

1/1 Bridge System

Opening Bids:

This system is based on “Five Card Majors”

1C Can be as short as TWO cards: when opener is 4-4-3-2. 11-19 HCP

1D 4+ diamonds, 11-19 HCP

1H 5+ hearts, 11-19 HCP

1S 5+ spades, 11-19 HCP

Responses to these opening bids:

1NT is GAME FORCE

All suit bids are as agreed but in general, natural and 8-11 HCP. A suit bid in response to 1H or 1S denies three card support and is generally a 5+ card suit.

2NT balanced 10-12 HCP and no more than two in opened suit.

1NT Opening. According to partnership agreement BUT.....

In keeping with the 1NT game force response to a suit opening, I suggest that a 1NT OPENING BID also be forcing and in general 20+ HCP.

After the FORCING 1NT Opening Bid:

Responses as follows:

2C 0-5 HCP **2D** now from opener is a second force, effectively game force but **2NT** is 22-24 balanced.

2D 6-9 HCP any shape, by virtue of point count now game force.

2H 10+ 5+ hearts

2S 10+ 5+ spades

2NT 10+ balanced

3C 10+ 5+ clubs

3D 10+ 5+ diamonds

Responses of 2H and up should be anticipated to end up in a slam.

With the big 1NT, that frees up all 2 level bids to do what you prefer. Maybe just basic ‘weak twos’ including 2C, or two suited hands like my “Evil Twos”. I do NOT recommend “Multis”, they are unnecessary and often make accurate bidding difficult if not impossible.