

Mel's Rule of 22 high caliber opening strategy

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Rule of Twenty

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the length of your longest suit
+ the length of your second longest suit
+ your High Card Points

If the total is 20 or more

Count your

Quick Trix

Ely Culbertson

$$\mathbf{Kx} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\mathbf{KQ} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\mathbf{AQ} = \mathbf{1\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\mathbf{AK} = \mathbf{2}$$

$$\mathbf{AJT} = \mathbf{2}$$

If you have 2 or more Quick Trix Open 1 of a Suit

Hand	Rule of Twenty	Quick Trix	Call
a) ♠KT ♥JT8 ♦A863 ♣AT86	4♦+4♣+12HCP = 20	♠KT ♦A ♣A = 2½	1♦
b) ♠AK65 ♥Q75 ♦986 ♣K87	4♠+3♥+12HCP = 19	♠AK ♣K8 = 2½	Pass
c) ♠AK65 ♥Q75 ♦98 ♣K874	4♠+4♣+12HCP = 20	♠AK ♣K8 = 2½	1♣
d) ♠AJT65 ♥QJT4 ♦QJ98 ♣-	5♠+4♥+11HCP = 20	♠AJT = 2	1♠
e) ♠KQ865 ♥Q754 ♦Q8 ♣Q8	5♠+4♥+11HCP = 20	♠KQ = 1	Pass
f) ♠6 ♥AQ965 ♦AT965 ♣42	5♥+5♦+10HCP = 20	♥AQ ♦A = 2½	1♥
g) ♠6 ♥AQ9653 ♦AT96 ♣42	6♥+4♦+10HCP = 20	♥AQ ♦A = 2½	1♥ NOT 2♥
h) ♠6 ♥AQ9653 ♦KT96 ♣42	6♥+4♦+9HCP = 19	♥AQ ♦KT = 2	2♥
i) ♠Q ♥QJ ♦Q6543 ♣QJ643	5♦+5♣+10HCP = 20	0	Pass
j) ♠KQT65 ♥AJ754 ♦98 ♣8	5♠+5♥+10HCP = 20	♠KQ ♥A = 2	1♠
k) ♠KJ865 ♥Q9742 ♦J3 ♣K	5♠+5♥+10HCP = 20	♠KJ = ½	Pass