

Board 1



♠ 10 9 6 3 2

♥ A 10 3

♦ 9 2

♣ Q 3 2

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?
2. Do I have a preemptable suit?
3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Board 1



♠ 10 9 6 3 2

♥ A 10 3

♦ 9 2

♣ Q 3 2

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?

No.

2. Do I have a preemptable suit?

No.

3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Minimum - willing to force to 1N or 2 of a suit.

Board 2



♠ A 6 4 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ K J 6

♣ Q 4 3

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?
2. Do I have a preemptable suit?
3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Board 2



♠ A 6 4 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ K J 6

♣ Q 4 3

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?

Yes.

2. Do I have a preemptable suit?

N/A

3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Game forcing. Willing to force to 3N or 4 of a suit.

Board 3



♠ A Q 4
♥ A K 8 6
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 7 5 2

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?
2. Do I have a preemptable suit?
3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Board 3



♠ A Q 4
♥ A K 8 6
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 7 5 2

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?

Yes.

2. Do I have a preemptable suit?

N/A

3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Game forcing. Willing to force to 3N or 4 of a suit.

Board 4



♠ J 9 7
♥ Q 8 7 3 2
♦ J 8
♣ 9 8 3

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?
2. Do I have a preemptable suit?
3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Board 4



♠ J 9 7
♥ Q 8 7 3 2
♦ J 8
♣ 9 8 3

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?

No.

2. Do I have a preemptable suit?

No.

3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Subminimum. Too weak to bid. (Bidding 1 ♥ is OK if you like being aggressive.)

Board 5



♠ —
♥ 8 2
♦ A K Q 10 7 6
♣ 9 7 4 3 2

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?
2. Do I have a preemptable suit?
3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

Board 5



♠ —
♥ 8 2
♦ A K Q 10 7 6
♣ 9 7 4 3 2

1. Am I strong enough to open the bidding?

Tough question. I do meet the rule of 20 with 9 HCP and 11 cards in the minors. With nothing wasted I would likely say yes. However I have highly inflexible values and only want to play in a minor and have a strong preference as to which minor to play in. I would consider 1 ♦ a reasonable action.

2. Do I have a preemptable suit?

My diamond suit is certainly worth preempting. As such opening 3 ♦ or 4 ♦ are also reasonable actions. Opening 2 ♦ seems too wimpy since you would make the same bid holding xx xx KQTxxx xxx and that's taking many fewer tricks.

3. What is my responder strength should partner open 1 ♣?

With great club support and 6 tricks I would probably try to force to game IF we are playing imps so that getting the game bonus is correspondingly lucrative. Wince we might be wide open in either of the majors or partner's values may be wasted in the spade suit I would probably only invite at matchpoints.