

# The Weak Opening 1NT (12-14 HCP)

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# Basic Rules for Opening 1NT

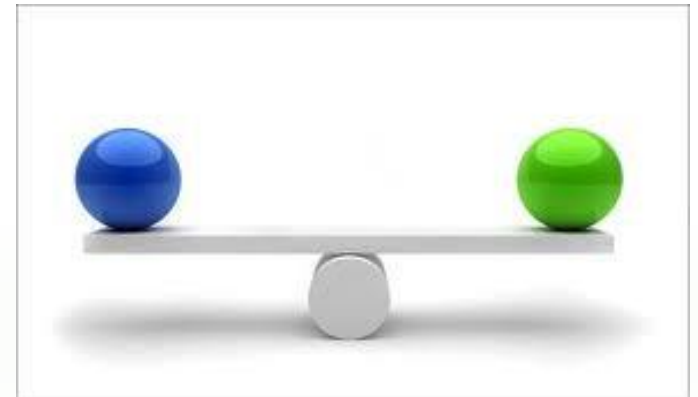
- 12 - 14 points
- Balanced Hand
- Partner announces "12-14"

This bid is your FIRST choice  
from now on



# What is a balanced hand?

- No singleton or void
- **Only one doubleton**
- Shapes = 4333, 4432, 2335

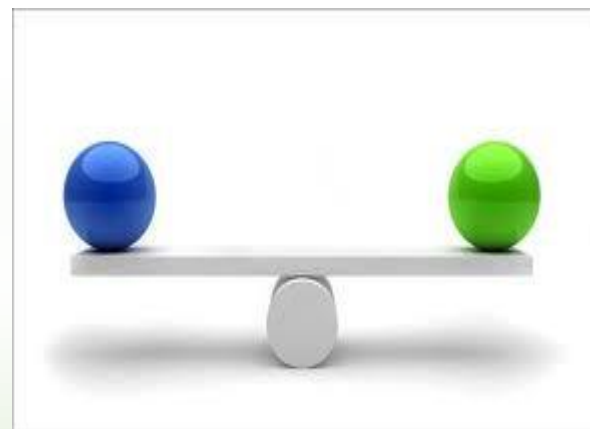


# Balanced or Not?



- 12-14 HCP
- No singleton or void
- Only one doubleton

Open 1NT



# Balanced or Not?



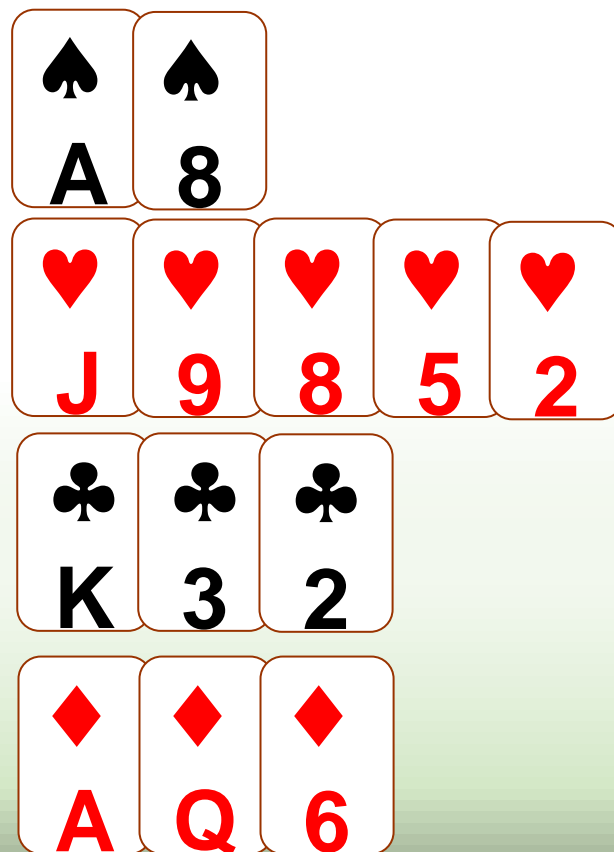
- 12-14 HCP
- Has a singleton (club)
- So - unbalanced

Open 1 ♦



# 12-14 Balanced and a 5 card major:

Open 1NT or 1♥? Your choice!!!



# What does responder do?

- Do you want to play in No Trumps or a suit?
- Have you got enough points to bid or invite game?



Responder is the BOSS  
There are ONLY 2 decisions to make

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# 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





# Responding with a balanced hand



# Responses to 1NT -balanced Hand

- 0-10 points

- 11-12 points

- 13+ points



1NT - ?

What does responder bid?



8 points ... no *GAME* possible

**PASS**



1NT - ? What does responder bid?



12 points ... enough for game  
if partner has 13 or 14 HCP

**Bid 2NT ... invite to 3NT**



1NT - ? What does responder bid?



13 points ... enough for game

**Bid 3NT**



# Responding with an unbalanced hand



# Responses to 1NT - Unbalanced Hand

- 0-10 points

- 11-12 points

- 13+ points





# Responses to 1NT - Unbalanced Hand

- 0 - 10 HCP ...



- Maximum 24 combined points

- No GAME possible

- Bid your 5 + card suit at the 2-level

This is a **WEAK TAKEOUT**

**PARTNER MUST PASS ... YOU ARE THE BOSS!**



1NT - ?      What does responder bid?



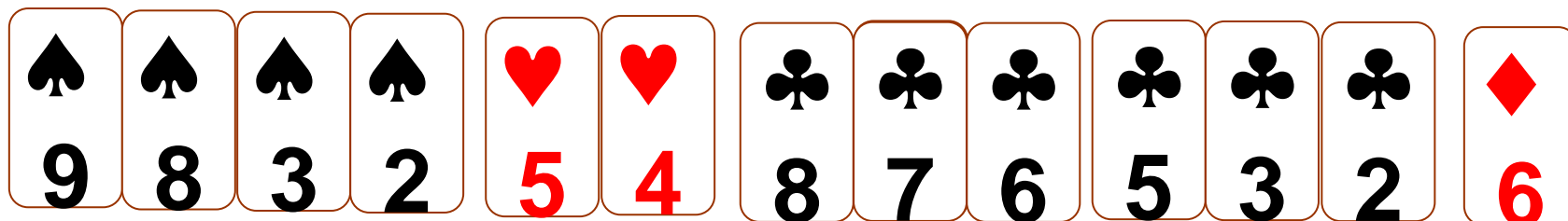
9 points ... Not enough for game

Bid 2♥

•Opener MUST pass



1NT - ?      What does responder bid?



Zero Points!!

**DO NOT PASS!!**

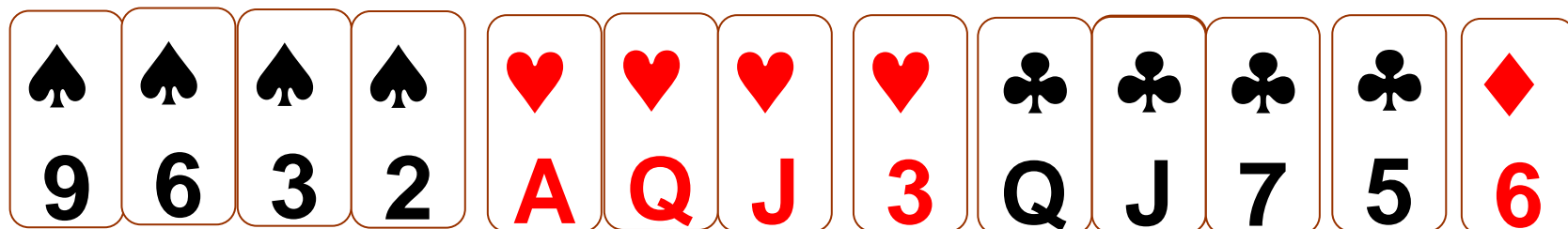
Your hand provides **NO** tricks in a  
No Trump Contract

**Bid 2♣**

Your hand provides 2-3 club tricks



1NT - ?      What does responder bid?



10 HCP

Game not on, even if partner has 14 HCP

Partner may have just two cards in any suit you bid and will have to make an extra trick

**PASS**



# Responses to 1NT - Unbalanced Hand

11+ HCP

5+ card major      Bid 3♥/3♠

*Game forcing!*

*Partner must choose 4♥/4♠ or 3NT*

6 card major?      Bid 4♥/4♠



# What does responder do?

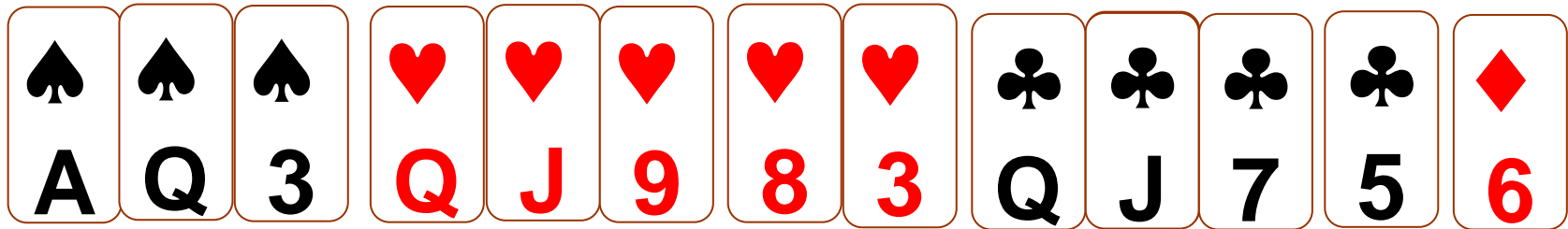


13 points ... enough for game  
8+ card spade fit

**Bid** 4♠



1NT - ?      What does responder bid?



12 HCP

Bid 3♥ This shows EXACTLY  
five hearts

Opener bids 3NT with just two hearts,  
or bids 4♥ with 3+ hearts





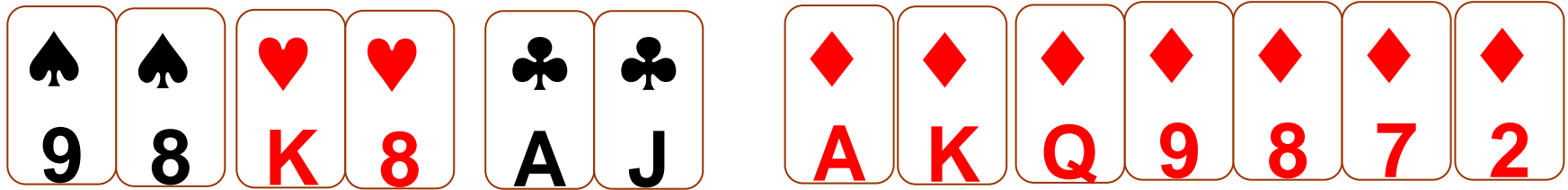
# Responses to 1NT - Unbalanced Hand

13+ points and a 5+ card minor

## 3NT



1NT - ? What does responder bid?



17 HCP

**Bid 3NT!**



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