



1 NT Opening bid

1NT opening

Without a 5-card major and :

- with 15-17HCP
- a balanced hand

always open 1NT (both conditions must be met).

Reminder: a balanced hand has neither a void nor a singleton nor a 5 card major.

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| A ♠ | 9 ♠ | 4 ♠ | K ♥ | Q ♥ | J ♥ | 10 ♥ | A ♣ | 8 ♣ | 4 ♣ | A ♦ | 8 ♦ | 4 ♦ |
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Exercise E1138 1 ♣ With 18HCP this hand is too strong to open 1NT.

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| K ♠ | 4 ♠ | K ♥ | 6 ♥ | K ♣ | Q ♣ | 9 ♣ | 6 ♣ | 5 ♣ | K ♦ | J ♦ | 9 ♦ | 7 ♦ |
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Exercise E1140 1NT The 2 doubletons are not an obstacle for a 1NT opening.



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Examples

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| K | J | 5 | 2 | A | J | 6 | 4 | K | Q | J | 3 | 7 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ |

Exercise 1174 1 ♣ With a singleton don't open 1NT.

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| K | J | 10 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | A | K | 10 | K | Q | 9 |
| ♠ | ♠ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♥ | ♣ | ♣ | ♣ | ♦ | ♦ | ♦ |

Exercise 4886 1 ♥ With a 5 card major don't open 1NT.