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| O P E N I N G/DESCRIPTIONS | | R E S P O N S E S | | | | Subsequent bidding | | Passed hand and over intervention |
| 1♣ | 11-21, at least 2 cards,  with 18-19 bal and no 5 card major almost obligatory | 1♦: weak or natural; 1M: natural, positive;  2♣: Inverted minor, only without intervention;  2 ♦: weak with 6 major; 2M: 6M, 8-11 | | | | 1 X – 1 Y – 3 NT 18-19 fitted;  2 way CB after NT rebid; 4e suit GF; | | after 1NT rebid: 2 ♦ nat |
| 1♦ | 11-21, 4+ crd ♦ | See 1 ♣ | | | | See 1♣ | | See 1♣ |
| 1♥ | 11-21, 5+crd ♥ | 2 over 1 GF;  2 NT : ♥ - fit, 10-11 or 16+ BAL or 15+ SPL;  3 NT : 12-15 no SPL, SPL’s (11-14) | | | | 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ = artificial | | Drury 2♣/♦ (3- resp. 4crd)  2NT is 5crd fit or 4crd fit + void  fitbids |
| 1♠ | 11-21, 5+crd ♠ | See 1♥ | | | | 1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ = artificial | | See 1 ♥ |
| 1NT | (14)15 - 17 (5422, 6m 322 , 5332 or stiff honour possible) | 2♣ relay; 2♦♥NT3♣ transfers; 3♦ 54 minors, 31 major; 2♠ G/T, maybe with long minor  3 M: ST;  4♣ ♦ : TRF to 4♥♠ | | | | System on after double | | Relays;  Lebensohl (3NT is no stopper) |
| 2♣ | - weak 2 ♦ vul 6-10/NV 4-9  - GF (no GF diamonds) | 2/3♦ to play opp. weak ♦; 2M 5+crd;  2NT relay / 3M strong INV opp weak 2♦ | | | |  | |  |
| 2♦ | weak 2 ♥ or ♠, 4-10;  BAL 22-24; GF ♦ | 2M/3M: NF relay; 2SA: relay; 3m: nat and F; 4♣ asks TRF; 4♦ bid M; 4♥♠ : to play | | | | After 2 NT : 3♣ =MIN ♥ / 3♦ = MIN ♠ / 3♥= MAX ♠ and 3♠= MAX ♥ | | after 2/3 M is DBL P/C  after 3m is DBL penalty |
| 2♥ | Weak with 5♥ and 4+m 4-10 | 2NT R / 3♣ is inv minor / 3♦ is inv major | | | |  | |  |
| 2♠ | Weak with 5♠ and 4+m 4-10 | 2NT R / 3♣ is inv minor / 3♦ is inv major | | | |  | |  |
| 2NT | (19) 20 - 22 | 3♣ Puppet Stayman; 3♦♥ transfers; 3♠ minors; 4m: SI in ♥ or ♠; 4 ♥♠ : SI in ♣ or ♦ | | | |  | | Minor suit ask with 4 ♣ |
| 3 X | (6) 7+ card | NAT, new suit 3 level is forcing | | | | RKC 1430 – 5NT/6X is even/odd number key card with void,  MIXED CUES, SPLINTERS  DOPE-ROPE | | |
| 3NT | Gambling 1st +2nd hand | 4♣ P/C; 4♦ R; 4NT asks quality of minor | | | |
| 4 ♣♦ | Namyats | 4♥ resp. 4♠ ST / askings | | | |
| 4♥♠ 5♣♦ | | Askings | | | |
| Defensive Bidding | | | Leads and Signals | | | | Willem Gosschalk / Gert-Jan PaulissenTHE NETHERLANDS | |
| OVERCALLS | | | **1/3/5**, as well in NT as in suit, also in suit partner  **In known lengths suit**:sometimes Lavinthal **In known lengths NT**: attitude and 10 promises honour  **Later in play**: idem but cash-out → attitude | | | | **Basic system : 5 cards major, multi-coloured**  1♣: 2-card  1♦: 4+ card  1M: 5+ card  1NT 15-17    2♣ - weak 2 ♦ or GF  2♦ - weak 2 ♥ or ♠  - GF with ♦  - BAL 22-24  2M: 5M with 4+minor  2/1 GF | |
| 1 level: aggressive, may be 4 card  2 level: normal Responses:  - new suit NF  - 2NT after overcall 2 level: forcing with stop  - jump new suit: forcing  - jump raise: preempt | | |
| 1 AND 2 NT-OVERCALL | | | Lead | Suit | NT | |
| - 15-17 , 4th position : 11-15 → systems on  - 1NT in sandwich 15-18  - 2NT in 4th position : 18-20 → systems on | | | ACE  KING  QUEEN  JACK  10  9 | A K x . .  A K or K Q  Q J x  (A)(K) J 10, J 10  (H) 10 9  9 x / X 9 8 | A K  A K J / K Q 10  Q J x  J 10 / (A)(K) J 10  (H)10 9  9 x / X 9 8 | |
| JUMP OVERCALLS | | |
| weak (5) 6-card; after weak 2 at 3 level intermediate. Jump in 4th pos intermediate | | |
| Cuebid and 2-suited overcalls\* 2NT: 5-5 lowest suits \* 1 ♣/♦ – 2 ♦ = majors ( 1♣ - 2♣ = natural)\* 1M-2M = other major + minorCue-bids in sandwich are natural Michaels in 4th position | | | Signals | | | |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | Partner lead | Declarer lead | Discarding | | Suit 1st | H/L = odd | H/L = odd | H/L = odd | | 2nd | H/L = DISC |  | H/L = DISC | | 3rd | Lavinthal |  | Lavinthal | | NT 1st | See suit | See suit | See suit | | 2 nd | See suit | See suit | See suit | | 3rd | See suit | See suit | See suit | | | | |
| **Against 1NT**  Multi-Landy, 2NT minors or strong 2-suiter,  Weak jumps, DBL with passed hand: (5)6+ crd ♣ | | | TRUMP ECHO | | | |
| **DOUBLES** | | | |
| Against preempts | | |
| cue: 2-suiter, 4NT: 2/3-suiter, Leaping Michaels | | | Snapdragon, Rosenkranz (level 1), Optional X, Responsive X, Lightner X,  Negative X in most cases after intervention (not after 1 NT-opening) | | | |
| **Against strong ♣** | | |
| DBL majors, 1NT minors | | |
| After take-out doublet by the opponents | | |
| Truscott (reversed after 1 minor); new suit: F1R | | |