### BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Country: Australia Event: Australian Play-off 2009

1) Opening bid of 2H In Any seat at Any vulnerability

**Shows:** 5 cards in any Major and 5+ cards in any minor

**Detailed Description:** Shape: M5-m5, M6(bad)-m5, M5-m6/7, M6-m6, may have void, no Other Major 3-carder

Strength: 3-11 HCP, 8-5 losers. Vul against non-Vul 5-6 losers, 9-11 HCP; non-Vul against vul can go to as low as 8 losers with 3HCP. In equal vul, the avearge is 6-7 losers

with 7-9 HCP.

#### **Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions**

## With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

0-12 HCP and H6+ or H5+-S1-m5-other minor2

## Meanings of other responses and rebids:

Responses:

2S S2+ (rarely 2), NF

2NT a) less than S3, RF; b) all GF hands. Opener describes further:

3C S5-C5 Now Responder may bid next level (except 3NT) to initiate a cue-bid sequence for slam.

3D S5-D5

3H H5-C5

3S H5-D5

3C at least 5-4 in both minors, less than 3card in either M, droppable and correctable

3D strong S5+-H3-D2/3, invites game in S if Opener has S5

3H at least 3-card fits in both Majors, invitational, correctable

3S S3-H4/5, invites game in H if Opener has H5.

3NT at least 4-4 in both minors. Pre-emptive.

4C/4D H6+/S6+, GF

4H correctable, pre-emptive or constructive.

## **Competitive Agreements**

#### Responses after opponent's DBL

(including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

2H (Dbl) ? pass= H2+,

Rdbl=escape with S6 or m7 ,Opener should bid automatic 2S correctable 2S=short H, 2NT=strong ,3C=both minors

**Responses after opponent's overcall:** Dbl=negative, 10+ HCP, 2NT=strong, no change, Clubs=both minors, 3D/3M=6-carder 13-15 HCP, game invit

Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand DBLs the response: pass=H5,RDBL=S5-m5,2S=S6-m5,2NT=S5-m6

Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand overcalls: pass=cannot penalize; DBL=penalty

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2) Opening bid of 2S In Any seat at Any vulnerability

**Shows:** 6/7 cards in any minor and 4-carder in any other suit **Detailed Description:** Shape: any minor 6/7 plus any other 4-carder

Strength: 5-11 HCP, 7-5 losers. Vul against non-Vul 5-6 losers,

10-11HCP; non-Vul against vul can go to as low as 7 losers with 5 HCP. In equal vul, the

avearge is 6-7 losers with 8-9 HCP.

#### Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

#### With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

0-12 HCP and S6+ and a short minor

### Meanings of other responses and rebids:

#### Responses

inquiry (any strength): 3C=C6-Any4. Now a) 3D asks for  $2^{nd}$  suit - 3M=M4, 3NT=D4. b) 3M=M6+ invit. 3D=D6-Any4. Now a) 3H asks for  $2^{nd}$  suit - 3S=H4, 3NT=S4, 4C=C4; b) 3S=S6+ invit. 2NT

invit with H4: pass=C6-D4/S4, 3D=D6-C4/S4, 3H=H4 all MIN, 3S no stop S with m6-om4 and MAX, 3NT to play, 4H=H4 MAX.

invit with S4: pass=D6-C4/H4, 4C=C6-D4/H4, 3S=S4 all MIN, 3H no stop H with m6-om4 MAX, 3NT to play, 4S=S4 MAX. 3D

invit with both M4: pass, 3S, both with fit and MIN, 3NT=m6-om4 MAX, 4C=C6-D4, 4D=D6-C4 both MIN, 4M=M4 MAX. 3H

#### **Competitive Agreements**

#### Responses after opponent's DBL

#### (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

2S (Dbl) ?

pass=invit with H4+ Rdbl=invit with S4+ 2NT=strong 3C=correctable

3D=invit with 4-4 in both Majors, 3M=own M6+, invit

Responses after opponent's overcall: Dbl=penalty, next step=correctable, non-next-step suit=natural, GF

## Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand DBLs the response:

over response 2NT doubled: pass=C6-M4, rdbl=D6-M4, 3C=C6-D4, 3D=D6-C4 over response 3C/3D/3H doubled: pass=that suit; rdbl=max with that suit; correct to 3D/3H/4C, game=to play

**Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand overcalls:** pass=cannot penalize; DBL=penalty, suit: minor 7-carder

#### 3) Opening bid of 2NT In Any

Any vulnerability seat at

Shows: a) Pre-empt with 6/7 cards in any minor or b) 7+card in any Major

**Detailed Description:** 

Shape: a) any minor 6/7carder, no M4; b) Major 7+carder, max two immediate losers in outside suit, may have other 4-carder and void

Strength: a) 3-10 HCP, maybe very weak 6-carder in favourable Vul. Good 7-carder, may

have a side King when Vul.; b)13-16 HCP, 4.5-5 losers, 4-5 controls

### Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

### With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

Pass is not permitted

### Meanings of other responses and rebids:

#### Responses

- correctable, a) no game against preempt in m, 0-15 HCP; b) good C4+, D2+, 16+ HCP; c) fit in D, short in C, 18-20 HCP 3C
- 3D correctable, a) short in D, game/slam interest in C; b)good D4, C2+, 16+ HCP; c) game interest with fit in both minors if Opener has maximum pre-empt. Opener bids: pass=pre-empt in D, non-max; 3M=M7, 3NT=pre-empt in C, maximum, 4C=pre-empt in C, non-max, 4D=pre-empt in D, maximum.
- correctable, a) the shorter Major if with at least 3-3 in both minors; b) 17+ HCP with M5+; c) slam interest in any minor if Opener is short 3M in M. Opener bids: - pass with M7, OM with OM7+, 3NT long unspecified minor, short in M. Now Responder: pass, 4C correctable, 4D is slam interest in long m
  - 4m with long m, M2/3. Now Responder: new suit is cue-bid, 4M to play.

3NT/4M to play

- correctable, pre-emptive 4C
- 4D Asking for number of Top-honors in long m.

#### **Competitive Agreements**

#### Responses after opponent's DBL

#### (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

2NT (Dbl)

pass=strong, short in one minor, will penalize later Rdbl=15+ plus one short M, game interest in any minor

3C/3D maybe short, correctable 3M=M2 or M6, correctable 3NT=pre-emptive fit in both minors

4m=correctable, maybe short in m, may double for penalty later

Responses after opponent's overcall: Dbl=penalty, minor at any level=correctable, 3M=M6, invit

## Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand DBLs the response:

over response 3C doubled: pass=long Clubs, 3D/3M=long suit

over response 3D doubled: as without double, except rdbl=pre-empt in Clubs, max; 3NT does not exist.

Over response 3M doubled: pass=long minor, short M, non max; rdbl=long minor, M2/3; own M7-carder, 3NT=long minor, short M, max.

**Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand overcalls:** pass=long minor; over Responder's 3D, bids 4C=C7, over Responder's Major,pass=short M, dbl=M2/3.

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4) Opening bid of 3S In Any seat at Any vulnerability

**Shows:** Solid 7/8 card minor

**Detailed Description:** Shape: any 7/8 card solid minor, no side 4-carder, may have void

Strength: a) 9-14 HCP, may have couple of Queens and/or Jacks, but not side Ace or King

#### Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

### With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

S7+, no tolerance for any minor, no game prospects.

#### Meanings of other responses and rebids:

## Responses

- 3NT stoppers in at least two suits, no side shortness, could be speculative. If later doubled, Responder may bid 4C correctable with weak side doubleton.
- 4C no game prospects, correctable; may have void in one minor.
- slam interest in the long minor. Opener's responses: 4M=shortness in M, 4NT=no shortness, 5 long minor=short in other minor. After the response, cheapest non-club level asks for Major Queen or void shown natirally, NT=Q in the asking step, 5m/6m shows long suit and no Queen. Clubs from Responder at any level is correctable.
- 4M to play
- 4NT asking for Jack in the long minor having void in the suspected minor. Opener responds: 5C=no Jack, 5D=has the Jack.

#### **Competitive Agreements**

## Responses after opponent's DBL

## (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

3S (Dbl) ?

pass=S6+, no better alternative

Rdbl=S7+, strong, will double other minor or H later.

Other bids: same as without double.

**Responses after opponent's overcall:** pass: no interest to sacrifice or penalize, own M= to play; 4NT=to play, Clubs=correctable, Diamonds=slam interest, short in the overcall.

### Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand DBLs the response:

over response 3NT doubled: pass

over response 4C doubled: pass with C, 4D with D

over response 4D doubled: pass=no shortness, 4M=shortness in M, 4NT=short in other minor.

**Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand overcalls:** pass over Responder's 3NT; dbl= penalty with Qxx over Responder's 3NT, pass/correct Responder's 4C; over Responder's 4D: pass=no shortness, dbl=penalty with Qxx, 4S=short in S, 4NT=short in the overcall; 5m=long minor plus short in other minor.

#### BROWN STICKER OVERCALL ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

Names: Antoff-Simpson

Country Australia Event: Australian Play-off 2009

After opponents opening bid of 2D multi Showing At least weak two in any Major

1) Our overcall Double at Any vulnerability

**Shows:** At least an opening hand with any 5+card Major

Applies: All the time

Detailed Description: a) 12-17 HCP with any M5+; b) 18-20 HCP balanced; c)17+ with m6+

This bid is designed to punish weak two opening when the opener runs into terribly bad breaks and in the same

Time protecting us from going into bad breaks, first

### **Responses and Rebids When Responder Passes**

## With what hands will advancer pass the overcall?

(2D) Dbl (Pass) ?

pass short in one M, good to have D3+, may have long Major M5+. With D4+, HCP are irrelevant

#### Meanings of other advances and follow ups:

2H 0-7 HCP, at least 3-3 in both M, correctable

2S **less than D3**, 12+ HCP, M6+ or C6+, no 3-cards in both Majors. Now Pard: 2NT=inquiry,

3m=m6+

2NT 12-17 HCP, **GF**, at least 3-3 in both Majors. Pard bids: 3m =m6+, 3M=M5+, 3NT=18-20.

3m 8-11 HCP, m6+, short in one M, NF.

3H 8-11 HCP at least 3-3 in both Majors, correctable

3NT 18+ HCP, at least 3-3 in both Majors. Pard reveals his hand naturally.

4m 12+ HCP, m7+, no M3

4H correctable, constructive or pre-emptive

4NT Key Card Blackwood over long M

#### **Competitive Agreements**

#### Responses after opponent's DBL

(including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

RDBL is very unlikely from pard of 2D opener

#### Responses after opponent's bid:

(2D) Dbl (2H/2S)?

pass a) weak; b) 7+HCP, up to 2-carder in the bid Major. Now: Dbl from Pard after Opener passes or corrects is penalty

dbl 7+ HCP, long in the bid Major, penalty, less than 3 in the OM

2S (over 2H) 8-11 HCP, at least 3-3 in both Majors

the rest as after pass from pard of 2D Opener

# Rebids after opener DBLs the overcall (1X)-2Y-(P)-P-(DBL)-? N/A Unlikely Rdbl from Opener

**Rebids after opener DBLs advancer's bid:** Our Doubler passes with Major matching pard's bid, or bids his own Major

**Rebids after opener's suit rebid:** Now over real M from Opener, Dbl from our Doubler is penalty, pass is 12-14 HCP with Other Major M, Other Major is 15-17 HCP

After opponents opening bid of 2D Multi showing at least weak two in any Major

2) Our overcall 2H

at Any vulnerability

**Shows:** At least an opening hand with any 6+card minor

Applies: All the time

**Detailed Description:** 2H = 12-16 with any minor one-suiter m6+, should not have M4.

#### **Responses and Rebids When Responder Passes**

## With what hands will advancer pass the overcall?

(2D) 2H (Pass) ?

pass=H6+, no game

#### Meanings of other advances and follow ups:

2S S5+, 10+ HCP, RF. Now Pard: 2NT=natural, 3m=long m, 3S=S3 and minimum, 4S=S3 to

play

2NT 10-11 HCP, invit. Pard bids: 3m =m6+, minimum, 3NT=accepts.

3C weak, correctable.

3D 10+ HCP, D6+, RF

3H 11+ HCP, H5+, GF 3NT 13-17 HCP, to play

4C 12+ HCP, GF, correctable

4D Key Card Blackwood over long minor

4M to play

#### **Competitive Agreements**

#### Responses after opponent's DBL

(including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

Pass=H6+, RDBL=GF, any semibalanced hand, no M5, the rest is as without DBL

## Responses after opponent's bid:

(2D) 2H (2S/3H)?

pass a) weak; b) 7+HCP, up to 2-carder in the bid Major. Now: Dbl from Pard after Opener passes or corrects is penalty

dbl 9+ HCP, long in the bid Major, penalty. the rest as after pass from pard of 2D Opener

## Rebids after opener DBLs the overcall (1X)-2Y-(P)-P-(DBL)-? This DbL is very unlikely.

Overcaller shows naturally his minor.

Rebids after opener DBLs advancer's bid: Our overcaller behaves naturally, most of the time he will show his long minor

**Rebids after opener's suit rebid:** Our overcaller may continues with maximum - he may show his long minor or bid NT with stopper.