# WHAT SHOULD I OPEN?

#### **MAJOR SUIT**

1♥ OR 1♠ ..... 12-21 POINTS; 5 CARDS OR LONGER

#### **NO TRUMP**

3 NT...... 24–26 POINTS; NO VOID, NO SINGLETON NO FIVE CARD MAJOR

#### **MINOR SUIT**

1♣ OR 1♦ ..... 12–21 POINTS; 3 CARDS OR LONGER AND NO FIVE CARD MAJOR

IF YOUR MINOR SUITS ARE EQUAL IN LENGTH:

5/5 OPEN 1♦

4/4 OPEN 1♦

3/3 OPEN 1♣

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## Partner Opens 1♣ or 1♦

#### Your Response:

0-5 points	Pass	
	Bid 1 of a MAJOR with 4 or more cards in the major suit	
<b>6-9 points</b> Weak	Bid 1 No Trump (6 – 10 points)	
	Raise your partner's suit to the 2 level with 5 or more trumps	
	Bid 1 of a MAJOR with 4 or more cards in the major suit	
10-12 points Invitational	Jump to 2 No Trump (11-12 points) with a balanced hand	
	Raise your partner's suit to the <u>3</u> level with 5 or more cards in trumps	
	Bid the other minor suit	
<b>13+ points</b> Game	Bid 1 of a MAJOR with 4 or more cards in the major suit	
	Jump to 3 No Trump with balanced hand	
	Bid a new suit	



## Partner Opens 1♠ or 1♥

### Your Response:

0-5 points	Pass
<b>6-9 points</b> Weak	Raise your partner's suit to the 2 level with 3+ cards in trumps  Bid a new suit at the one level  Bid 1 No Trump (6-10 pts)
<b>10-12 points</b> Invitational	Raise your partner's suit to the 3 level with 3+ cards in trumps  Bid a new major suit  Jump to 2 No Trump with a balanced hand (11-12 pts)  If unbalanced, bid a minor suit with 4+ cards
<b>13+ points</b> Game	Bid a new suit (if you bid hearts you must have 5+ to bid at the two level)  Jump to 3 No Trump with a balanced hand and no four card major that you can bid at the one level



# HOW STRONG IS MY HAND?

	OPENER	RESPONDER
MINIMUM	12 - 14/15 pts	6 - 9/10 pts
MEDIUM	15 - 17/18 pts	10 - 12 pts
MAXIMUM	18+ pts	13+ pts



# Partner Opens 1 No Trump



