

Lesson 2

Opening One of a Major

- I. If you have 12-19 High Card Points open 1 of a major
- II. You may also open one of a major with an unbalanced 20 point hand
- III. When your partner opens 1 heart or 1 spade
 - A. With 6-9 and a fit for partner raise to 2
 - B. With 10-11 and a four card fit for partner raise to 3
- IV. Rebids by Opener
 - A. If you as opener bid 1 heart and responder bids 1spade then opener should raise partner's suit with four or more spades.
 - B. If opener has a 6 card or longer suit and no fit for partner she should rebid her suit.
 - C. If opener has no fit for partner and only 5 cards in his suit bid 1 no trump.
 - D. Three key principles
 - Your first task after a major suit opening is to find an eight card fit if it exists
 - When opener repeats her first bid suit on her second bid she promises a 6 card suit.
 - Once you know you have a fit for partner stop looking for a fit. Don't rebid your six card suit if you have a fit for partner's suit.