

## **OPENING LIGHT IN 3RD & 4TH SEAT**

1. Usually, in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat only, with 9-11 high card points:
  - A. Open one of a minor (using normal minor-suit opening rules) with 7 or 8 cards in the major suits, evenly divided; then PASS at your next opportunity to bid so your partner knows you're light.
  - B. Open 2 of your five-card or longer major suit.
2. Usually in 4<sup>th</sup> seat only, use the RULE OF 15. If your high card points plus the number of spades that you have adds up to 15 or more, open as though you have a full opener and then bid weakly as you would with a weak full opener, or just pass.

### **RESPONSES**

Respond to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> hand openings as if they are real openers. Usually, they are. Be careful about giving a limit raise on real minimum values. Remember, a light opener will pass at his next opportunity to bid; a full opener will bid again.

Because you are a passed hand, you aren't strong enough to force a weak-two bidder to bid again, so if you bid a new suit or 2NT, it's not forcing.