

Losing Trick Count – Expected Losers

If the auction suggests you will be playing in a suit contract, you can use the following table to estimate how many losers each bid shows using the following table.

Bid	Points	Expected Losers
Minimum opening 1 of a suit	12-15	7
Raise 1 of a suit to 2 level	6-9	9
1NT	12-14	Usually 8, sometimes 7
2NT	20-22	4 losers
2 ♣	23+	3 losers or less
3-level pre-empt	Under 11	7 - non vulnerable 6 - vulnerable
Weak Two	6-10	8 minimum - 7 with a 'feature'
Overcall at the 1 level	8-16	8 losers or less
Overcall at the 2 level	10-16	7 losers or less
Weak Jump Overcalls	6-10	Same as Weak Twos, or 3-level pre-empts
Takeout doubles	12+	7 losers or less