



## Summary of Responses to a 1 Level Opening Bid

Opening bid of 1NT	Responses
12-14 HCP balanced distribution (i.e. 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, or 5-3-3-2)	Pass 0-10 HCP, +2♣ Asks about 4-card majors (see later Lesson ) 2♦/2♥/2♠: 0-10 HCP, to be covered later ±2NT 11-12 HCP, balanced distribution ( <i>limit bid</i> ) ++3♣/3♦ 13+ HCP, 6+cards ( <i>forcing bid</i> ) ++3♥/3♠ 12+HCP, 5+cards ( <i>forcing bid</i> ) -3NT/4♥/4♠ Enough points for game ( <i>sign off</i> )

Opening Bid of 1 of a Suit	Responses
12-19 points, unsuitable for 1NT the longest suit the <b>higher</b> of two 5-card suit with two 4-card suits: <b>the major</b> with a major and a minor <b>hearts</b> with both majors <b>clubs</b> with both minors	Pass 0-5 HCP 1NT 6-9 HCP without trump support ( <i>weak bid</i> ) No 4+card suit you can bid at the 1-level 2 of opener's suit ( <i>weak bid</i> ) 6-9 HCP with trump support +1 of a new suit ( <i>1-over-1, forcing bid</i> ) 6-27 points, 4+ cards +2 of a new suit, not a jump ( <i>2-over-1, forcing bid</i> ) 10-27 HCP ±2NT 10-11 HCP without trump support ( <i>limit bid</i> ) balanced distribution no 4+card suit you can bid at the 1-level ±3 of opener's suit ( <i>limit bid</i> ) 10-11 HCP with trump support ++Jump in a new suit ( <i>jump shift</i> ) 13-27 HCP, strong 6-card suit



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### Opener's Rebids in no-trump

Opening Bid	Response	Opener's Rebid
1 of a suit	1 of a higher suit (1-over-1)	<u>±</u> 1NT 15-17 HCP, balanced distribution, (not 4-card support for partner)
1 of a suit	1 of a higher suit (1-over-1) OR 1NT	+2NT 18-19 HCP, balanced distribution, (not 4-card support for partner)
1 of a suit	2 of a lower suit (2-over-1, (not a jump shift)	++2NT 15-19 HCP, balanced distribution, (not 4-card support for partner)

**Notes:** meanings of the symbols before the bids:

+ the bid is forcing;

++ the bid is forcing to game

± the bid is invitational;

- the bid is a sign-off, partner must pass

where there is no plus or minus sign the bid is not forcing, but partner may bid on with a very strong hand