NOTRUMP OPENINGS

- <u>1 NT</u>: <u>15-17</u>. But really 14+ to 17 Fair (not 17+). Mark convention card: 14+ to 17.
- Even with a small doubleton.
 - 14 with a Good five-card suit (5th card = 1 point) and fillers (10 & 9) = 15.
 - Open 1NT with a 5-card Major. Solves rebid problems. If a good 17 HCP, open 1 of the 5-card major & then jump bid 2NT, as hand is almost 18 & you get in the major as well.
 - Good 5-carder = 1+ points. Since at least a $\underline{x}\underline{x}$ fit is known.
 - Good 6-carder = 3 points. Since a fit 6-2 is known.
 - Good 5-card suit & 17 = 17+. Too good to open 1NT. Open one of suit & rebid 2NT.
 - Open 4-5-2-2 with 1NT as long as 5-carder is a Minor. Solves rebid problems.
 - Open 6-card Minor 1NT if 14-15 HCP. If 16-17, open 1 minor & jump rebid 2NT or Minor.
 - Open 1NT with a Stiff A or K, if you foresee a rebid problem (Axx, Q10xx, K, AKxxx).
 - Get your "mostly" balanced narrow NT range off your chest in one bid.
 - All the Above applies to Below.

1 NT - OVERCALLS

- **Vulnerable** 1NT Overcall = 15-18.
- Non-vulnerable 1NT Overcall = 14-17.
- Your Points are worth more, because they are Behind the Opening Bidder.
- Play "systems on."

2 NT – BIDS & REBIDS

- 2NT = 20-21. Upgrade a good 19+.
- <u>2C- (2D/2H/2S by pard) 2NT Opener Rebid = 22-23</u>. Upgrade a good 21+.
- Play "systems on."