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- Zia does not recommend the use of 'automatic rules' : A little thinking most of the time enables you to reach the appropriate solution.
- When does the rule of 15 apply ? You are in 4th seat, after 3 passes and you have less than 12CP, you are wondering whether or not to open.
- The rule says : Add your HCP count and the number of cards you have in ♠ :
  - If the total reaches 15 open
  - If the total is less than 15 : pass!

Example :

You are in South, in 4th seat ; Will you open or pass ?

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Exercise 9635 Don't open for your opps. They have not found their contract.. Don't do them a favor!

The 'rule of 15' can help :

You have 11HCP and 1 card in ♠. The total is 12, lower than 15, so you must pass.

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Exercise 9636 10HCP only, but you must open this nice 2-suiter. the 'rule of 15' confirms your impression :  
10HCP + 5 cards in ♠ = 15 !

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