

3 Way 1C opening

- 1C = 4+C opening hand or
- 11-14 balanced/Semi balanced
- 15-17 balanced/Semi balanced

Response sequences to 1C openings

Please note Lebensohl and SWINE conventions are used in the bidding sequences where opponent's interfere and need to be understood.

Partner responses to 1C opening

If there is no interference, partner will initially show his high card points:

- 1D <8hcp
- 1H 8-9hcp
- 1S 10-11hcp
- 1NT 12+hcp

1D = <8 points after which opener responses are as follows:

- 1NT with 15-17 points after which Stayman, garbage/modified garbage Stayman & Transfers are on
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, opener with 15-17hcp Doubles
 - § In response to X, partner bid as follows:
 - Any bid at minimum level (including 1NT) is natural & sign off
 - 2NT asks passed hand to bid 3C after which
 - o Pass to play in 3C contract
 - o Any bid that was not possible at minimum level is sign off
 - o A bid at 3 level that could have been made initially is invitational
 - With 11-14 points, opener bids his cheapest 4+ suit (or higher rank with 5-5), responder can bid any 5 card suit, good 4 card suit or support opener
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, 1C opener passes or bids minor with 5+card
 - § partner can pass or bid as follows:
 - Any bid at minimum level (including 1NT) is natural & sign off
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C after which
 - o Pass to play in 3C contract
 - o Any bid that was not possible at minimum level is sign off

1H = 8-9 points

- With 15-17 opener bids 1NT after which Stayman & Transfers are on
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, opener with 15-17hcp Doubles
 - § In response to X, partner bid as follows (Lebensohl):
 - Can pass for penalty
 - Any bid at minimum level (including 1NT) is natural without stopper
 - Cue bid opponent's suit is Stayman without stopper
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C after which
 - o Pass to play in 3C contract
 - o Any bid that was not possible at minimum level is natural and shows one stopper
 - o Bid of a Major at 3 level that could have been made initially is invitational

- o Cue bid is Stayman and shows stopper in opponent's suit
- o 3NT is to play and shows 2 stoppers in opponent's suit

- With 11-14 points opener bids 1S or minor at two level with 5+card
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, opener passes (or can bid minor with 5+card)
 - § partner can pass or bid as follows:
 - Any bid at minimum level (including 1NT) is natural & sign off
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C after which
 - o Pass to play in 3C contract
 - o Any bid that was not possible at minimum level is sign off
 - o Bid of a Major at 3 level that could have been made initially is invitational

1S = 10-11 points

- With 15-17 points, passed hand bids 2NT after which Stayman & Transfers are on
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, opener with 15-17hcp Doubles
 - § In response to X, partner bid as follows (Lebensohl):
 - Can pass for penalty
 - Any suit bid is natural and forcing, no stoppers
 - Immediate cue bid of opponent's suit is Stayman but no stopper in opponent's suit
 - Immediate 3NT shows game values but no stopper in opponent's suit
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C after which
 - o A bid at 3 level is natural, forcing and shows stopper in opponent's suit
 - o Cue bid is Stayman and shows stopper in opponent's suit
 - o 3NT is game values and shows stopper in opponent's suit

- With 11-14 points, opener bids 1NT after which Stayman & Transfers are on
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, opener passes or bids a 5+ card minor
 - § partner can pass or bid as follows:
 - Any bid at minimum level (including 1NT) is natural
 - Immediate cue bid of opponent's suit is Stayman but no stopper in opponent's suit
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C after which
 - o A suit bid is natural and shows stopper in opponent's suit
 - o Cue bid is Stayman and shows stopper in opponent's suit
 - o Bid of a Major at 3 level that could have been made initially is invitational

1NT = 12+ points

- With 15-17 points, opener bids 2NT after which Stayman & Transfers are on
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, opener with 15-17hcp Doubles
 - § In response to X, partner bid as follows (Lebensohl):
 - Can pass for penalty
 - Any suit bid is natural and forcing, no stoppers
 - Immediate cue bid of opponent's suit is Stayman but no stopper in opponent's suit
 - Immediate 3NT shows game values but no stopper in opponent's suit
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C after which
 - o A bid at 3 level is natural, forcing and shows stopper in opponent's suit
 - o Cue bid is Stayman and shows stopper in opponent's suit

- o 3NT is game values and shows stopper in opponent's suit
- With 11-14 points, opener bids cheapest 4+ card suit (or higher rank if 5-5)
 - o If opponents interfere with a bid, opener with 11-14hcp passes or bids 5+ minor
 - § partner can pass or bid as follows:
 - Any bid at minimum level is natural
 - Immediate cue bid of opponent's suit is Stayman but no stopper in opponent's suit
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C after which
 - o A suit bid is natural and shows stopper in opponent's suit
 - o Cue bid is Stayman and shows stopper in opponent's suit
 - o Bid of a Major at 3 level that could have been made initially is invitational

If after 1C, there is an immediate bid by opponents; partner will bid as follows:

- Pass = with <8 points
- X = with 8+ points

Opener bids as follows:

- 15-17hcp = 1NT after which transfer and Stayman variations are on
- 11-14hcp = Bid any suit with 4+ cards. Partner can pass or continue bidding

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