



Hand evaluation

School bridge Hand evaluations

There are 3 methods for hand evaluation :

- The HL count, in the absence of a fit : You add 1 L point per card after the 4th in each suit
- The HLD count with a fit:
 - 22 points for the 9th card in trump, 1 pfor each one after that
 - 3 points for a chicane, 2 for a singleton , 1 fora doubleton
- The count of playing tricks, for strong openings and preempts

The strength for bidding a game

- Bidding 3NT requires 25 to 32HL
 - Bidding 4 ♥ or 4 ♠ requires 27 to 32HL
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Opening bids in SEF

- Precise openings
 - 1 or 2 NT with regular hands and, respectively: 15-17HCP or 20-21HP
- Artificial openings
 - The 2 strong ♣ (22-23HCP or enough tricks for game - 2)
 - The 2♦ forcing to game (With 24+HL or enough tricks for game - 1)
- Opening of 1 in a suit with other handsand between 12 and 21HCP
 - You open your longest suit, provided it has at least 5 cards, if it is a major (♥ or ♠)
 - With 2 5 carders, bid the highest suit firs
 - With no 5 cards major, open your longest minor
 - With 3 cards in each minor, Open 1 ♣
 - With 4 cards in each minor, Open the best one
 - With 5 cards in each minor, Open 1 ♦

S	W	N	E
1♥			



[Exercise 1845](#)

With 5 cards in a major, you must bid it... Even with a graet minor suit.



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Examples of minor suit openings

S	W	N	E
1 ♣			

A ♠	K ♠	J ♠	10 ♠	A ♥	K ♥	Q ♥	9 ♥	J ♣	9 ♣	4 ♣	7 ♦	4 ♦
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Exercise E1843 1 ♣ It is your best minor ! With 18H, and no 5 card minor, open with your best minor.

S	W	N	E
1 ♦			

2 ♠	A ♥	9 ♥	A ♣	K ♣	Q ♣	J ♣	10 ♣	A ♦	10 ♦	9 ♦	7 ♦	6 ♦
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[Exercise 1147](#)

1 ♦. It is the rule with 5-5 in the minors.