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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 interventions  Walsh | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1♦: | Possible weak (0-5) of real | | 1♥♠ | Possible 5+ ♦ | | 2♦  2♥♠ | Mini-multi (0-7)  Inviting, 6-card | | 1♣-> 1♦:-> 1NT =18-20  2♣: Check Back Stayman, GF  2♦weak, to play, 3♦GF  2NT 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 | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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♣:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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 weak  3Y short  3NT balanced |  |
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| 2NT |  | 21-22 | Semi-balanced, 6-card mm possible | Puppet-Stayman  Jacoby |  |
| 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 weak  Overcall 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 weaker  Multi-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 bids  Support doubles no higher than 2-level | | | | | | | |

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| Convention Card  **Maaike van Ommen VBL 32390**  **Arie Teeuw NBB 8250405 VBL 31614**  NBB: |
| **Summary** |
| **General approach** |
| Base is Dutch doubleton).  1 ♣ = forcing  Openings 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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