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OPENING	TICK IF ART	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DB L THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	3♥	10-19 HCP	Natural, up the line.	Checkback may follow 1NT rebid [A3]. Reverses GF unless 2NT "Blackout" [A1]	
1♦		3	3♥	10-19 HCP Denies 4♣ unless holding 5+♦	As above	As above	
1♥		5	3♥	10-19 HCP	As above	As above	
1♠		5	3♥	10-19 HCP	As above	Reverses GF	
1NT		N/A		15-17 HCP, Balanced hand	2♣ Non-promissory Stayman 2♦/2♥/2♠/2NT transfers 3♣ Puppet Stayman	Transfers can be broken [G1].	
2♣	✓			8+ PT OR 23+ HCP Balanced	2♦ semi-positive (F1), at least K or QQ. 2♥ negative (NF)	Natural until suit agreed or 2NT with 3♣ puppet/red suit transfers. 2NT or cheapest responder's rebid = less than AK or 8 HCP.	
2♦		5		Weak 2, 6-10 HCP, 5-card suit possible when NV	Raises pre-emptive. 2NT enquiry.	2♦-2NT: 3♦ poor hand, others feature	
2♥		5		As above	Raises pre-emptive. 2NT enquiry.	2♥-2NT: 3♥ poor hand, others feature	
2♠		5		As above	Raises pre-emptive. 2NT enquiry.	2♠-2NT: 3♠ poor hand, others feature	
2NT				20-22 HCPs, Balanced Hand. May have a 5-card suit.	3♣ Puppet Stayman; Red Suit Transfers; 4NT/5NT Quantitative.		
3♣		6		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
3♦		7		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
3♥		7		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
3♠		7		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
3NT							
4♣		8		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
4♦		8		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
4♥		8		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
4♠		8		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
4NT							
5♣		8		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
5♦		8		5-9 HCP, Pre-emptive			
5♥							
5♠							

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A Conventions used

A.1 Opener's Reverses

A reverse by opener (bidding, at the 2-level, a higher ranking suit than the originally opened suit) shows a hand of quality that did not qualify for a 2♣ opener. Nominally 16+ HCP, but may be less with shape and good playing strength.

After opener's reverse, 2NT is "blackout", indicating a minimum hand. Pass or correct opener's 3♣ bid. Any other bid above 2NT by opener is forcing to game.

A.2 RKCB Responses

5♣ shows 1 or 4 keycards. 5♦ shows 0 or 3 keycards. 5♥ shows 2 keycards without the trump queen. 5♠ shows 2 keycards with the trump queen.

After a 5♣ or 5♦ response, the next non-trump suit asks for the trump queen. A response of the cheapest bid denies the trump queen. The second cheapest shows the trump queen.

In the case of intervention DOPI/ROPI applies both to the initial responses and to the queen ask, in which case the "zero" bid being the cheapest, i.e. X or XX and the pass showing the trump queen.

A follow-on 5NT by the 4NT bidder asks partner to cue bid the lowest ranking king, so long as that does not bypass small slam.

A.3 Checkback

After 1X-1Y-1NT-2♣:

2♦ denies three-card support for responder's major and denies four cards in the other major

2M shows three-card support when responder's major or a four-card major suit.

Always show hearts before spades (that is, 3-card heart support before four spades or 4 hearts before three-card spade support).

B Leads and signals

C Bids that may require a defence

D Defensive and competitive bidding

E Doubles/Redoubles

F Back of card

G Others

G.1 Major suit transfer breaks

In a sequence such as 1NT-(Pass)-2♦-(Pass):

- 2♥ = 2 or 3 hearts
- 3♥ = 4 hearts, minimum 1NT
- 2♠/3♠ = 4 hearts, maximum, feature in suit bid.
- 2NT = 5 hearts, any 1NT strength.

H Prepared defences