

A limit bid limits a hand to a given distribution and / or high card point (HCP) count.

When you open with a limit bid you do not have to rebid ( nor should you !! ) unless forced by responder to do so.

Conversely, if you open a hand with an unlimited bid, you must have a rebid and responder will expect you to make it.

OPENING LIMIT BIDS

Once you have made your opening limit bid, responder ( not you !! ) is in charge of the auction. Responder should be able to determine the contract immediately or may want to ask more about opener’s hand before deciding.

Examples of opening limit bids in No Trumps:-

Opening Bid	Limited?	Responder	Opener's Rebids	Responder's Rebids	Opener's Response
1NT	Yes 12-14 HCP and a 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2 distribution	With a balanced hand:- Pass with <11 HCP	Pass	Pass	N/A
		2NT with 11/12 HCP invitational but not forcing **	Pass with 12 or 13 Bid 3NT with 14 HCP		
		3NT with 13+HCP	Pass		
		With an unbalanced hand and a 6 card suit make a Weak Take Out Into 2D 2H 2S or 3C	Pass		

Opening Bid	Limited?	Responder	Opener's Rebid	Responder's Rebid	Opener's Response
<p>1C / 1D 1H / 1S</p>	<p>No No</p> <p>Unlimited at least a 4 card suit with up to 19pts.</p> <p><u>Must have a rebid</u></p>	<p>Responder knows that opener will rebid.</p> <p>Responder should bid with 6+ points, but what?</p> <p>Bid lowest 4+ card suit.</p> <p>If you have to bid at the 2 level you are promising at least 8pts.</p>	<p>With a Balanced hand:-</p> <p>1NT with 15 or 16 HCP</p> <p>2NT with 17 or 18 HCP</p> <p>3NT with 19 HCP</p> <p>If Responder has bid at the 2 level then rebid:-</p> <p>2NT with 15 or 16 HCP</p> <p>3NT with 17 + HCP</p>	<p>Pass with 6, 7 or 8 HCP 2NT with 9pts (invitational) 3NT with 10+ HCP</p> <p>Pass with 6 or 7 HCP Bid 3NT with 8+ HCP</p> <p>Pass</p> <p>Pass with 8 or 9 HCP or bid 3NT with 10+ HCP</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>N/a</p> <p>Pass with 15 HCP or bid 3NT with 16 HCP</p> <p>Pass</p>