

NO TRUMP OPENING BIDS AND RESPONSES
Count High Cards and Length
Opening Bids

No Trump Opening Bids PROMISE exact points plus Balance. How many points?

One No Trump. . . .16-18 points
Two No Trump.....22-24 points
Three No Trump...25-27 points

What is a Balanced Hand? No VOIDS, No SINGLETONS, No more than ONE DOUBLETON. No Trump Opening Bids guarantee a balanced hand.

Responses

Before responding to a No Trump Opening Bid, ask yourself the right question!

Is my hand balanced or unbalanced?

With a balanced hand, stay in No Trump
7 or less points . . Pass
8 or 9 Points . . Bid 2 No Trump
10 to 14 points. . Bid 3 No Trump
15 or more points . . Try for a Slam

With an unbalanced hand, name your suit.
YOU MUST HAVE A FIVE CARD OR LONGER SUIT.

7 or less points...Bid 2 of your long suit. This is a weakness bid, partner must PASS.

10 or more points... You must reach game.

With a six-card major, bid game in the major.

With a five-card major, jump to 3 Hearts or Spades. This is forcing to game. Your partner, the No Trump Opener will raise your suit with 3 or more cards, return to No Trump with only two.

With a long minor, bid 3 No Trump. (Conceal the minor)

8 or 9 Points. . .

With a six-card major, bid game in your major.

With a six-card minor, bid 2 No Trump.

With a five-card major, use Stayman.