
8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1* | 1 | 6+pts, 4+cards | 2 | 10+pts, 5+cards | 3 | 9-11pts, 6+ヶ,noM |
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|  | 1 | 6+pts, 4+cards | 2v | $5 \uparrow \& 4 \vee, 6-9 p t s$ | 3 | splinter |
|  | 14 | 6+pts, 4+cards | 2. | 6+^, 4-9pts | 34 | splinter |
|  | 1NT | 6-9pts, no M | 2NT | 11-12pts,4*,noM | 3NT | To play |
|  | 2\% | 10+pts 5+an, noM | 3* | 6-9pts, 5+en, noM | 4* | minorwood |
|  | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 * | $1 \checkmark$ | 6+pts, 4+cards | 2v | 5^\&4v, 6-9pts | 3 | splinter |
|  | 14. | 6+pts, 4+cards | 24. | 6+^, 4-9pts | 34 | splinter |
|  | 1NT | 6-9pts, no Majors | 2NT | 11-12pts, no Majs | 3NT | To play |
|  | 2* | GF, 3+* cards | 3* | 9-11pts, 6+cards | $4 \%$ | minorwood |
|  | 2* | 10+pts, 4+ , noM | 3 | 6-9pts, $5+$ - noM | 4* | minorwood |
|  | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 \vee$ | 14. | 6+pts, 4+cards | 2 | 6-9pts, 3+cards | 3 | 9-11pts, 6+ |
|  | 1NT | 6-9pts, denies 3 v | 2. | 10+pts, $3 \sim$ | 3 | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2\% | GF, $3+\ldots$ | 2NT | 10+pts, 4+v | 34 | splinter |
|  | 2* | GF, 4+cards | 3* | 9-11pts, 6+cards | 3NT | To play |
|  | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. | 1NT | 6-9pts, denies 3^ | 24 | 6-9pts, 3+a | 3 | Natural invite |
|  | 2* | GF, 3+cards | 2NT | 10+pts, $4+\ldots$ | 34 | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2* | GF, 4+cards | 3* | 9-11pts, 6+cards | 3NT | To play |
|  | 2 | GF, 5+cards | 3* | 9-11pts, 6+cards | 4* | splinter |
|  | Other | $4 \diamond / \downarrow=$ splinter, $5 \uparrow / \downarrow / \downarrow=$ exclusion blackwood, $5 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ slam invite |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT | 3* | Puppet stayman | 34 | 6+a, slam invite | 4 | minorwood |
|  | 3 | Good 6+ invite | 3NT | To play | 4 | To play |
|  | 3 | $6+\vee$, slam invite | 4* | Minorwood | 4. | To play |
|  | Other | Quantitative $4 / 5 \mathrm{NT}$; superaccept; $3 *$ after trsf $=4 \mathrm{cards}$ support minimum |  |  |  |  |
| 2* | 2 | 0-7 pts | 2NT | 8+pts, balanced | 3 |  |
|  | 2 | $8+p$ ts, $5+$ - | 3* | 8+pts, 5+a | 34 |  |
|  | 2a | $8+p t s, 5+\uparrow$ | 3 | $8+p t s, 5+$ | 3NT | 12+pts, balanced |
|  | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Pass or correct | 3* | Own suit GF | 34 | Nat, invite to 4a |
|  | 2. | Passwa/clarify $\downarrow$ | 3 | Invite in both Ms | 3NT | To play (solid m) |
|  | 2NT | Forcing enquiry** | $3 \vee$ | Fit both Ms, noGm | 4* | Bid suit bel yr suit |
|  | Other $4 \diamond$ bid your suit, $4 \vee / \wedge$ natural to play |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notes $\quad * * 3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ min then $3 \mathrm{D}=$ GF enq then $3 \vee / \wedge=$ trsfs; ** $3 *=$ max trsf to $v$ and $3 v=$ max tr |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{* *}$ After $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ min, then $3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ invite to $\vee$ but GF in $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$; and $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ invite to $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ but GF in $\boldsymbol{\vee}$ (if accept, cue) |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| 2 | 24 | Nat, non-forcing | 3 | Invite to 4v | 3NT | To play |
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|  | 2NT | Forcing enquiry | 3 | Fit, no game | 4* | Natural, to play |
|  | 3* | Pass / correct | 34 | Invite to 4^ | 4 | To play |
|  | Other | 4 - or $4 \uparrow$ natural to play |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | 2NT | Forcing enquiry | 3* | Natl, non-forcing | 4* | To play |
|  | 3* | Pass / correct | 34 | Fit, no game | 4 | Natural, to play |
|  | 3 | Invite to 4ar | 3NT | To play | $4{ }^{4}$ | To play |
|  | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT | 3* | Puppet stayman | 34 | Minor stayman | 4 | minorwood |
|  | 3 | Transfer to $\downarrow$ | 3NT | Exactly 5a/4v | 4 | 5 total pts, 6+v |
|  | 3 | Transfer to a | 4* | minorwood | $4{ }^{4}$ | 5 total pts, 6+^ |
|  | Other | Quantitative 4/5NT |  |  |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT Lower 2 unbid suits
4th Suit Forcing One round
5+/5+ weak or strong

NT Checkback X Priorities $2 *$ invite ch/back or sign off in $2 \star$ or $3 * ; 2 \star=$ GF checkback
Defence to 3NT opening
Defence to Opening Twos
Multi 2 $\quad \mathrm{X}$ in first round with $\boldsymbol{\vee}, \mathrm{X}$ in second round with $\uparrow$
RCO style 2-s
Other 2-s

| Defence <br> to <br> strong <br> $\%$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $\quad \mathrm{X}=$ clubs; 1 -level $=$ natural overcall; 2-level $=$ multi landy |
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Over 1NT Interference
Lebensohl - other uses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \bullet / 4$ *
$4 \vee$
10. OTHER NOTES

Defence to strong 1NT: $X=4 M+5 m$ (bid $2 *$ to ask for the $M$ )
Puppet Stayman responses: $3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ no major then $3 \boldsymbol{\sim}$ is asking for a 5 card minor, if no 5 card minor bid $3 N T ; \quad 3 \boldsymbol{A}=5 \mathrm{~A} ; \quad 3 N T=5 \mathrm{~V}$

