

Average Loser Count

Add the value of the losers count to the actual HCP and divide by 2.

23+ Points	3 losers or less	2D Or 2NT
20 – 22 Points	4 or 5 Losers	2C
15 – 18 Points	5 or 6 losers	1NT or second suit by opener
12 – 14 points	7 or 8 losers	1 level opener (no rebid, shows min hand)
10 – 11 points	9 or 10 Losers	
6 – 9 points	9 – 11 Losers	

If you add the losers to the high card points give you a more accurate valuation of your hand

Total losers between you and your partner, subtract from 24 gives you the level of contact you should be playing

EG if partner opens 1NT and you have 6S and 6 – 9 points, but only 7 losers you should be in game

Partner has max 6 losers, you have 7 losers: $6+7 = 13$ (subtract from 24) $= 11$ so can make 11 tricks

So a hand like this should be looking for game

S	K x x
H	A x x x x x
D	J x x
C	x

If partner opens 1S, you are strong enough to bid 2H (8 losers = 12 pts and you have 8HCP $(12+8) = 20 / 2$ is average of 10 pts)

IF partner is min and bids 2S or 2NT PASS, as they are showing 7 or 8 losers and cant get to game, but if partner bids anything else we have enough to get to game

Assuming this hand

S	x
H	x
D	A K x x x x x x x
C	X

Only 4 losers, can open 2C and look for Slam in D, as only need 8pts (2 Aces) from partner can make 6D

I would open this hand 2C to find out partners values