Losing Trick Count

1. Find a fit (at least 8 cards in suit in your & partner's hand)

2. Count the losers in your hand

3. Estimate the number of losers in your partner's hand

4. Raise to the level indicated by the Losing Trick Count

Counting Losers

"Losers" are cards that will probably fall on someone else's Ace, King or Queen.

♠ 9 8	two losers
♥ A K Q 5	zero losers
♦ K x x x x	two losers
♣ A x	one loser
TOTAL:	5 losers

Estimating the losers in partner's hand

Unbalanced 12-14 HCP typically = 7 losers, 15-19 HCP likely 5.

Raise Partner's Suit using Losing Trick Count

Add losers in your hand to
your estimate of losers in partner's hand.
Subtract from 24.

This gives the number of tricks you and
your partner can make with your suit as trumps.
Bid accordingly.

If the Losing Trick Count suggests a slam, check for Aces etc with your chosen method.

If the Losing Trick Count gives a different forecast to HCPs. Bid to the higher of the different methods –

be optimistic!