your bid asks opener to pass.

Your arithmetic has indicated the level you should play at and you have bid to it.

Within other ranges your arithmetic is inconclusive and your bid asks opener to bid on if maximum.

<b>Responder's HCP</b>	<b>Responder's Bid</b>	<b>Opener's Subsequent Action</b>
<b>0-10</b>	Pass	There cannot be sufficient points for game.
<b>11-12</b>	2NT	Opener will pass with a minimum. There cannot be sufficient points for game. Opener will bid 3NT with a maximum. The points for game are present.
<b>13-18</b>	3NT	This is the contract. Opener will pass

Above are the basic responses.

Below are more advanced responses you will encounter later.

They are included to show that, even at the dizzy heights of 12 and 13 tricks arithmetic still applies.

<b>19-20</b>	4NT	Opener will pass with a minimum Opener will bid 6NT with a maximum
<b>21-22</b>	6NT	Opener will pass
<b>23-24</b>	5NT	Opener will bid 6NT with a minimum Opener will bid 7NT with a maximum
<b>25+</b>	7NT	

### What Is A Maximum

14 points is a maximum.

With 13 points treat the hand as maximum if it contains:

- a decent 5-card suit
- two reasonable 4-card suits

# Responses To An Opening Bid Of 1NT

## Summary Of Responses

### When Happy For Partner To Play In No Trumps

1.

♠ Q 9 4 3	N	♠ J 10 8
♥ A K Q 4	W	♥ J 8
♦ J 9 3	E	♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ 6 5	S	♣ A J 10 9

I have 12-14 balanced

W	N	E	S
1NT	pass	pass	pass

**I have up to 10 points**

Game is not possible

There is not a safer contract I can bid to

2.

♠ Q 9 4 3	N	♠ A J 8
♥ A K Q 4	W	♥ J 8
♦ J 9 3	E	♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ 6 5	S	♣ A J 10 9

I have 12-14 balanced

Happy to oblige

W	N	E	S
1NT	pass	3NT	pass
pass	pass		

**I have 13+ points**

We should be in game

I have no major interest

Please pass

3a.

♠ Q 9 4 3	N	♠ A J 8
♥ A K Q 4	W	♥ 9 8
♦ J 9 3	E	♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ 6 5	S	♣ A J 10 9

I have 12-14 balanced

Sorry - I'm minimum

W	N	E	S
1NT	pass	2NT	pass
pass	pass		

**I have 11-12 points**

Game is on if you are maximum

Please bid game with a maximum

3b.

♠ Q 9 4 3	N	♠ A J 8
♥ A K Q 4	W	♥ 9 8
♦ K 9 3	E	♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ 6 5	S	♣ A J 10 9

I have 12-14 balanced

Thanks - I'm maximum

W	N	E	S
1NT	pass	2NT	pass
3NT	pass	pass	pass

**I have 11-12 points**

Game is on if you are maximum

Please bid game with a maximum