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□ BIDDING AND BENDING THE RULES

❖ **Let the points be your guide but not your master!**

Remember in trumps ......
You could win all thirteen tricks in your hand with only 10 points – think about it!

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EVALUATING YOUR HAND- HOW STRONG IS IT

❖ Length Points (can be added before suit agreement or in NT)

LENGTH	in NT	in a Suit
5	1	same as NT, switch to shortage points after suit agreed
6	2	

❖ HCP
❖ Shortage Points (should only be added once you have a suit agreement – never for NT)

SHORTAGE	lots of trumps	fewer trumps
Void	5	4
Singleton	3	2
Doubleton	1	1

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SHOWING SHAPE

- A 1NT or 2NT opening shows a balanced hand in a given point range
- A reverse bid shows a strong hand with the first bid suit longer than the second.
- Opening pre-empts show length e.g 3 level opening 7 cards in suit

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HAND EVALUATION. SELECTION OF OPENING SUIT
HOW TO CHOOSE THE FIRST SUIT TO BID

LENGTH BEFORE STRENGTH FOR YOUR FIRST BID

However it's not always that easy ………

WITH 4 CARD SUITS AGAIN OPEN THE HIGHEST DENOMINATION FIRST (SPADES, HEARTS, DIAMONDS, CLUBS) EXCEPT WITH 4 SPADES AND 4 HEARTS WHEN YOU SHOULD OPEN HEARTS FIRST

HAND EVALUATION SHOWING SHAPE SHOW SHAPE WITH 5-5, 6-6, 6-5 HANDS

❖ Remember our saying – "6 and 4, bid some more".
❖ These suits are POWERFUL

ALWAYS BID DOWN THE LINE WITH 5 OR 6 CARD SUITS I.E. THE HIGHEST DENOMINATION FIRST (SPADES, HEARTS, DIAMONDS, CLUBS)

**KEEPING TO THE RULES
WHAT DO YOU OPEN WITH THIS HAND?**

Length is strength!

♠ 9 8 7 5 3
♥ 6
♦ A K J 6 4
♣ A 3

HOW WOULD YOU BID THESE HANDS
(P.98/9 – BOOK 2)

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO WORK OUT
WHAT THE BIDDING SHOWS**

Whether you are in the driving seat or defending

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EACH
PLAYERS HANDS IF THE BIDDING GOES
... (A) – P.99**

West	East
1S	2D
2H	2NT
3H	3S
4S	

West –.5 or 6 spades and 5 hearts, about 14-15 points. Strong enough to accept partner's invitation to game.
East – 10-12 points. 5+ diamonds, 2 spades, 2hearts. Would have bid 3S over 2H with three spades

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EACH PLAYERS HANDS IF THE BIDDING GOES … (C)

West	East
1H	1S
2D	2S
3H	4H

West –. 6 hearts and 4 diamonds. Probably 0 or 1 spade.
East – 6+ spades and 2 hearts. No more than 9 points.

HAND EVALUATION OPENING WITH A 4-4-4-1 HAND

These hands do not always play well and are difficult to bid, so with 12 points you should consider passing. (especially if vulnerable)

With 4441 shape and red suit singleton, open the suit below the singleton With 4441 shape and black suit singleton, open the middle of the touching suits
Have a go! (p.91)

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EACH PLAYERS HANDS IF THE BIDDING GOES …(D)

West	East
1C	1D
1H	1S
2S	PASS

West –.4-4-1-4 or 4-4-0-5 with short diamonds, minimum values as opener only raised 1S to 2S.
East – has 4+ diamonds and 4 spades, about 6-9 points, not more because 2S was passed

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LETS PLAY SOME CARDS -