

BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Welcome



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Module 3

One No Trump (1NT) Opening





Opener's First Bid

	Points	Description
1NT	12 – 14	Balanced hand
1♣	12 - 19	4 + clubs - <i>not suitable for 1NT</i>
1♦	12 – 19	4 + diamonds- <i>not suitable for 1NT</i>
1♥	12 – 19	4 + hearts- <i>not suitable for 1NT</i>
1♠	12 – 19	4 + spades- <i>not suitable for 1NT!</i>



Basic Rules for Opening 1NT

- **12 - 14** points
- **Balanced Hand:**
 - **No singleton or void**
 - **No more than 1 doubleton**
 - **No 5-card major**

This bid is your FIRST choice



What is a balanced hand?

- No singleton or void
- No more than 1 doubleton
- No 5-card major
- Balanced = 4333, 4432, or 2335 with a 5-card minor



**Balanced hands are
the most common**



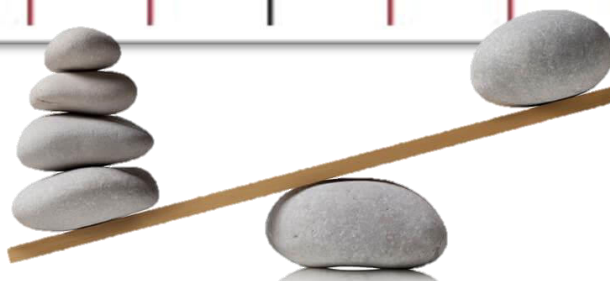
Balanced or Not? Open INT?



- No singleton or void
- No more than 1 doubleton
- No 5-card major



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What does responder decide to do?

- Do you want to play in **NoTrumps** or a **suit**?
- Have you got enough **points** to bid or invite to game?



Responder is the BOSS
There are ONLY 2 decisions to make



Responses to 1NT – Balanced Hand

- 0 – 10 points ... no GAME possible **PASS**
- 11 – 12 points ... GAME is possible **Bid 2NT**
- 13+ points ... definitely in GAME **Bid 3NT**

Add your points
to partner's
KNOWN 12-14 points



Opposite 1NT what does responder do?



PASS

not enough for **GAME**

- NoTrumps or a suit?
- What level?



After 1NT what does responder do?



3NT

enough for **GAME**

- NoTrumps or a suit?
- What level?



I'M THE BOSS



After 1NT what does responder do?



2NT

enough to invite to **GAME**

- NoTrumps or a suit?
- What level?



I'M **THE** BOSS



Responses to INT – Unbalanced Hand

0 – 10 points ... no **GAME** possible

Bid your  card Major suit at the 2-level

This is called a WEAK TAKEOUT

Partner **MUST** then pass ... **YOU ARE THE BOSS**

Add your points
to partner's
KNOWN 12-14 points




Responses to 1NT – Unbalanced Hand

12+ points ... GAME Forcing

- Bid your  card MAJOR at the 3-level

(Opener **MUST** agree your suit or bid NoTrumps)

- Bid your  card MAJOR at the 4-level -
OR

- Bid your  card MINOR at the 5-level



After INT what does responder do?



2♥

Not enough for **GAME**

Opener **MUST** pass



I'M **THE** BOSS



After 1NT what does responder do?



4♠

Enough for **GAME**
and a known fit

Why is this fit
guaranteed ?



After 1NT what does responder do?



Bid 3♥... enough for GAME ...
need to check if there is a
heart fit

Opener chooses 3NT
or 4♥ (with a fit)



To practice the hands in your own time.

Click on the following link to see some examples from the practice hands on Graeme Tuffnell's website:

<https://graemetuffnell.com/play/nzbridge/NewModule3/I-R>

(This example is practice hand 1 – balanced game raise)



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