

1 Opening Bid - 16+ HCP

The 1 opening bid is artificial and shows at least 16 HCP. It can have any distribution other than a 2NT opener.

Bad 16 HCP hands can be treated as 15 and vice-versa.

When an opponent asks what 1 means, make sure to say that it's artificial or that it shows nothing about clubs.

Response	HCP	Meaning
1	0-7	negative, can be a bad 8
1 1 2 2	8+	5+card suit (longest suit or higher ranking of equal-length suits)
1NT	8-13	balanced, can have a very weak five-card minor suit
2	8-13	4441 singleton
2		any solid 6+card suit, may have side stoppers
2NT	8-13	4441 singleton
3	8-13	4441 singleton
3	8-13	4441 singleton
3	13+	4441 singleton
3		solid 7+card suit, no side stoppers
3NT	13+	4441 singleton
4	13+	4441 singleton
4	13+	4441 singleton
4 4	2-7	Broken eight+card suit, no more than one control outside the suit

All responses to 1 are described in separate documents.