

Opening Bids

Name	Bidding Sequence	Meaning of Highlighted Bid	Notes
Better Minor	1♣/1♦	12-20 pts With 3♦ and 3♣ - bid 1♣ With 4♦ and 4♣ - bid 1♦ With 3-2 in minor - bid longest suit With 5 major- bid major	Any shape with 12-20 pts must open. May open with less than 12 pts if extreme shape ie 6-4 or better.
	1♥/1♠	12-20 pts	
No Trumps	1♣ - anything – 1NT	12-14 pts, bal	All semi-balanced ie no more than 1 doubleton. Does not require cover in all suits. Does require stopper in opposition suits if bid.
	1NT	15-17 pts, bal (may have 5 card major)	
	1anything – anything-2NT	18-19 pts, bal	
	2NT	20-21 pts, bal	
2 & 3 level Bids	2♣ - 2♦ - 2 suit	21+ pts or 4 losers & 4 quick tricks(AK's)	
	2♣ - 2♦ - 2 NT	22+pts, bal	
Pre-emptive	2♦/♥/♠	6-9 pts, 6 card suit	Pre-emptive - do not use when you have void, or more than 9 pts, less than 4 cards in outside major. Expect to fail in contract but stops opposition finding their contract. NB Do not bid again. Unless partner requires you.
	3♣♦♥♠	6-9 pts, 7 card suit	
	4♣♦♥♠	6-9 pts, 8 card suit	

Key Green text; openers bid Blue text; responders bids Red text; opposition bids