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| **Openings and answers** |
|  | **Art?** | **Min.** | **Meaning** | **Answers** | **Further bidding** | **Further remarks** |
| 1§ |  | 3 | 11+ HCPwith 4-4 §/¨ we open 1¨ | Walsh (also after dbl), inverted minor (not after interventions)2♦ minimulti (0-7 HCP with 6card ♥ or ♠); 3♦ is weak with ♦2♥/♠ 10-11 HCP with 6card ♥ or ♠ | After 2♣: 2NT balanced minimum 3♣ unbalanced minimumAfter 1§-1♦-1NT: 2♦ is GF and 3♦ is invite | 1X (1Y) 2Z 10+ HCP, 5card, but 2§ is system-on (10+ with § or - after 1M-opening - 14+ with M)1§-1¨-1©-1ª: GF transfer to 1NT1§-1¨-1©-2ª: 4th suit forcing GFTwo-way Check Back Stayman(also after intervention)Help suit trials, after e.g. Ghestem 3 in opener’s suit is to play, a cue bid is an invite; 3rd and 4th suit GF1X (1Y) 1NT does not promise a stopperSame applies for 1X (1Y) 1Z (pass) 1NT1m-1M-2M may be 3card; 2NT is asking |
| 1¨ |  | 3 | 11+ HCPwith 4-4 §/¨ we open 1¨ | inverted minor, not after interventions2§: forcing through 3NT; 2♥/♠: 10-11 HCP with 6card ♥ or. ♠ | After 2♦: 2NT balanced minimum 3♦ unbalanced minimum |
| 1©/ª |  | 5 | 11+ HCP | 1NT: 6-11 (12) HCP; 2§: GF with 4+crd § or 3crd support (not after intervention); 2¨ 5-7 HCP with 3crd support or GF 4+crd ¨1© -> 2ª 9-11 HCP, 6+crd ª; 1ª -> 3© 9-11 HCP, 6+crd ♥2NT 10-13 HCP, 3+crd support, also after intervention3§/¨ 9-11 HCP, 6+crd ♣/♦3NT splinter in suit just beneath trump suit | After 1x - 2§: 2♦ 15+ HCP2x 11-14 HCP, unbalanced2y 11-14 HCP, 4crd other major2NT 11-14 HCP, balancedAfter 1x – 1NT is 2§ Gazzilli |
| 1NT |  |  | 15-17 HCP balanced, 6card m or 5card M possible | Stayman (may be weak) including Smolen, Jacoby, Rubensohl, Roman Gerber 1430, quantitative 4NT, 3§ is GF Puppet Stay­man, 3♦=GF 5/5 ♣/♦; 3♥=GF 3154 or 3145; 3ª=GF 1345 or 1354 | After answer to Stayman 3♦ minor suit ask:3♥: ♣ suit, 3♠ ♦ suit, 3NT: after 2♦ 4-4 in minors, after 2♥/♠ 3-3After dbl on Jacoby: pass 2krt, 2♥/♠ 3crd with min., rdbl 3crd with max, 2NT/3♥/♠ system on | After penalty dbl on 1NT we play system-on; after suit showing dbl Transfer-Lebensohl.  |
| 2§ | X |  | Pula2, weak with 5+crd ¨ and 4crd major (or Q9xxx at best) or GF in §/♥/ª or 20-21 or 24+ HCP (semi)balanced | 2¨: relay; 2©: ©/ª or ©/¨; 2ª: ª/¨2NT: 16+ HCP, asks further description3§: natural, non-forcing; 3¨: barrage; 3♥/♠ and 4♥/♠: pass or correct; 4§: strong with ¨support | After 2NT: 3§=weak with ♥, 3♦=weak with ♠, 3♥=strong with ♠, 3♠=strong with ♥After 2¨: 2©=SF © or 24-25 NT, 2ª asksAfter 2x: 2NT=20-21 NT | After any 2NT-rebid: Puppet Stayman, Jacoby, 3NT= 5/4 MM, 3ª/4§= transfer (weak or strong), 4♠=5/5 ♦/♣ slam going (4NT sign off, then 5♣ pass/correct); see also below |
| 2¨ | X |  | Multicoloured, weak © or ª (6+card) or GF in ¨ or 22-23 HCP (semi)balanced | 2© relay; 2ª forcing for ©2NT relay: 3§/¨ is weaker weak two in ©/ª 3ª/© is stronger weak two in ©/ª3/4© pass or correct4§ asks for transfer to weak two, 4¨ asks suit itself | After 2♠: pass weak two in ♠ 3♣ GF ♣ 3♦ GF ♦ 3♥ weak two in ♥After 2NT-3§/¨, 3¨/© asks for weak/medium | After 2♥-2♠-2NT: 3x strong weak two with shortness in x, 3♠ weak weak twoAfter 2NT (20-21, 22-23 or 24+) different Jacoby: on 3¨/© = 3©/ª 3crd support, 3NT <3 en 4x >3 with cue |
| 2© | X | 5/4+ | Pula2, weak 5card ©/4+card in any other suit or 6/4 ©/ª | 2ª confirms © almost GF as trump suit, 2NT asks 2nd suit,3§ is to play, 3¨ is game try for 4♥, 4♥ is two-way | After 2ª: bidding a cue or 3©After 2NT: second suit, 3©=ª; 3ª=4/6 ª/© | Big NT’s:20-21 via 2§22-23 via 2¨24-25 via 2§ and Kokish26-28 via 2§ and Kokish with an extra action, f.i. after 3NT lift to 4NT29-31 via 2§ en Kokish with an extra double action, f.i. after 3NT lift to 5NTWeak openings:in 4th seat 10-14in 3rd seat wider range than in 1st or 2nd  |
| 2ª | X | 5/4+ | Pula2, weak 5card ª/4+card in any other suit or 6/4 ª/© | 3§ confirms ª almost GF as trump suit, 2NT asks 2nd suit,3¨ is game try for 4ª, 4ª is two-way | After 3§: bidding a cue or 3ªAfter 2NT: second suit; 3ª=6/4 ª/© |
| 2NT | X |  | Weak with 5/4 §/¨ (vuln. 5/5; 3rd hand 4/4) or GF 2- or 3suited hand | 3§/¨: preference, 3♥: strong and asking for void, then 3♠=void, 3NT is no void; after 3♠ asks 4♣ the void: 4¨=♥, 4♥=♠ | New suit is GF, to be accepted with anything but the next bid (cue), next bid asks 2nd suit |
| 3x |  | 6 | Preemptive, rule of 2/3/4 |  |  |
| 3NT | X | 7 | Namyats in © or ª | 4§ asks to bid suits with transfer, 4¨ asks to bid suit itself |  |
| 4/5x |  | 7 | Preemptive, rule of 2/3/4 |  |  |
| 4NT | X | 6+/5+ | Strong 6+/5+ ♣/♦ or ♦/♣ | 5§/¨: to play, 5♥: 6 aces RKC, 5ª: strong in §; 5NT: strong in ¨ |  |
| **Higher levels** | mixed cue bids, splinters. If cue bid gets doubled: rdbl = A or void, pass is K or singleton, something else is no control in doubled suit | RKC (1430; with ♣ 3014), asking for trump Q (next bid no Q; 5NT trump Q, no side K, 5/6X=K in X or two K’s in other two suits), Lackwood (3014 with next suit), DOPI-ROPI, asking kings: 6X=K, 6trump=0, 5NT 2+ kings (if possible) |

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| **Overcall** |
| First level overcall occasionally on good 4cardResponse: 2 in opener’s suit is 10+ HCP + 3+crd supportResponse: 3 in opener’s suit is 7-9 HCP + 4crd support |
| **1NT overcall** |
| In 2nd hand 15-18 HCP, in 4th hand 11-15 HCP, system onAfter (1x) 1NT (2x): Transfer-LebensohlAfter (1x) 1NT (dbl): transfers from rdbl with 5card |
| **Jump overcalls**  |
| On 2-level: Pula2 (see opening bids), 2©/ª with 5+/4+ (5+ if in opener’s suit), (1♣) 2♦ = multi if 1♣ is artificial and/or forcing, otherwise: 5/5 in both majors and constructiveOther jump overcalls according to rule of 2/3/4After (2x) dbl (pass): Lebensohl (also after dbl in 4th hand)2NT: weak with minors; (non)leaping Michaels (after preemp­tive openings + answers) |
| **Direct cues** |
| Vuln. max. 4 losers, non-vuln. max. 5 losers, 4th pos. Weaker, but (1♣) 2♣ = Pula (see 2-opening) and (1♦) 2♦: 5/5 majors constructive, then 3♣ ©sup, 3♦ ªsup(1©) 2©: 5/5 with ª and 2nd suit (1♠) 2ª: 5/5 with © and 2nd suit |
| **After 1NT** |
| Against **strong** 1NT: in 2nd hand robust, in 4th hand possibly weaker: Pula2 (see opening bids). Dbl = 15+ HCP, thereafter system on. 3X = weak. First dbl and own suit afterwards = 17+ HCP and 6+crd. Against **weak** 1NT (at most 14 HCP): Pula2 (see opening bids). Dbl = 12+ HCP, thereafter system on. 3X = 16+ HCP and 6crd. First dbl, then suit afterwards = 20+ HCP and 6crd |
| **After preemptive opening** |
| Dbl: through 4© competitive(3m) 3M (pass): 4♣ slamtry in M, 4♦ pick a game |
| **After strong 1§ opening** |
| 1©: 5crd ª; 1ª: 5crd other suit, then 1NT asksdbl: 4-4 majors; 1NT 5-5 minors |
| **After multi opening** |
| 4♣: 5crd © + 5krt minor with strength; 4♦: 5crd ª + 5krt minor |
| **After take-out double** |
| rdbl: 10+ HCP; 1Y: 6+ HCP, forcing; 2Y (no jump): 10+ HCP, forcing; 1m (dbl) 2M: 10-11 HCP with 6crd; 1© (dbl) 2♠: weak with 6crd; 1♣ (dbl) 2♦: minimulti (0-7 HCP with 6crd ♥/♠); (1x) dbl (2x): then Lebensohl; (1x) dbl (pass) 1 or 2m: then same level correction |

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| **Leads and signals** |
| **Leads** |
|  | **First lead** | **In partner’s suit** |
| trump | 1st, 3rd, 5th and MUD | 1st, 3rd, 5th |
| NT | low encouraging | low encouraging |
| 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 series or of KJ10 | highest of a series or of KJ10 |
| 10 | highest of a series or of Q109 | highest of a series or of Q109 |
| 9 | 1st, 3rd, 5th , low encouraging | 1st, 3rd, 5th , low encouraging |
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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** |
| Take-out doubles through 4©. Against 4ª optionalLead directing doubles against artificial bidsSupport(re)doubles for ♥ and ♠Double on slam or 3NT calls for lead in highest suit not bid by us |
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| **Summary** |
| **General approach** |
| Basis is 5crd major and best minor (3+)2/1 is GFDeviating opening bids on 2-level, 2nd level jump overcalls and 2nd level overcalls after 1NTOvercalls and support bids in a competitive auction may be very weak when not vulnerable against vulnerableAfter opening of 1© or 1♠ is 2♦ either GF with 4+crd ♦ or 5-7 HCP with 3crd in opener’s suit |
| **Special** |
| After our double against opponent’s two-level opening bid we use Lebensohl |
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| We play at the club at Interbridge and De Denktank in Arnhem and teams competition at Interbridge and at Riviera in Antwerp |
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