

1 Opening Bid

The 1 opening bid shows 11-15 HCP, at least two diamonds, and no five-card major unless 5M-6+ . Announce it as "could be short" or "could be only two."

Pass	0-5 HCP, preferably with 4 diamonds or a major to run to later
1 1	5+ HCP, 4+ suit, forcing one round except by passed hand
1NT	8-10 HCP, no major
2 2 2 2	11+ HCP, good 5+ suit, forcing to 2NT or 3M
2NT	11-12 HCP balanced
3 3 3 3	Preemptive
3NT	13-15 HCP balanced, no major
4	Gerber
4	RKC Minorwood for
4 4	Signoff

Opening 1 with a balanced 11-12 is acceptable only if the hand has *two or more fast defensive tricks*, even in third seat. Two and one half is better. For example, you may want to open 1 with Q82 KJT2 AJ52 42. Don't do it. The opponents will compete to the three-level, partner will double, and you won't have enough defense.

The 1 responses and rebids no longer resemble the "Precision and Superprecision" book. They're more like 2/1 except that all two-level suit responses are strong and show similar hands (11+ good 5+ suit). Three-level suit responses are preemptive.

Responses

- Two-level suit responses (including 2 and 2) are natural and forcing to 2NT or 3M.
- Three-level responses preemptive.
- New minor forcing (NMF) promises invitational values and is forcing one round.
- Fourth suit forcing (4SF) is forcing to game. This may be replaced with XYZ at some point.
- Responder's rebid of 3 is always a game force with a fit.

Rebids

- A 1NT rebid tends to be the balanced 11-12 with defense but not good enough to open 1NT.
- A jump rebid of 3 shows a good six+card suit with no more than one side stopper.
- A jump rebid of 2NT shows a good six+card suit and at least two side stoppers.

1 - 2 (11+ HCP, good 5+ suit, forcing to 2NT or 3M)

1 - 2	
2	5+card suit 11-13 missing stoppers in both majors
2 2	four-card suit or stopper
2NT	Invitational
3	6+ Invitational
3	GF with fit
3 3	5M-6 GF
3NT	Signoff
4	6+ GF
4	RKC Minorwood for

1 - 2	
2	4-card suit or stopper
	2 4SF
	2NT Invitational with stopper
	3 Invitational 6+
	3 GF with fit
	3 invitational, may be three-card raise
	3 5 6 GF
	3NT Signoff
	4 6+ GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
	4 Signoff
	4 RKCB for
2	4-card suit or stopper and no stopper
	2NT Invitational
	3 Invitational 6+
	3 GF with fit
	3 5 6 GF
	3 Invitational, maybe three-card raise
	3NT Signoff
	4 6+ GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
	4 Signoff
	4NT RCKB for
2NT	balanced minimum, stoppers
	3 6 invitational
	3 GF with fit
	3M GF5M-6
	3NT signoff
3	3+card fit
	3 GF with fit
	3 3 4+card suit or stopper probe for 3NT
	3NT signoff
3	14-15 good 6+card suit, no more than one side stopper
	3 3 4+card suit or stopper probe for 3NT
	3NT signoff
	4 6+ GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
3 3	5M-6 , 4-5.5 losers
3NT	14-15, solid , both M stops then cue bids
4	4 losers, good minor 2-suiter then cue bid or sign-off

1 - 2 (11+ HCP, good 5+ suit, forcing to 2NT or 3M)

1 - 2	
2	4-card suit or stopper
	2 4SF
	2NT invitational
	3 5 5 , or stopper
	3 GF with fit
	3 invitational, may be three-card raise
	3 5 6 GF
	3NT signoff
	4 5 5 GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
	4 signoff

1 - 2	
2	4-card suit or stopper
	2NT invitational
	3 5 5 , or stopper
	3 GF with fit
	3 5 6 or stopper
	3 invitational, may be three-card raise
	3NT signoff
	4 5 5 GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
	4
	4 signoff
2NT	minimum balanced, no four-card major
	3 5 5 invitational
	3 GF with fit
	3M 5M 6 GF
	3NT signoff
	4 5 5 GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
3	5+
	3 GF with fit
	3M 6 5M or stopper
	3NT signoff
	4 5 5 GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
3	one-suiter
	3M 5-card suit or stopper, asks for 3NT with other M stopper
	3NT signoff
	4 5 5 GF
	4 RKC Minorwood for
3 3	6 5M
	3 Stopper or advanced cue
	3NT Signoff
	4 5 5 GF or advanced cue
	4 RKC Minorwood for
	4M Signoff
4	4 losers, good , cue
	4 RKC Minorwood for
	4M 6 5M or advanced cue