



Opening one no-trump and balanced hand responses.

an opening bid of one no-trump shows a particular kind of hand. It says you have a balanced hand, with no five card major and with precisely 12 to 14 points. It is a limit bid.

A balanced hand, has-

- no void
- no singleton
- not more than one doubleton
- no Six card or longer suit.

Responder is in charge of the auction following an opening bid of one no-trump.

With a combined 25 or more points-bid game.

With a combined 33 or more points-bid a small slam.

With a combined 37 or more points-bid a grand slam.

With 0 to 10 points-pass. (10 plus 14-not enough for game.

With 13 to 19 points. Bid 3NT. (12 plus 13 equals 25 enough for game.

With 11 to 12 points. Bid 2NT. If partner has 14 points, 11 plus 14 equals 25 enough for three no-trump.