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| **Openings bids and responses** |
|  | **ART** | **Min** | **Meaning** | **Responses** | **Further bidding** | **Further remarks** |
| 1♣ |  | 2 | 11+Dutch Doubleton | Forcing! inverted minors, not after interventionsWalsh |

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| 1♦: | Possible weak (0-5) of real |
| 1♥♠ | Possible 5+ ♦ |
| 2♦2♥♠ | Mini-multi (0-7)Inviting, 6-card |

 | 1♣-> 1♦:-> 1NT =18-202♣: Check Back Stayman, GF2♦weak, to play, 3♦GF2NT inviting |
| 1♦ |  | 5  | 11+  | inverted minor, not after interventions en t-o dbl | 2♥♠ Inviting, 6-card |  |
| 1♥/♠ |  | 5 | 11+5-card or 4-4-4-1 |

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| 2♣ | 10+ HCP with ♣ of 3-card support |
| 2♦ | GF 5+ ♦ |
| 1♥-> 2♠ | weak, 6-card ♠ |
| 2NT | 9-11 of 16+ HCP, 4-card support |
| 3♣/♦ | weak, 6krt ♣/♦ |
| 3NT | 12-15 HCP, balanced , 4-card support |

 | After 2♣:

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| 2♦: | real♦ or to weak for higher bid |
| 2♥: | 6⁺krt ♥, 15⁺ pt  |
| 2♠: | ♠: reverse, 15⁺ |
| 2NT: | balanced, 15⁺  |

 | Lebensohl |
| 1NT |  |  | 15-17 HCP balanced, may have 5+ major | Stayman, Jacoby, Smolen, transfers for minors | Transfer-Lebensohl. | Maximum and strong M opens as 18-20 M |
| 2♣ | x |  | GF or 23+ NT | 2♦ relay. | System on after 2NT |  |
| 2♦♥♠ |  |  | weak mostly 6-card. Occasionally 5-card | 2NT relay: ” | 3X weak3Y short3NT balanced |  |
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| 2NT |  | 21-22 | Semi-balanced, 6-card mm possible | Puppet-StaymanJacoby |  |
| 3x |  | 6 | Pre-emptive  |  |  |
| 3NT | x |  | Namyats | 4♣ slam inviting 4♥pas or correct |  |
| 4♣♦ | x | 7 | Pre-emptive |  |  |
| **Higher levels** | Mixed controls, Splinters Leaping Michaels (only after pre-empt-openings + replies). | RKC (1430), Lackwood (1430) |

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| **Simple overcall** |
| Basic principle: Rule of 2/3/4.Not vulnerable can be weakOvercall at level 1 can incidentally be with 4-card |
| **1NT overcall** |
| Raptor: 5+ minor AND 4 major: 7-13 HCP. |
| **Jump overcalls** |
| All jump overcalls at 2nd level are same as openings at 2nd level.2♦/♥/♠: 5+ 2NT:Unusual Jump overcall at 3 level: intermediate, rule of 2/3/4 |
| **(Jump) cue bids**  |
| 2 ♥ after 1♥ 5/5 with ♠ and 2nd suit (opening quality)2 ♠ na 1♠: 5/5 with ♥ and 2nd suit (opening quality) 4th seat may be weaker |
| **to NT**  |
| In 2nd seat robust, in 4th seat weakerMulti-Landy |
| **Dbl vs. Pre-empts**  |
| until 4♥ take-out |
| **Vs. strong 1♣ opening** |
| 1 ♠ = 13 cards |
| **After take-out double** |
| RD: 9+HCP. (jump) raises may be pre-emptive |

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| **Leads and signals** |
| **Leads** |
|  | lead | In partner’s colour |
| colour | 1st, 3rd, 5th | low => honour |
| NT | low => honour or TON | low => honour |
| Only indicative, partners are free not to obey, false leads and signals (and mistakes ☺) do occur  |
| **Leads** |
| Lead | Against suit | Against NT |
| Ace | AH… | AH(X……) |
| King | AKx, KQ(X...) | strong king against 3 NT |
| Queen | KQ..Qx, QJ(X.....) | QJ(XXXX) |
| Jack | Top of series or KJ10 | Top of series or KJ10 |
| 10 | Top of series or Q109 | Top of series or Q109 |
| 9 | TON | TON |
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| **Signals** |
| **Colour** | **Partner’s lead** | **Leader**  | **Discard**  |
| 1e | Attitude | Attitude | lavinthal  |
| 2e | low = even | Low = even |  |
| **NT** |
| 1e | Attitude | Attitude | Attitude |
| 2e | Low = even | Low=even | Low=even |
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| **Doubles**  |
| **Takeout doubles** |
| All doubles are takeout unless punishment is very clear |
| **Special doubles** |
| Negative doubles up to 4♥ Start asking doubles after conventional bidsSupport doubles no higher than 2-level |

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| **Summary** |
| **General approach** |
| Base is Dutch doubleton).1 ♣ = forcingOpenings on 1 level: standard, 5-card ♠,♥/♦,2-card ♣Overcalls and responses can be very weak in a (NV) competitive situation |
| **Special**  |
| We play Lebensohl answers after opponent’s interventions |
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