

2019 CNTC

Dimich Team

May open 1NT (strong) with a singleton when rebid would be awkward or misleading if opened 1 of a suit.

No controls. Bidding continues naturally by both partners.

Possible distributions: (5,4,3,1) (1,4,4,4) (1,3,3,6) but opener will not have a 5 - card major and will not have 4 spades (so if 1-4-4-4 then has a singleton spade).

Examples:

1. J AKQJ Qxxx Qxxx may open 1NT (15-17) but J Qxxx AKQJ Qxxx may open 1D and rebid 2C after 1S response
2. AKQ x AQJxx xxxx may open 1NT (15 – 17) but AQx x AQJxx Kxxx may open 1D and rebid 2C after 1H response
3. AKJ AQJ x xxxxxx may open 1NT (15-17) but xxx AQJ x AKJxxx may open 1C and rebid 3C after 1D response

Suggested Defence: Use your standard defence against a strong 1NT opener