

OPENING AND REBIDDING WITH BALANCED HANDS

Points	Bid
12-14	Open 1NT
15-16	Open a suit and Rebid 1NT
17-18	Open a Suit and Rebid 2NT
19	Open a Suit and Rebid 3NT
20-22	Open 2NT
23+	Open 2♣

OPENING AND REBIDDING WITH BALANCED HANDS (15-19)

We're going to look at when the opener has a balanced hand with 15-19 points. First let's remember how many tricks we expect to make from our combined points. This will help us understand the reason for the correct rebid.

Expected Tricks in No Trumps	
Points	Tricks
21 – 22	7
23 – 24	8
25 – 26	9

WITH 15-16 POINTS PLAN TO REBID 1NT

First we open one of a suit then plan to rebid **1NT if we can**, (i.e. if the bidding is still low enough)

Let's look at this hand with four possible responses:

♠ J 3 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K 3 2

In the first three sequences the responder could have as little as 6 points. We don't expect to make more than 7 tricks in NT with a combined total of 21-22 points.

a) 1♦ 1♠	We can rebid 1NT
b) 1♦ 1NT	We must pass. We were planning to rebid 1NT but partner bid it!
c) 1♦ 2♦	We must pass. We were planning to rebid 1NT but now the bidding is too high.
d) 1♦ 2♣	This sequence is different from a-c) because the responder promises at least 9 points, therefore we can rebid 2NT with a combined total of 23-24.

WITH 17-18 POINTS PLAN TO REBID 2NT

First open one of a suit then plan to rebid **2NT**.

Let's look at this hand with four possible responses:

♠ J 3 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K Q 2

In the first three sequences the responder could have as little as 6 points but we have a minimum combined total of 23 points, enough to make 2NT

a) 1♦ 1♠	We can rebid 2NT
b) 1♦ 1NT	We can rebid 2NT
c) 1♦ 2♦	We can rebid 2NT
d) 1♦ 2♣	This sequence is different from a-c) because the responder promises at least 9 points, therefore we can rebid 3NT with a combined total of 26.

WITH 19 POINTS PLAN TO REBID 3NT

First open one of a suit then plan to rebid **3NT**.

Let's look at this hand with four possible responses:

♠ A 3 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ K J 2

a) 1♦ 1♠	We can rebid 3NT over any response from partner as we know we have at least 25 points.
b) 1♦ 1NT	
c) 1♦ 2♦	
d) 1♦ 2♣	

SUMMARY OF NO TRUMP REBIDS

	We open one of a suit and partner responds with:		
	New suit at the 1 level	Same suit or 1NT	New suit at the 2 level
15-16	1NT	Pass	2NT
17-18	2NT	2NT	3NT
19	3NT	3NT	3NT