



RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS
Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

| 19 | 1 | NAT 5+ | 2NT | GF raise (limit by PH) |
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|  | 19/4 | NAT 5+ | 30 | NAT, weak |
|  | 1NT | NAT 5-9 | 3 | NAT, weak |
|  | 28 | 10+ raise | 34 | NAT, weak |
|  | 2 | NAT, weak | 34 | NAT, weak |
|  | 24 | NAT, weak | 3NT | 8-11, 5+1, stops outside, no sp |
|  | 24 | NAT, weak | 4 bids | NAT, weak |
| 1* | 19/4 | NAT 5+ | 3 | NAT, weak |
|  | 1NT | NAT 5-9 | 3 | NAT, weak |
|  | 20 | NAT, INV+ | 34 | NAT, weak |
|  | 2 | 10+ riase | 34 | NAT, weak |
|  | 24 | NAT, weak | 3NT | 8-11, $5+$, stops outside, no spl |
|  | 24 | NAT, weak | 4 | NAT, weak |
|  | 2NT | GF raise (limit by PH) | 4 Othe | NAT, weak |


| 19/4 | 1NT | NAT 5-9 | 3 | NAT, weak |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 20 | Drury ( or 3 card limit raise) | 3 | NAT, weak |
|  | 2 | NAT, INV+ | 3\%/4 | NAT, weak |
|  | 2\%/4. | Raise $=6-9$ | 3NT | 13-15 BAL raise, weak trumps |
|  | 2NT | 4+ card INV+ raise | 49/5 | NAT, weak |
| 26 | 2 | $9+$ any or 5-8 BAL | 2\%/4 | $2 \boldsymbol{*}=0-4$ any, $2 \boldsymbol{s}=5-8,5+\downarrow$ |
|  | other | $2 N T=5+4,5-8 ; 3 \uparrow+=3-5, g o o d$ | 6+suit | $3 N T=A K Q \times \times x+$ nothing else |
| 2 | 24 | to play | 34/4 | NAT, NF |
|  | 24 | to play | 3\%/4 | to play |
|  | 2NT | ask, INV+ | 3NT | to play |
| 2\%/1 | 2NT | ask, INV+ | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3\% | NAT, NF | 40/4 | splinter |
|  | 39/4 | raise=NF; JS=splinter | 4 M | raise=to play |
| 2NT | 3 | puppet stayman | 4 | gerber |
|  | 3 | $\checkmark$ | 4 | both majors, mild slamtry |
|  | 37 | $\pm$ | 4 | NAT, NF |
|  | 34 | 44+ minors, slammish | $4{ }^{4}$ | NAT, NF |
|  | 3NT | to play | other | $4 N T=q u a n t$ |

CONVENTIONS

## Additional responses to $1 \mathbf{N T}$



RCO style 2-s $\quad X=$ values then $T / O \times$

Other 2-s

## Defence to strong e $X=\uparrow+o$ other; $1 \$+o t h e r ; 1 N T=$ minors

After 1s-P-1 : $X=+$ +other; $1 N T=$ minors
Lebensohl
Over NT interference.
Rubensohl
Other uses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4
4V $\mathrm{X} ; 4 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors $4 . \mathrm{X} ; 4 \mathrm{NT}=2$-suiters

## OTHER NOTES

After 1-over-1 then reverse, step=minimum
Cue raises
$4 N T$ opening $=$ specific ace ask $(5 N T=2,6+A)$

## PODI/PORI

Support double
Good 2NT (eg 1X-1Y-bid-2 something .. 2NT=competing with near GF+)


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| 16 | 1 | 5+, 5+ HCP | 2NT | strong raise |
|  | 17/2 | 4+ (5) $6+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 31 | 4/5 better trumps than 1-2 raise |
|  | 1NT | bal 6-10(11) HCP | 3 | splinter 3-4 controls |
|  | 2 | 3/4, (5)6-10(11) HCP | 3 | " " |
|  | 2 | fit-showing 3-4 controls | 34 | " " |
|  | $2 \downarrow$ | " " | 3NT | 16-18 bal, no major |
|  | 21 | (11)12-15 balanced, no major | 4 bids | nat |
| 1* | 1 $1 / 1$ | 4: $(5) 6+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 3 | fit-showing 3-4 controls |
|  | 1NT | bal 6-10(11) HCP | 3 | $4 / 5$ better trumps than 1-2 raise |
|  | 26 | nat, forcing one round | 37 | splinter 3-4 controls |
|  | 2 | 3/4, (5)6-10(11) HCP | 34 | " " |
|  | $2{ }^{6}$ | fit-showing 3-4 controls | 3NT | 16-18 bal, no major |
|  | 21 | (11)12-15 balanced, no major | 4 | nat |
|  | 2NT | strong raise | 4 Other | nat |
| 1\%/4 | 1NT | as above except after 1S: | 3 | strong raise |
|  | 2 |  | 3 |  |
|  | 2 |  | 3V/4 |  |
|  | 2\%/4 |  | 3NT |  |
|  | 2NT | (11) 12-15 bal | 40/ | 1HVS: splinters 3-4 controls |
| 26 |  | less than A+K | 2\%/4 | nat, A+K or better |
|  | other | nat, A+K or better |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | less than A+K | 3*/ | others as above |
|  | 21 |  | 3\%/4 |  |
|  | 2NT |  | 3NT |  |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | 2 H 2 S less than A+K | 3NT |  |
|  | 3\% | 2S 2NT less than A+K | 4*/ |  |
|  | 3\%/4 | others as above | $4 Y / 4$ |  |
| 2NT | 3 | baron | 4 | nat |
|  | 3 | transfer to H | 4 | " |
|  | 37 | transfer to S | 4 | " |
|  | 34 | minors | $4{ }^{4}$ | " |
|  | 3NT | nat | other | $4 N T=$ quan |

## Additional responses to $1 \mathbf{N T}$

| $34 / 3$ | $3 \mathrm{CID}=$ strong |
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| $34 / 3$ | $3 \mathrm{HS}=$ singleton in other major, 3 suited-ish, game values |
| 4 | gerber |
| 4 | 5 -5+ in majors game-interest only, partner to choose |
| 4 | natural |
| 4 | natural |


| Unusual NT: min | ors $\square$ | lower 2 unbid suits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| other |  |  |  |
| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids | Asking Bids $\square$ | Game force |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round |  |  |
| NT Checkback $\square$ | Priorities |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening | if gambling 4C $=2$ suits, forcing |  |  |


| RCO style 2-s | Double $=$ opening hand + and initiates a takeout double <br> from each side. $2 \mathrm{NT}=15-17(18)$ bal |
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| Other 2-s | After strong $2 \mathrm{C} / 2 \mathrm{NT}$ ASPRO applies |

## OTHER NOTES

All our natural NT bids may contain singletons if that is deemed the most appropriate bid. In competition 2NT and 4NT bids are often for takeout, rarely natural and non-forcing. In non-competitive auctions 2 NT is always forcing.

