

1 Level Openings

1NT opening (15-17 points) → 17%

Major opening (1H or 1S) → 32% (Bergen Raises)

Minor opening (1C or 1D) → 51%

Total Points range for Game or slam in **Major**:

- 25-26 points Game
- 33 points Slam
- 37+ points Grand Slam

Hand Valuation – Suit Opening

The High Card Point (HCP) System (4-3-2-1)

- Ace = 4 points
- King = 3 points
- Queen = 2 points
- Jack = 1 point

Length Points

- 5 card suit = 1 point
- 6 card suit = 2 points
- 7 card suit = 3 points

We add HCP and Length points and Open with 13 Total Points

Hand Valuation – Responder after fit

The High Card Points

Length Points (Side suit with honour such as A/K or QJ)

Shortage Points (aggressive)**

doubleton = 1 point (0)

Singleton = 3 points (2)

Void = 5 points (4)

We add HCP, Length and Shortage points = Total Points

**** We use this if we have 4+ card support for partner's Major**

If we have 3 card support we use 0/2/4

Bergen Raises

Partner Opens 1S (13+ points);

<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Bid</u>
7-10 **	3 card	2S
7-10	4 card	3C Bergen
10-12	3 card	3H * Bergen
10-12	4 card	3D Bergen
13-15 balance 4-3-3-3	3 card	3NT Bergen

* Jump Shift in the other Major (1S-3H or 1H-2S)

** Overlap is due to good or bad points

Bergen Raises

Partner Opens 1S (13+ points);

<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Bid</u>
<7	4 card	3S preempt
<7	5 card	4S preempt
7-10	3 card	2S
7-10	4 card	3C Bergen
10-12	3 card	3H * Bergen
10-12	4 card	3D Bergen
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Bergen Raises - Continuation

After 1H/1S – 3C (7-10 points 4 card support)

- 3D invites
- 3H/3S sign off
- 4H/4S game with strong opening

After 1H/1S – 3D (10-12 points 4 card support)

- 3H/3S minimum balance hand
- 4H/4S to play
- Any suit bid, cue bidding for slam

Bergen Raises – After Interference

After 1H/1S – (X)

- Bergen is On

After 1H – (1S or 1NT)

After 1S – (1NT)

- Interference at 1 level → Bergen is On
- Interference at 2 level → Bergen is Off

Major Raises incorporating Bergen, Jacoby 2NT, Splinter, Preempts

Partner Opens 1S (13+ points);

<u>High Card Points</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Bid</u>
<7	4 card	3S preempt
<7	5 card	4S preempt
7-10	3 card	2S
7-10	4 card	3C Bergen
10-12	3 card	3H Bergen
10-12	4 card	3D Bergen
9+ (Splinter)	4 card shortage in C/D/H	4C/4D/4H
13-15 balance 4-3-3-3	3 card	3NT Bergen
13+	4 card	2NT Jacoby

Opener Hand Revaluation – after fit

Initial High Card Points

Extra Length Points for trump suit

For a six card = 1 point

For a seven card = 2 points

Shortage Points

Doubleton ** = 0 point

Singleton = 2 points

Void = 4 points

We add HCP, trump Length points & Shortage points

** 1 point for 2 doubleton

Hand Valuation – Adjustments

Good - Upgrade

Hands with Aces and Kings (4.3/3.3)

Hands with honors connected and intermediaries

AQJT9 is worth a lot more than AQJ32

Two Suited Hands

Bad - Downgrade

Hands with Queens and Jacks (1.7/0.7)

Hands with 4-3-3-3 shape (deduct 1 point)

When honors are not connected

♠ A 4 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ J 8 4 2

Short suits with wasted honour (say after S fit)

♠ A T 5 4 ♥ K 6 3 2 ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ Q is wasted

Singleton ♣ Q is only counted as extra 1 point

When you are declarer; at **Trick One** you should:

Count your possible losers in your hand

Develop a plan to reduce your losers, using 3 techniques by:

- Ruffing
- Finessing
- Discarding / Establishing a long suit

Counting Losers - Ruffing

North

♠ A 6 5

♥ J 7 4 3

♦ J 4

♣ T 8 6 3

♥ A

♠ K Q J T 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ A 7

West leads ♥A against your 4♠ contract:

Losers: 2 in ♥, 2 in ♦ and 1 ♣ loser (*total of 5 losers*)

Discarding Losers

Dummy
A K 7

J 9 5 3

T 8 6 2

Q 4
Declarer

We can score 3 tricks in this side suit

More importantly Declarer can discard a potential loser from her hand on the third round of this suit

Establishing a long side suit

Dummy
A K 8 6 5 2

Q T 4

J 3

9 7
Declarer

This suit is not ready to run, so we need to establish it. We need to remove West's stopper in the suit before we can score tricks with long cards.

After we draw trumps, we play A & K and Ruff the third card

Now our 2, 5 and 6 works as Aces and Kings.

Finesse

Dummy
A Q 8

West

East

7 6 3

Declarer

King is missing, to make two tricks:

Here we lead towards the Queen:

- If West has the King we make 2 tricks (50% chance)

Let's Play

North

♠ K T 9 6

♥ 4 3

♦ Q J T 5 4

♣ Q 7

Hand 1

Dealer West

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West

♠ Void

♥ K Q T 8 2

♦ K 8 3

♣ K J 8 5 4

♠ A J 7 2

♥ A J 7 5

♦ 9 6 2

♣ 6 3

East

♠ Q 8 5 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ A 7

♣ A T 9 2

South

Let's Play

North

♠ K 9 7 5 3 2

♥ A K 7 3

♦ Void

♣ Q T 3

Hand 2

Dealer North

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♠ Q T

♥ T 9

♦ J T 4 3

♣ A J 9 5 4

♠ 8 6

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ A 7 6 5 2

♣ 8 6

♠ A J 4

♥ 8 6 4

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ K 7 2

South

Let's Play

North

♠ 9 7 2

♥ A K 9 7

♦ T 8 5 3 2

♣ K

Hand 3

Dealer East

West ♠ A 6 3
♥ J T 6 4
♦ J 7
♣ J T 9 6

♠ K Q T 4
♥ Q 8 5 3 2 East
♦ A
♣ A 8 2

♠ J 8 5
♥ Void
♦ K Q 9 6 4
♣ Q 7 5 4 3
South

Let's Play

North

♠ K 5 2
♥ A Q 2
♦ J 9 8 4
♣ 9 6 2

Hand 4

Dealer South
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West

♠ T 4
♥ 9 8 7
♦ A 6 2
♣ A K J 5 3

♠ Q J 9 8 6
♥ 4 3
♦ Q 7 5 3
♣ T 8

East

♠ A 7 3
♥ K J T 6 5
♦ K T
♣ Q 7 4
South

Let's Play

North

♠ Q 7 6
♥ J 5 3
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ A J 8

Hand 5

Dealer West

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West

♠ 9 8 3
♥ A K Q 4 2
♦ K Q 8 2
♣ 5

East

♠ A T 5 2
♥ T 9 7 6
♦ 7 5
♣ K T 9

♠ K J 4
♥ 8
♦ J T 9
♣ Q 7 6 4 3 2
South

Let's Play

North

♠ A 9 4
♥ A J 8 6 5
♦ A Q J
♣ 8 7

Hand 6

Dealer North

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West

♠ K J T 3
♥ Q 4 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ 9 4 2

♠ Q 7 6 5 2
♥ 9
♦ 8 3 2
♣ A J T 6

East

♠ 8
♥ K T 7 3
♦ T 9 6 4
♣ K Q 5 3
South

Let's Play

North

♠ 4
♥ 8 6 5
♦ A J T 9 4 3
♣ T 6 2

Hand 7

Dealer East

Thursday March 19

West

♠ J 8 3
♥ A 9 2
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A Q 9 3

East

♠ A K 6 5 2
♥ Q T 7 3
♦ K 2
♣ 8 7

♠ Q T 9 7
♥ K J 4
♦ 7 5
♣ K J 5 4
South

Let's Play

North

♠ Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 8 2

♦ K 8 4

♣ 4 3 2

Hand 8

Dealer South

Wed March 11

West

♠ 7 3

♥ A T 9 7 6 4 3

♦ T 9

♣ Q J

♠ T

♥ K J 5

♦ A 6 3

♣ K T 9 8 7 5

East

♠ A K J 5 2

♥ Q

♦ Q J 7 5 2

♣ A 6

South

Let's Play

North

♠ 7 6 5 4 2

♥ Q 7

♦ J 4 2

♣ T 8 7

Hand 9

Dealer East

Wed March 11

West

♠ A Q T 8

♥ J 9 3 2

♦ K 6

♣ 6 5 4

♠ J 9

♥ A K T 6 5

♦ T 8

♣ A K Q 2

East

♠ K 3

♥ 8 4

♦ A Q 9 7 5 3

♣ J 9 3

South

Let's Play

North

♠ A J 7

♥ A J T 9 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ J 5

Hand 10

Dealer North

West

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 4

♦ K 8 7 6 3

♣ T 8 6 2

♠ Q 9 8 3

♥ 7

♦ Q J T 2

♣ Q 9 7 3

East

♠ K T 5

♥ K Q 8 6 2

♦ A 5

♣ A K 4

South