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| **Openings and answers** | | | | | | |
|  | **ART** | **Min** | **Meaning** | **Answers** | **Further bidding** | **Further remarks** |
| 1♣ |  | 3 | 11+ HCP | inverted minor, not after interventions  2♦ minimulti: 0-5 HCP with 6card ♥ or ♠  2♥/♠ 10-11 HCP with 6card ♥ or ♠ | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1♣- | 2♣: 2NT balanced minimum | |  |  | |  |  | | After overcall 2Y = 10+ HCP, 5+card  Lebensohl after jump overcall  1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠: real  1♣-1♦-1♥-2♠: 4th suit forcing  Check Back Stayman  help suit trials   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |
| 1♦ |  | 3 | 11+ HCP | inverted minor, not after interventions  2♥/♠ 10-11 HCP with 6card ♥ or. ♠ | 1♦ - 2♦: 2NT balanced minimum |
| 1♥/♠ |  | 5 | 11+ HCP | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 2♣ | 10+ HCP with ♣ or 3card support | | 2♦ | GF 5+ card ♦ | | 1♥-> 2♠ | weak, 6card ♠ | | 2NT | 9-11 or 16+ HCP, 4card support | | 3♣/♦ | weak, 6 card ♣/♦ | | 3NT | 12-15 HCP, balanced, 4card support | | After 1x - 2♣:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 2♦ | real ♦ or 11-14 HCP | | 2x | 15+ HCP, 6card in opening suit | | 2y | 15⁺ HCP, 4card in other M | | 2NT | balanced, 15⁺ HCP | |
| 1NT |  |  | 15-17 HCP balanced, 6card m or 5card M possible | Stayman, Jacoby, Rubensohl, Roman Gerber, quantitative 4NT | After answer to Stayman 3♦ is minor suit ask:  3♥ length ♣  3♠ length ♦  3NT after 2♦ 4-4 in minors, after 2♥/♠ 3-3 |  |
| 2♣ | X |  | 6+card ♦ weak or GF/SF in suit or 23-24 HCP (semi)balanced | 2♦ relay; 2♥/2♠/3♣ real, good suit  2NT 16+ HCP: | 3♣ good weak 2; 3♦ bad weak 2 in ♦ |  |
| 2♦ | X |  | weak ♥ or ♠ (6+card) of GF in ♣ of ♦ or 25+ HCP (semi)balanced | 2♥ relay; 2♠ forcing for ♥  2NT relay: 3♣/♦ is bad weak 2 in ♥/♠  3♠/♥ is good weak 2 in ♥/♠**!!**  3/4♥ pass or correct  4♣ asks to bid weak 2 with transfer, 4♦ asks to bid weak 2 | After 2♠:  pass weak 2 in ♠  3♣ good weak 2 in ♥ with ♣stopper  3♦ good weak 2 in ♥ with ♦stopper  3♥ bad weak 2 in ♥  After 3♣/♦, 3♦/♥ asks (weak/medium) |  |
| 2♥ | X | 5/4+ | Muiderberg  weak, 5card ♥ and 4+card m | 2NT asks 2nd suit 15+ HCP. 3♣/♦: 4card, 3♥/♠: 5card, 4♣/♦: 6card  3♣ pass or correct for 2nd suit  3♦ game try for 4♥ |  |  |
| 2♠ | X | 5/4+ | Muiderberg  weak, 5card ♠ and 4+card m | 2NT asks 2nd suit 15+ HCP: 3♣/♦: 4card, 3♥/♠: 5card, 4♣/♦: 6card  3♣ pass or correct for 2nd suit  3♦ game try for 4♠ |  |
| 2NT |  |  | 20-22 HCP; singleton (A or K) possible, 6card ♣ of ♦ possible | Niemeijer, Jacoby, 3NT = 5/4 ♠/♥, minor suit transfers |  |
| 3x |  | 6 | preemptive |  |  |
| 3NT | X |  | gambling; max. Q in other suit |  |  |
| 4♣/♦ |  |  | weak |  |  |
| **Higher levels** | | | | mixed cue bids, splinters | RKC (1430), asking for trump Q (next bid no Q; 5NT trump Q, no side K, 6X = K in X or two K’s in other two suits), Lackwood, DOPI-ROPI, Josephine | |

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| Rule of 2/3/4  First level overcall occasionally on good 4card |
| **1NT overcall** |
| In 2nd hand 15-18 HCP, in 4th hand 11-15 HCP, system on  After 1x - 1NT- 2x: Rubensohl |
| **Jump overcalls** |
| Jump overcalls according to rule of 2/3/4  After 2x - dbl - pass: Lebensohl (also after dbl in 4th hand)  2NT: ♣ and ♦  leaping Michaels (only after preemptive openings + answers) |
| **Direct cues** |
| Vulnerable max. 4 losers, non vulnerable max. 5 losers  1m - 2m: 5/5 ♠/♥ (opening)  1♥ - 2♥: 5/5 in ♠ and 2nd suit  1♠ - 2♠: 5/5 in ♥ and 2nd suit  In 4th hand weaker |
| **After 1NT** |
| In 2nd hand robust, in 4th hand possibly weaker: Multi-Landy |
| **Dbl after preemptive opening** |
| through 4♥ competitive |
| **After strong 1♣ opening** |
| 1 ♠ = 13 cards |
| **After take-out double** |
| rdbl: 9+ HCP  1Y: 6+ HCP, forcing  2Y (without jump): weak, non-forcing  2Y (with jump): weak, non-forcing |

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| **Leads and signals** | | | | | | | |
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|  | **First lead** | | | | | **In partner’s suit** | |
| trump | 1st-3rd-5th | | | | | 1st-3rd-5th | |
| NT | 1st-3rd-5th | | | | | 1st-3rd-5th | |
| Indicative, partner may deviate; errors and carelessnesses occur | | | | | | | |
| **Leads** | | | | | | | |
| **lead** | | | **against trump** | **against NT** | | | |
| A | | | AK(x…) | AK(x…) | | | |
| K | | | AKx, KQ(x...) | strong king | | | |
| Q | | | Qx, QJ(x...) | QJ(x…) | | | |
| J | | | highest of a serie or of KJ10 | highest of a serie or of KJ10 | | | |
| 10 | | | highest of a serie or of Q109 | highest of a serie or of Q109 | | | |
| 9 | | | 1st-3rd-5th | 1st-3rd-5th | | | |
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| **Signals** | | | | | | | |
| **trump** | | **partner’s lead** | | | **declarer plays** | | **discard** |
| 1st | | low = encouraging | | | low = even | | Roman Lavinthal |
| 2nd | | idem | | | idem | | idem |
| **NT** | | | | | | | |
| 1st | | idem | | | idem | | idem |
| 2nd | | idem | | | idem | | idem |
| Lavinthal when switch obviously is needed or when giving partner a ruff | | | | | | | |
| **Doubles** | | | | | | | |
| **competitive doubles** | | | | | | | |
| through 4♥. Against 4♠ optional  lead directing doubles against artificial bids  support(re)doubles for ♥, ♠ and sometimes ♦  Truscott | | | | | | | |
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| **Summary** |
| **General approach** |
| Basis is Biedermeijer Red  Overcalls and support bids in a competitive auction may be very weak when not vulnerable against vulnerable |
| **Special** |
| After a double against jump overcalls and after opponent’s overcalls we sometimes use Rubensohl or Lebensohl |
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