

# Cable Car Opening Bids

## Opening Bids Only

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The reference to *Cable Car* is mostly likely owing to the fact that the city of San Francisco, California, is well known and famous for its rather unique mode of transportation with cable cars, which travel and traverse the streets of the city.

1 ♣	17+	HCP	Any shape.
1 ♦	13-16	HCP	Various shapes.
1 ♥	8-12	HCP	Promises a 4-card plus Heart suit.
1 ♠	8-12	HCP	Promises a 4-card plus Spade suit.
1 NT	10-12	HCP	Shows balanced shape.
2 ♣	8-12	HCP	Promises a 5-card plus Club suit.
2 ♦	8-12	HCP	Promises a 5-card plus Diamond suit.
2 ♥	13-16	HCP	Promises a 5-card plus Heart suit.
2 ♠	13-16	HCP	Promises a 5-card plus Spade suit.
2NT	6-9	HCP	Distribution: 5-5 in the Minor suits.
3♣♦	13-16		Promises a 6 <sup>+</sup> cards

Any 4-card Major suit opening on the one level may possibly contain canapés.