

**NOTE 1: 2NT OPENING BID = 5-5 or better, ♠s + red suit**

**Responses:** 3♣ F, asks for red suit (flip-flop) – over 3♣ double, pass = ♠s, 3♥s = !s

3♦ Pass or Correct (if followed by 4♦ NAT, F)

3M, 4M, 3NT to play

4♣ slam try in ♠s

4♦ Pass or Correct with good values for red suit(s)

**Comp:** After DBL: RDBL forces 3♣ to play responder's suit,

P rare, may be looking for place to play

Others as without DBL

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**NOTE 2: 1♦ OPENING BID**

Good 10-16 HCP, 2+ ♠s

**Hand Patterns:** All hands with diamonds the longest suit or  
without a 5 card Major or 6<sup>+</sup> clubs,

**Responses:** 1♥ may be 3 card suit (raise shows 4)

1♠ very rarely 3 card suit

2! STR JS in !s **OR** INV notrump hand, 11-12

2♠ 5-5 minors, 0-11, 2N asks range

3♣ INV 6+ ♣s, 9-11

3♥ INV, 6+ very good ♥s, 9-11

1NT 6<sup>+</sup>-10 HCP

2N FG 12-15 or 18+

3NT 16-17+ HCP

3M SPL

**Competition:** 1♦-(DBL)-2NT both minors, equal or longer ♦s

1♦-(DBL)-3♣ both minors, longer ♣s

1♦-(1NT)-2♣ Majors

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**NOTE 3: 2♣ Opening Bid 10-16 HCP, 6<sup>+</sup> ♣s**

**Responses:** 2NT forces 3♣ to play 3♣ or show a forcing hand with some 5<sup>+</sup>-5<sup>+</sup> pattern

3♣ shows an INV in some suit other than ♣s. Opener bids lowest suit he rejects

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**NOTE 4: 1♦-2♥ 11-12 BAL with no 4 card Major or NAT, FG**

1♦-2♥-2♠: Waiting. Now 2NT = 11-12 BAL, any other bid shows that 2♥ = NAT, FG

1♦-2♥-2NT: Forcing, wants to be declarer in NT

1♦-2♥-3♣: weak, both minors, responder with BAL hand passes or bids 3♦

1♦-2♥-3♦ NAT, weak, to play opposite BAL hand

1♦-2♥-(DBL): P none of other hands, likely weak

RDBL – Heart stopper, but not anxious to declare

2♠ NAT, and has real diamonds

2NT Forcing, wants to be declarer in NT

3m NAT, F1

1♦-2♥-(BID): DBL PEN

Others as without competition

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**NOTE 5: Major Suit Raises in Competition**

1!-(DBL)	-1N	TRF to $\supseteq$ s	
	-2 $\supseteq$	TRF to $\forall$ s	
	-2 $\forall$	Constructive in !s (three, 7-9)	
	-2!	Weak raise, 4-6	
	-2 $\subseteq$	Weak	
	-2N	Limit	
	-3 $\supseteq$	PRE	
	-3 $\forall$	Mixed	
	-3!	Weak	
	-3 $\subseteq$	SPL	
	-3N	STR raise, sets up forcing pass	
	-4m	SPL	
	-4!	Variable (weak or strong)	
	-4N	Ace ask	
	1 $\subseteq$ -(DBL)	-1N	TRF to $\supseteq$ s
		-2 $\supseteq$	TRF to $\forall$ s
-2 $\forall$		TRF to !s	
-2!		Constructive in $\subseteq$ s (three, 7-9)	
-2 $\subseteq$		Weak raise, 4-6	
-2N		Limit	
-3 $\supseteq$		PRE	
-3 $\forall$		PRE	
-3!		Mixed	
-3 $\subseteq$		Weak	
-3N		STR raise, sets up forcing pass	
-4 $\supseteq$ /4 $\forall$ /4!		SPL	
-4 $\subseteq$		Variable (weak or strong)	
-4N		Ace Ask	

**NOTE 6: RUBENSOHL after 1NT-(2M):** Applies if 2M = 1-suited, or if it shows bid M+ unknown 2<sup>nd</sup> suit, and also after 1NT-(2m) if 2m promises a specific M with or without an unknown second suit. Also applies after our 1NT overcall unless 2 suits have been bid.

1NT-(2M)-2NT forces 3 $\clubsuit$ . RESP may intend to play in a lower ranking suit or rebid 3NT to show a stopper in M, or rebid 3M to show shortness in M with  $\clubsuit$ s.

1NT-(2M)-3 $\clubsuit$  =  $\diamond$ s, INV<sup>+</sup>; 1NT-(2M)-3 $\diamond$  = OM, INV<sup>+</sup>; 1NT-(2M)-3OM = both minors, FG

**NOTE 7: Responses to KCB by Preemptor:**

The following auctions ask for KCs on special preempt scale:

3 $\diamond$ -4 $\clubsuit$ , 3M-4 $\clubsuit$ , 3 $\clubsuit$ -4 $\diamond$ , 2 $\spadesuit$ -4 $\clubsuit$ , 2 $\spadesuit$ -2NT...4 $\clubsuit$ , 2 $\diamond$ -4 $\clubsuit$ , 2 $\diamond$ -2NT...4 $\clubsuit$

**Responses are:** "hate my suit", 1 w/o trump Queen, 1 + trump Q, 2 w/o trump Q, 2 + trump Q