

# 5-CARD MAJOR

# OPENING BIDS

# REFERENCE CARD

WEAK HANDS	AVERAGE HANDS				
6-9 HCPs	10	11	12-14 HCPs	15-17 HCPs	18-19 HCPs
<p><b>Weak Two:</b> If you have a 6-card ♠, ♥ or ♦ suit with at least two of the top five honours, you may: <b>Open 2 of that suit</b> annoying the opposition <b>To respond, partner goes to WEAK2 table</b></p>				<p><b>Balanced Hand with 15-17 HCPs:</b> If you have 15-17 HCPs and a balanced hand (a hand in which there are no Voids, no Singletons and at most one Doubleton), you will: <b>Open 1NT</b> <b>To respond, partner goes to 1NT table</b></p>	
<p><b>Pre-Emptive Three:</b> If you have a 7-card suit with at least two of the top four honours, you may: <b>Open 3 of that suit</b> making it hard for the opposition <b>To respond, partner goes to 3SUIT table</b></p>			<p><b>Unbalanced Hand with 10-19 HCPs or Balanced Hand with 10-14 or 18-19 HCPs:</b> Start looking for a <b>Fit</b> (a suit in which your partnership has at least 8 cards). In Third or Fourth Seat the point range can be relaxed a bit (instead of 12+ HCPs, 10-11 HCPs might suffice):</p> <p><b>Major:</b> If you have 12-19 HCPs and one or two 5+ card Major suits, you will: <b>Open 1 of Major suit</b> (Open 1♠, if you have two)</p> <p><b>No Major:</b> If you have 12-19 HCPs but no 5+ card Major suit, you will: <b>Open 1 of Longest Minor suit</b> (Open 1♣ if distribution is 3-3, Open 1♦ if distribution is 4-4)</p>		
<p><b>Pre-Emptive Four:</b> If you have an 8+ card suit with at least two of the top four honours, you may: <b>Open 4 of that suit</b> making it very hard for the opposition <b>To respond, partner goes to 4SUIT table</b></p>			<p><b>Strong 6+:</b> If you have 10 HCPs and a very strong 6+ card or a good 7+ card suit, you may: <b>Open 1 of that suit</b></p>		
<p><b>Gambling 3NT:</b> If you have a 7+ card <b>Minor</b> suit headed by the Ace, King and Queen, you may: <b>Open 3NT</b> making the opposition sit up <b>To respond, partner goes to 3NT table</b></p>			<p><b>Good 6+:</b> If you have 11 HCPs, a good 6+ card suit and partner has not bid yet, you may: <b>Open 1 of Good 6+ card suit</b></p> <p><b>To respond, partner goes to 1SUIT table</b></p>		

**HCPs:** Ace = 4, King = 3, Queen = 2, Jack = 1

**Major Suits:** ♠ ♥

**Minor Suits:** ♦ ♣

**Ranking:** NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣