

## Standard American Yellow Card (SAYC) Bidding System

### First Process

Determine which suit to play in the following priority:

- 1) MAJOR** suit contract
- 2) NO TRUMP** contract
- 3) MINOR** suit contract

### Second Process

Determine the contract level **AFTER** the contract suit is known

### Hand Evaluation

#### For an Opening Bid - 2 Criteria:

- **Sum of HCPs** (Honor Card Points) in the hand - suit location of the HCPs does not matter - **NO** distribution points are used to evaluate the opening hand
- **Suit Length** - the number of card in each suit - a 5+card major suit is the most important

#### For a Suit Contract:

Use distribution points to evaluate both hands **AFTER** the suit to be played is known

#### For a No Trump Contract:

Do not use Distribution Points

### Response Priority

In order of priority:

- 1)** Support the opened major suit when possible
- 2)** Propose the other 4-card major suit when possible
- 3)** Propose a new 4-card suit at the lowest possible level