



## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

|   |                           |                           |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1♣ 1♦ 6+ HCP, 4+♦   | 2♦ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3♦ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| 1♥ 6+ HCP, 4+♥  | 2♥ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3♥ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| 1♠ 6+ HCP, 4+♠  | 2♠ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3♠ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| 1NT 6-9 HCP NAT   | 2NT 10-12 or 16+ HCP BAL  | 3NT 13-15 HCP, BAL        |
| 2♣ 6-9 HCP, 3+♣, 9 losers                                   | 3♣ 5-8 HCP, 4+♣, 8 losers | 4♣ Minorwood              |
| other 2NT & 3NT are BAL raises with 4+card SUPP.            |                           |                           |
| 1♦ 1♥ 6+ HCP, 4+♥   | 2♥ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3♥ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| 1♠ 6+ HCP, 4+♠  | 2♠ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3♠ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| 1NT 6-9 HCP NAT   | 2NT 10-12 or 16+ HCP BAL  | 3NT 13-15 HCP BAL         |
| 2♣ 9+ HCP, 4+♣  | 3♣ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 4♣ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| 2♦ 6-9 HCP, 3+♦, 9 losers                                   | 3♦ 5-8 HCP, 4+♦, 8 losers | 4♦ Minorwood              |
| other 2NT & 3NT are BAL raises with 4+ card SUPP.           |                           |                           |
| 1♥ 1♠ 6+ HCP, 4+♠   | 2♥ 6-9 HCP, 3+♥, 9 losers | 3♦ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   |
| 1NT 6-9 HCP NAT   | 2♠ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3♥ 5-8 HCP, 4+♥, 8 losers |
| 2♣ 9+ HCP, 4+♣  | 2NT 10-12 or 16+ HCP BAL  | 3♠ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| 2♦ 9+ HCP, 4+♦  | 3♣ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3NT 13-15 HCP BAL         |
| other 2NT & 3NT are BAL raises with 4+card SUPP. Note Drury |                           |                           |
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| 2♦ 9+ HCP, 4+♦  | 3♣ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 3NT 13-15 HCP BAL         |
| 2♥ 9+ HCP, 5+♥  | 3♦ 10-12 or 16+ HCP FSJ   | 4♣ 13-15 HCP FSJ          |
| other 2NT & 3NT are BAL raises with 4+card SUPP. Note Drury |                           |                           |
| 1NT 3♣ FG, SPL in ♣   | 3♠ FG, SPL in ♠           | 4♦ TRF to ♠               |
| 3♦ FG, SPL in ♦   | 3NT To play               | 4♥ To play                |
| 3♥ FG, SPL in ♥   | 4♣ TRF to ♥               | 4♠ To play                |
| other 4NT = Quantitative                                    |                           |                           |
| 2♣ 2♦ 0-3 or 10+ HCP  | 2NT 7-9 HCP, 5+♣          | 3♥ 7-9 HCP, 5+♠           |
| 2♥ 4-6 HCP any shape  | 3♣ 7-9 HCP, 5+♦           | 3♠ 7-9 HCP, 5♠/4♥         |
| 2♠ 7-9 HCP BAL  | 3♦ 7-9 HCP, 5+♥           | 3NT 7-9 HCP, 5♦/4♣        |
| other   |                           |                           |
| 2♦ 2♥ P/C   | 3♣ NAT, F1                | 3♠ P/C                    |
| 2♠ P/C  | 3♦ NAT, F1                | 3NT To play               |
| 2NT INQ(3♣/♦RESP better)                                    | 3♥ P/C                    | 4♣ TRF to opener's suit   |
| other 4♦ = asks opener to bid their suit; 4♥/4♠ = To play   |                           |                           |

### Notes

|   |                       |                          |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2♥ 2♠ NAT, F1   | 3♦ NAT, F1            | 3NT To play              |
| 2NT INQ for shortage  | 3♥ To play            | 4♣ SPL                   |
| 3♣ NAT, F1  | 3♠ SPL                | 4♥ To play               |
| other 4♦ SPL  |                       |                          |
| 2♠ 2NT INQ for shortage   | 3♥ NAT, F1            | 4♣ SPL                   |
| 3♣ NAT, F1  | 3♠ To play            | 4♥ SPL                   |
| 3♦ NAT, F1  | 3NT To play           | 4♠ To play               |
| other   |                       |                          |
| 2NT 3♣ Puppet Stayman   | 3♠ minor suit Stayman | 4♦ NATMinorwood RESPs    |
| 3♦ TRF to ♥   | 3NT To play           | 4♥ NATsome slam interest |
| 3♥ TRF to ♠   | 4♣ NATMinorwood RESPs | 4♠ NATsome slam interest |
| other TRF to M and raise = no slam interest. 4NT = Quantitative |                       |                          |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

**Unusual NT:** Lower 2 unbid suits, 5+/5+

**4th Suit Forcing** One round  Game force

**NT Checkback**  Priorities: 2♣ PUP to ♦ or INV; 2♦ FG

**Defence to 3NT opening** 123 Xs; 4♣/4♦ = Both Ms

**Defence to Opening Twos**

Multi 2♦ 123 Xs; 2NT and suits NAT

RCO style 2-s 123 Xs; 2NT and suits NAT

Other 2-s X = T/O; 2NT and suits NAT

**Defence** 1♣ : Toxic to 1NT inclusive (see note 10)

to

**strong** 2♣ : Toxic to 2NT inclusive (see note 10)

♣

**Over 1NT Interference** LEB and NAT

**Lebensohl - other uses** After T/O Xs of OPPTs weak 2s

**Take out of 4 level pre-empts** 4♣/4♦ X

4♥ X

4♠ X = cards; 4NT = T/O

## 10. OTHER NOTES

FSJ = NAT and Fit showing, has singleton or void outside

Toxic = Bid shows suit above, or the following 2 suits generally. ♠=2 suiters in ♣+♥ or ♦+♠

Xs by opener in competition have special meanings, eg various 15+ HCP hands

1M - 1NT - 2NT = ART FG

Invisible CUEs - an eg. is 1♥ - (2NT) - 3♣ = L/R+ in ♥

- 3♦ = 5+♠, NF

- 3♥ = less than L/R in ♥, and 3♠ = 5+♠, FG