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With at least 12HCP, no 5 card major and no possibility of opening 1NT, open 1 ♣ or 1 ♦.

- In general open your longest minor suit.
- If both are of equal length:
 - with 3 cards, open 1 ♣
 - with 4 cards open your best minor, if equal choose ♦
 - with 5 cards or more, open 1 ♦.

S	W	N	E
1 ♦			

2 ♠	K ♥	4 ♥	A ♣	J ♣	10 ♣	9 ♣	7 ♣	A ♦	10 ♦	9 ♦	8 ♦	6 ♦
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Problem E1101 : with 5 ♣ and 5 ♦ choose ♦.

S	W	N	E
1 ♣			

A ♠	9 ♠	4 ♠	K ♥	Q ♥	J ♥	10 ♥	A ♣	8 ♣	4 ♣	A ♦	8 ♦	4 ♦
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Problem E1138 With 3 cards in each minor, bid 1 ♣.



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The best minor

With 4 ♦ and 4 ♣ open your best minor, ie the one with the most honor cards. When your Opponents play the contract and your partner leads, he will lead to your best minor... which could be decisive.

S	W	N	E
1 ♣			

4 ♠	2 ♠	Q ♥	J ♥	4 ♥	K ♣	Q ♣	J ♣	10 ♣	A ♦	8 ♦	6 ♦	4 ♦
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Problem E1141 ♣ is undoubtedly the best minor.

S	W	N	E
1 ♦			

K ♠	9 ♠	4 ♠	J ♥	8 ♥	A ♣	J ♣	9 ♣	6 ♣	A ♦	J ♦	9 ♦	7 ♦
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Problem E1139 With 4 cards of equal strength you should always open 1 ♦.