OPENING UNBALANCED HANDS AT THE ONE-LEVEL - IMPROVERS

This sheet differs from the basic method only in that it incorporates (hybrid) strong reverses.

Reverse bidding

* If your opening bid is 1x then any rebid beyond 2x constitutes a reverse bid.
As this potentially forces the bidding to the three-level it is usually played as promising extra strength and forcing for one round.
In the version incorporated on this sheet such a bid will promise at least 16 points facing a one-level response and at least 14 points facing a two-level response.
(Note that many partnerships play it as promising at least 16 points in either situation.)

† All of the following assumes that the hand does not qualify for an opening bid at the two-level.

Single-suited hands			**Your planned rebid**
No secondary four-card suit	10 - 15	Open one of your suit	Rebid two of your suit.
	16 -18	Open one of your suit †	Rebid three of your suit.
	19 - 22	Open one of your suit †	Rebid game in your suit or 3NT.
Six-card suit + four-card other	10 - 13	Open one of your six-card suit	Rebid in your four-card suit if below 2x. * Otherwise rebid two of your six-card suit.
	14 - 15	Open one of your six-card suit	Facing a two-level response rebid your four-card suit. Facing a one-level response rebid your four-card suit if below 2x. Otherwise rebid two of your six-card suit.
	16 - 18	Open one of your six-card suit †	Rebid in your four-card suit.
	19 - 22	Open one of your six-card suit †	Force with a reverse or a jump in your second suit.

5 - 5 shape

	10 - 13	Open one of the higher-ranking suit	Rebid in your second suit if below 2x. * Otherwise rebid two of your six-card suit.
	14 - 15	Open one of the higher-ranking suit	Facing a two-level response rebid your second suit. Facing a one-level response rebid your second suit if below 2x. * Otherwise rebid two of your first suit.
	16 - 18	Open one of the higher-ranking suit	Rebid in your second suit.
	19 - 22	Open one of the higher-ranking suit	Jump rebid in your second suit.

5 - 4 shape

	11 - 13	Open one of the five-card suit	Rebid in your second suit if below 2x. * Otherwise rebid two of your five-card suit.
	14 - 15	Open one of the five-card suit	Facing a two-level response rebid your second suit. Facing a one-level response rebid your second suit if below 2x. * Otherwise rebid two of your first suit.
	16 - 18	Open one of the five-card suit	Rebid in your second suit.
	19 - 22	Open one of the five-card suit	Jump rebid in your second suit.

5-4-2-2 shape

	11	With points in the short suits and no suitable rebid	Pass
	12 - 14	With points in the short suits and no suitable rebid	Open 1NT
	15+	Bid as for 5-4 shape above.	

4-4-4-1 shape

	12		Pass.	
	13 - 14	TAPS (H & C)	black-suit shortage - open 1♥.	red-suit shortage - open 1♣.
		Be prepared to judge each hand on its merits and to vary this rule if appropriate and safe.		
	15 - 19	Open as for no trumps.	Rebid in no trumps if necessary.	