

SAYC Bidding Strategy

Standard American Yellow Card (SAYC) Bidding Strategy for an Opening Bid

First Process

Look for the suit to play in the following preference:

- 1) 5+card major suit for a contract
- 2) Balanced distribution for a No Trump contract
- 3) As last resort Better Minor

Second Process

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

Hand Evaluation for an Opening 1-Level Bid - 2 Criteria

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