

Standard American Yellow Card (SAYC) Concepts

First Process

Determine which suit to play in the following preference:

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

Second Process

Determine the contract level

AFTER the contract suit is known

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Hand Evaluation Criteria

- 1) **Sum of Honor Card Points (HCPs)** in the hand - suit location of the HCPs does not matter
- 2) **Suit Length** - the number of card in each suit
- 3) Once the suit to be played is known, use distribution points to **re-evaluate** the hand
- 4) Once the No Trump contract to be played is known, **do NOT use distribution points** to re-evaluate the hand

Types of Hands

- 1) **Opening** (propose a suit to play)
- 2) **Support** the partner's bid suit
- 3) **Propose** a new suit to play

Response Priorities

- 1) **support** the proposed major suit
- 2) **propose** the other major suit
- 3) **ignore** a minor suit bid and propose a major suit