

BIDDING IN A TEAM EVENT

When do you bid 1NT as opening bid as dealer?

We would like to show an example hand bid in both rooms.

Deal No 16 Dealer West Vul :E-W	NORTH ♠53 ♥73 ♦A10873 ♣KJ82	
WEST ♠AQ109 ♥AJ843 ♦Q6 ♣A7		EAST ♠ 8764 ♥ Q2 ♦ KJ95 ♣ Q103
	SOUTH ♠KJ2 ♥K1096 ♦42 ♣9654	

West	North	East	South
1 NT	All Pass		

West has 17 points. Pointwise a bid of 1NT is correct. East has 7 points and a balanced hand. Hence he is correct in passing 1 NT . Result 9 tricks made for +150.

In 3rd position after 2 passes. One can bid 1 NT showing 15-17 so that Partner is the captain to decide the contract.

But, in 1st position as dealer 4522 hand, playable in a Major suit contract, need not be opened 1NT . Kindly note as dealer.

We recommend a normal opening of 1 Heart and if Partner responds showing 6+ points, can proceed further.

In the other room,

West	North	East	South
1 Heart	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
2 Spade	Pass	4 Spade	All Pass

Trick	W	N	E	S
1	D6	D10	DK	D4
2	HJ	H5	H2	H6
3	D2	DQ	DA	D5
4	SA	S3	S4	SK
5	HA	H7	HQ	H9
6	H3	D3	S6	H10
7	SQ	D7	DJ	SJ
8	H4	C8	S7	HK
9	C7	D8	D9	S2
10	CA	CK	C3	C4
11	S9	Made 11 tricks		

E-W bid 4 Spade making 5 > + 650

We suggest the following for Improving and Advanced players :-

In 3rd position after 2 passes, player may bend rules if he considers it as profitable. BUT, in 1st position, with an unpassed partner, it would be wiser to bid as per system

Balanced hand > 4-3-3-3, 4-3-3-2, or 5-3-3-2

Semi balanced hand > 5-4-2-2, or 6-3-2-2.

With **stoppers** in the short suits, it is sometimes better to open with a notrump bid with semi-balanced suit shapes than bid the long suit.

If your hand has a long minor suit, and is short in the major suits, an early 1-level bid in the minor might not convey the strength of your hand of 15-17.