

1NT OPENING BIDS AND RESPONSES

Open 1NT with 12-14 HCP and a balanced hand, ie: no singleton or void. The hand may contain one doubleton. An opening bid of 1NT denies a 5 card major, but a 5 card minor is acceptable. The following examples constitute a 1NT opener.

(a)	♠1073 ♥KQ2 ♦QJ43 ♣A43	(b)	♠K43 ♥J742 ♦AJ7 ♣KQ7	(c)	♠Q108 ♥Q93 ♦K8 ♣AJ652	(d)	♠AQ62 ♥Q532 ♦74 ♣KJ6
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Responses to 1NT

- 2♣ Stayman Shows at least one 4 card Major, may have both
- 2♦ Transfer to ♥ (Shows 5+♥)
- 2♥ Transfer to ♠ (Shows 5+♠)
- 2♠ Range Finder or Transfer to a 6+ card minor
- 2NT 5♦ and 5♣ Vul 11+HCP Non Vul 6-10HCP
- 3♣ 13-18HCP 6+♣ slam try forcing to game
- 3♦ 13-18HCP 6+♦ slam try forcing to game
- 3♥ 13-18HCP 6+♥ slam try forcing to game
- 3♠ 13-18HCP 6+♠ slam try forcing to game
- 3NT 13-18HCP
- 4♣ Gerber Ace Ask
- 4♥ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit.
- 4♠ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit
- 5♣ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit.
- 5♦ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit.

Responding to partners 1NT opener with a BALANCED hand.

No bid 10 or less HCP

Responding to partners 1NT opener with an UNBALANCED hand

2♣ **STAYMAN.** Shows at least one 4 card major and 11+ points **or**
Both 4 card majors 6-10points

What to bid when holding 5 of one Major and 4 of the other Major

11+ points

Transfer to the 5 card Major then bid the 4 card Major next round

<10 points

Stayman then pass any bid of Major or bid your 5 card Major at the 2 level

Using this method ensures you will always find any 4x4 Major fit.

Responses to Stayman bid:

- 2♦ No 4 card major
- 2♥ 4♥ (possibly 4♠ as well)
- 2♠ 4♠ (denies 4♥)

Responses to openers rebid of 2♦.

- 2♥ 6-10HCP Asks opener to pick better major.
(Shows 4x4 in the majors **or** 5♥ and 4♠)
- 2♠ 6-10HCP (Shows 4♥ and 5♠)
- 2NT 11-12HCP Game invitation (Shows balanced hand with one four card major)
- 3NT 13-18HCP (Shows balanced hand with one four card major)

Responses to openers rebid of 2♥

- Pass 6-10HCP with 4♥
- 2NT 11-12HCP (shows 4♠)
- 3♥ 11-12HCP (shows 4♥) invitational
- 4♥ 13-18HCP (shows 4♥)
- 4♣ 20+ HCP Gerber (ace ask)

Responses to openers rebid of 2♠

- Pass 6-10HCP with 4♠
- 2NT 11-12HCP (shows 4♥)
- 3♠ 11-12HCP (shows 4♠) invitational
- 4♠ 13-18HCP (shows 4♠)
- 4♣ 20+ HCP Gerber ace ask

Responding to partners 1NT opener 2♠

Note: This bid can be used as a transfer to a minor **or** interest in game **OR** slam

Responses:

2NT	12 HCP
2NT	13HCP and no 5 card minor
3♣	13HCP and a 5 card minor
♣	14 HCP

Extension to 1NT - 2♠ (Range finder or transfer to a minor)

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♠
2NT	?
	3♣, 3♦ shows weak hand with 6+ of suit bid
	Opener must pass
	3♥ 13+HCP and 4♥
	3♠ 13+HCP and 4♠
	Forcing to game looking for Major suit fit
	3NT 13+ points no 4 card Major

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♠
3♣	?
	Pass weak with 6 + ♣
	3♦ weak with 6+ ♦ Opener must pass
	3♥ 11+ HCP and 4♥
	3♠ 11+ HCP aand 4♠
	Forcing to game looking for Major suit fit
	3NT 13+ points no 4 card Major

3NT	13-19HCP balanced
4♣	20+HCP Gerber (Ace Ask)

TRANSFER BIDS:

2♦ Shows at least 5♥ Opener **must** bid 2♥

Responses to partners bid of 2♥

Pass 6-10 HCP

2♠ 11+ HCP with 5♥ and 4♠

2NT 11-12 HCP 5332 dist

3♥ 11-12 HCP

3NT 13-18 HCP 5332 dist

4♣ Gerber 19+HCP

4♥ 13-18HCP unbalanced

2♥ Shows at least 5♠ Opener **must** bid 2♠

Responses to partners bid of 2♠

Pass 6-10HCP

2NT 11-12HCP 5332 dist

3♥ 11+ HCP 5♠ and 4♥

3♠ 11-12HCP

3NT 13-18HCP 5332 dist

4♠ 13-18HCP unbalanced

4♣ Gerber 19+HCP

GAME RESPONSES TO 1NT OPENER:

3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠ **Game forcing.** Natural bids. 6+ in suit bid

4♣ GERBER (Ace Ask)

4♥ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit.

Opener **must** pass.

4♠ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit.

Opener **must** pass.

5♣ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit.

Opener **must** pass.

5♦ Extremely unbalanced hand, at least a 6 card suit.

Opener **must** pass.