

Bidding With a Minimum

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1. Weak Points:

Responder Needs 6 HCP's even at duplicate bridge.

Example: Partner Opens 1♣. What do you bid with the following?

A	B	C	D	E
♠Q76	♠Q76	♠Q762	♠QJ7543	♠J109876
♥J9742	♥J74	♥QJ432	♥92	♥92
♦J963	♦J42	♦92	♦92	♦92
♣2	♣Q963	♣93	♣Q32	♣762
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Which hands would you pass because:

- There is no obligation to rescue partner
- Opponents should balance
- You have an ugly hand with no controls nor entries
- Partner may jump to 2NT or game if you bid

Remember: The only rescue bid is pass because all other bids are usually forward going.

Q: Why is 6 HCP's needed?

A: It may be difficult to declare with a hand with few or no entries.

As a defender, declarer takes care of the transportation and may finesse to you because you passed.

One may pass with an ugly 6 HCP's but may bid with:

- 5 HCP's and a major or two
- 0-6 HCP's and a 6 card major

2. Weak Suit

Example: What would open in first seat with the following hand?

♠ AK6
♥ 98653
♦ A43
♣ K3

Open 1♥

if partner has support, you have the same losers with any trump and you can always trump with the little ones.

Overcalling is completely different. It then needs to be a suit with:

- lead direction
- trump control

Which West hands are strong (16+)?

i.	W	N	E	S
	1♣	P	P	1♥
	Dbl			
ii.	W	N	E	S
	1♣	1♥	P	P
	Dbl			
iii.	W	N	E	S
	1♣	P	P	1♥
	1NT			
iv.	W	N	E	S
	1♥	P	P	1♠
	2♥			