

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

| 16 | 1 | $0-7 \mathrm{pts}$, any shape | 2NT | 6+ clubs, 0-1 hearts, 8+ pts |
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|  | 19/4 | $1 \varphi=$ spades, $14=$ hearts, $8+$ |  | 6+ clubs, 8+ pts |
|  | 1NT | diamonds, no major, 8+ pts | 3 | 3-3-1-6, 8+ pts |
|  | 20 | balanced, at least 1 major, 8+ |  | 2-3-1-7, 8+ pts |
|  | 2 | balanced, no major, 8+ pts | 34 | 3-2-1-7, 8+ pts |
|  | 24 | 3-suited, short in a major, 8+ | S3NT | 3-3-0-7, 8+ pts |
|  | 2 | $6+$ clubs, $0-2$ spades, $8+$ pts | 4 bids | clubs |


| 1 | 19/4 | $19=10-12$ (or less), 14 = 13+ | 3\% | 3-6 fit-showing, 10-12 pts |
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|  | 1 NT | $6-10$, short spades | 3 | 3-6 fit-showing, 10-12 pts |
|  | 20 | $5+$ clubs, 6-10 pts | 37 | 3-6 fit-showing, 10-12 pts |
|  | 2 | $5+$ diamonds, 6-10 pts | 34 | shapely raise, 6-10 pts |
|  | 24 | $5+$ hearts, 6-10 pts | 3NT | to play, semi-gambling |
|  | 24 | raise, 3-4 trumps, 6-10 TP |  | fit-showing |
|  | 2NT | splinter raise to 34+ | 4 Oth | fit-showing |


| 1\%/4 | 1NT | 6-10, short in opener's suit(s) | 3 | 3-6 fit-showing / natural |
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|  | 20 | natural / 11+ any (relay) | 3 | 3-6 fit-showing |
|  | 2 | 5+ diamonds, 6-10 pts | 39/4 | shapely raises |
|  | 2914 | raises, 3-4 trumps, 6-10 TP | 3NT | to play, semi-gambling |
|  | 2NT | splimit / heart raise | 40/* | fit-showing |
| 20 | 2 | 13+ any (relay) | 2\%/4 | natural, constructive |
|  | other | natural, jumps show fit |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | 13+ any (relay) | 3/1/ | natural |
|  | 24 | natural, mildly constructive | 3\%/4 | natural / fit-showing |
|  | 2NT | 11-13 balanced-ish | 3NT | to play |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | enquiry | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3\%/4 | natural, mildly constructive | 4*/* | fit-showing |
|  | 3\%/4 | to play, not invitational | 4-1 | to play |
| 2NT | 3 | to play | 4 | invitational |
|  | 3 | to play | 4 | invitational |
|  | 37 | forcing, could be NT probe | 4 | to play |
|  | 34 | forcing, could be NT probe | 45 | to play |
|  | 3NT | to play | other |  |

CONVENTIONS

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



| RCO style 2-s | dbl $=$ length in bid suit plus its companion, others natural |
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| Other 2-s | if weak option is 1-suited, double $=$ tko of that suit |
| Defence to strong ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | $\mathrm{dbl}=$ hearts \& another (4-4), 1 = spades \& a minor (4-4) |
|  | $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors, others natural |
| Lebensohl | Over NT interferenc $\quad$ 2NT = natural, others non-forcing |
| Other uses |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts | empts $40 / 4$ dbl |
| 4 | dbl 4s dbl |

## OTHER NOTES

1*: 1\% = 10-12 any, or a weaker 2-suiter, or weakish with some spades

