

ONLINE BRIDGE LESSONS

OPENING 1NT AND RESPONSES WITH BALANCED HANDS

A strong NT opening hand of 15-17 high card points is assumed for the responses shown below

If the opening 1NT is weak, add three points to all the numbers shown below

RESPONSE	POINTS	MEANING
PASS	0-7	Balanced distribution
2NT	8-9	Balanced distribution, invitation to 3NT.
3NT	10-15	Balanced distribution, no interest for slam
4NT	16-17	Balanced distribution, invitation to 6NT
5NT	20-21	Balanced distribution, bid 6NT with minimum and 7NT with maximum
6NT	18-19	Balanced distribution, no interest for 7NT
7NT	22+	Balanced distribution