

Euchre Point System

(for determining whether or not to declare trump [order up] by totaling the point value of each card in your hand) from [EuchreStrategy.info](http://www.euchrestrategy.info) - <http://www.euchrestrategy.info/basic-strategy-of-euchre/euchre-point-system>

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Euchre Point Systems allow players to evaluate various hands. Although no point system is perfect, they do provide guidelines on when to declare trump. The point system below assigns points for each card in trump, the up-card, off-suit aces, and an extra point for being two suited. A player wanting to use this system should add all the possible points as indicated on the chart. Points adding up in the range from 1 - 6 should “pass” as they are very risky. Aggressive players should call anything in the 7 - 9 range. A player who has a safe hand, anything above 10 points, should consider going alone.

Terminology Definitions:

Off-suit Ace – any ace that is not in the trump suit.

Two suited – a hand consisting of two suits only.

Up-card – the top card from the kitty which has been turned face up. The up-card is offered as the trump suit in the 1st round of bidding. If the up-card is ordered up, it goes to the dealer and he discards one card.

	Trump Suit Points		Up-card Points	
	Your Hand	Your Partner or Yourself	Your Opponent	
Right Bower	4	4	- 4	
Left Bower	3			
Ace	3	3	- 3	
King	2	2	- 2	
Queen	2	2	- 2	
Ten	1	1	- 1	
Nine	1	1	- 1	

Off-suit Ace 2
Two suited 1

Risky (Bid) 1 – 6 Points
Aggressive (Bid) 7 – 9 Points
Conservative (Bid) 10 + Points

Let's look at an example.

Your hand:

J, K of Diamonds

Q of Hearts

A, Q of Clubs

Up-card for the opponent:

9 of Hearts

A declaration of Hearts = 6 points, and the player should pass.

J of Diamonds = 3 points

Q of Hearts = 2 points

A of Clubs = 2 points

9 of Hearts = -1 point (this card goes to the dealer, your opponent)

= 6 points

**If the up-card was turned down by everyone, and bidding makes it to the 2nd round, if the bid makes it back to this player, he should call diamonds, which would = 8 points.

A declaration of Diamonds = 8 points, and the player should call diamonds.

J of Diamonds = 4 points

K of Diamonds = 2 points

A of Clubs = 2 points

= 8 points

Although point systems do a great job of evaluating hands, they do not tell people how to play the hands.

EuchreInfo.webs.com note: This point system can be a good guideline; however, there are some bids that points recommend that we would not suggest. Be careful of ordering the Right Bower to your partner. Although your hand may total 7 points or more, you may be preventing a loner by your partner. Also, as your experience level grows, you will find some bids that total 6 points or less which are in fact worth bidding. (Some of the "Next" bids recommended by OhioEuchre.com total less than 7 points and are indeed recommended bids.) **see endnote #1. In addition, some of the two-suited bids total less than 7 points but are worth bidding.

endnotes:

endnote #1 – OhioEuchre.com – see "The art of calling 'Next'" (The Art of the Next Call aka Hoyle)

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