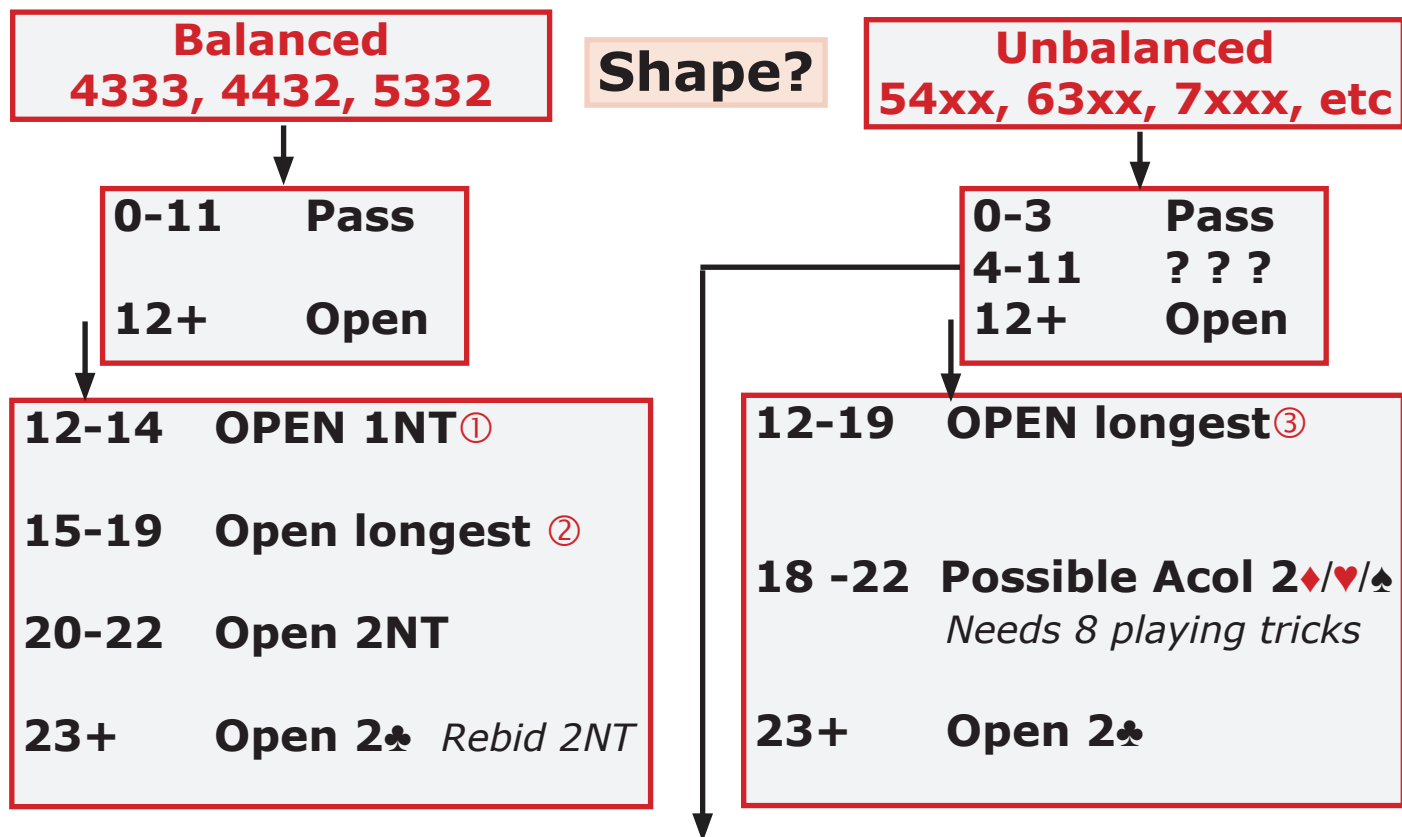


Can you Open?



Unbalanced hands with less than 12 points

Shapely hands with less than 12 points can *sometimes* be opened

10-11 **Open 1 of a suit?** *Below is a list of considerations*

- * Passes rule of 20? ④
- * Honours well placed? ⑤
- * Intermediates in long suits? ⑥
- * Vulnerability is considered ⑦
- * Defensive strength? ⑧

4-10 **Pre-emptive 3?** *Below is a list of considerations*

- * A good 7 card suit?
- * Honours well placed? ⑤
- * Intermediates? ⑥
- * Vulnerability is considered ⑦

Note: Non Acol players open pre-emptive 2's in the majors

- ① *With a decent 5 card major open 1 of major rather than 1NT*
- ② *If 4432 open the major if you have one: if you have both, open 1♥*
- ③ *If 55xx open the highest ranking suit*
- ④ *Rule of 20: potentially OK if HCP plus cards in the the 2 longest suits is at least 20*
- ⑤ *Honours in your trump suit are very valuable. Devalue honours in short suits*
- ⑥ *Q J 10 9 2 is much more powerful than Q J 5 4 3*
- ⑦ *Always think about the cost of going down. Three down vulnerable costs 800 points!*
- ⑧ *Without 2 quick tricks (AK=2, AQ = 1½, A=1, KQ =1, , K= ½) it is dangerous to open*

Responding to Partners 1 level Opening Bid: Opponents Silent

