

## Most to least desirable contracts

- 1. Major suit with an 8-card fit
- 2. No-Trump
- 3. Minor suit with an 8-card fit
- 4. A suit with a 7-card fit

\*Only a general ranking –

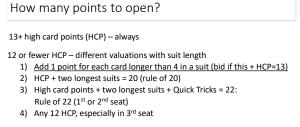
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Very strong hand and hands with extreme distribution are exceptions.

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## What should you have to open a major suit?

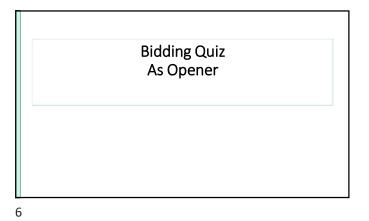
- 12 to 21 high card points(HCP)\*
- At least five cards in the major suit
- No better bid (e.g., longer minor suit or no-trump)

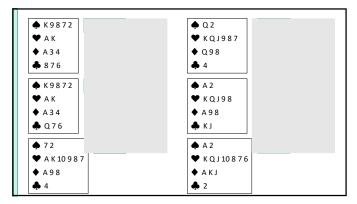


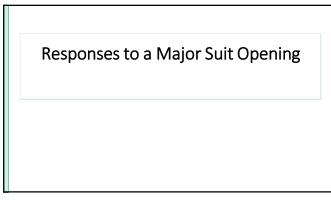
NOTE: Use method 1) until you are intermediate level player. This is the conservative Audrey Grant recommendation.

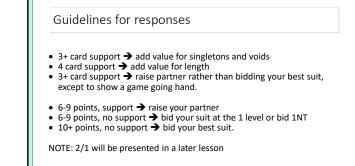
<sup>\*</sup>General guide:

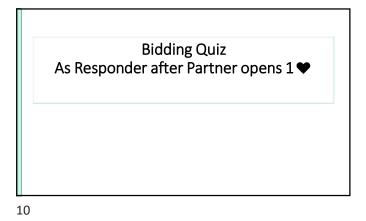
Open with less than 12 HCP but having suit length points Bid 2 ♣ with less than 22 points if you are "a trick short of game"

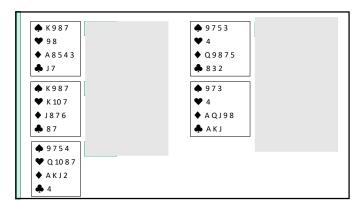


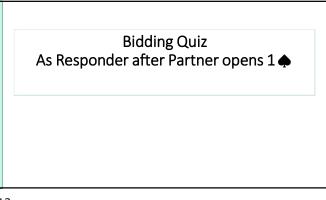


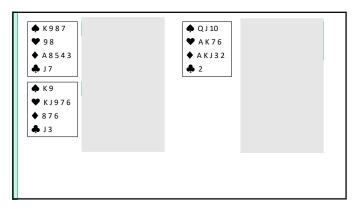












## Recap

• Try to play in a major if you have an 8-card fit

- 1 of a major has a very broad point and distribution range. This makes standard bidding more difficult than in no-trump.
- As opener, add value to your hand for long suits
- As responder, add value to your hand for short suits if you also have good trump support.
- As responder, add value to your hand if more than 3-card support