

Please note the new requirements for the Game Force 2C opener (Rule of 29)

The Manual states that a Game Force bid should be

- 23+ HCP balanced, or
- 20+ HCP unbalanced - plus distribution, ie. 1 point for every card more than 9 in two suits, eg

HAND A

AKxxx

KQxx

A

Kxx

= 19 HCP

9 in longest 2 suits

= 0 adjustment

= can't open 2C

HAND B

AKxxx

KQ

A

Kxxxx

= 19 HCP

10 in longest 2 suits

= +1 point = 20

= can open 2C

The "rule of 29" is an alternative explanation of how hands of less than 20 HCP meet the criteria. For example, if you have 10 cards in your two longest suits you can add 1 point, so 19 HCP points is enough to meet (b) above. This is the same as 19HCP + 10 cards in two longest suit = 29