

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS							
Opening	Tick if Art	Min No Crds	Neg Dbl Thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣		3	3S	11-20 hp	2C non-forcing, no 4 card majors 3C game forcing, 5+ cards 2NT 13-15 balanced, normally without majors		
1♦		3	3S exc's	11-20 hp	like above, D instead of C		
1♥		5	3S excl. 2C/D	11-20 hp	2H 6-9 p, support 3H 13-15 p, support 2NT 10-12 p or >15 p, support 4X splinter	negative trial bid on 2H 3NT requests a cue-bid negative trial bid on 2NT cue-bid	
1♠		5	3H exc's	11-20 hp	like above, S instead of H.	like above, S instead of H	
1NT		-		16-19 hp, balanced	2C asks the strength and distribution 2D/H/S sign off 2NT requests 3C from the opener 3X inversed slam invitation	3C/D and 4C are further questions, conv. responses 3D/H/S weak invitation to game	
2♣	x	0		>20 p, any distribution	2D relay 2NT 6-8 hp, balanced, no aces, not two kings Any suit 6+ cards, at lowest level 2 losers	with <5hp the adjacent suit to opener's 2H/S or 3C is bid	
2♦	x	0		weak (7-11hp) major or strong (>20p) any 4441-distribution	2H prepared to play 2H or 2S 2S prepared to play 2S or 3H 2NT asks the strength 3D/4D transfers	strong hand is shown by NT or by bidding the singleton 3H/S minimum, 3C/D positive	
2♥	x	0		weak (7-11 hp) 5/5-6 excl. spades	2S asks the distribution, 2NT game invitation with heart support		
2♠	x	5		weak (7-11 hp) 5/5-6 incl. spades	2NT asks the other suit		
2NT		-		20-21 hp, balanced	3C asks 4 card suits from down 3D commands to bid 3H	3S on 3H sign off, 3NT on 3H 5 spades and 4 hearts, forcing	
3♣		6		pre-emptive	3D/H/S is round forcing, stopper-bid or genuine		
3♦		6		pre-emptive	3H/S is round forcing, stopper-bid or genuine		
3♥		6		pre-emptive	3S 5+ cards forcing, 4C/D a cue-bid		
3♠		6		pre-emptive	four in minor is a cue-bid		
3NT	x	-		solid 7 card minor, no aces or kings on side			
4♣		6		pre-emptive	new suit is a cue-bid		
4♦		6		pre-emptive	new suit is a cue-bid		
4♥		6		pre-emptive	new suit is a cue-bid		
4♠		6		pre-emptive	new suit is a cue-bid		
4NT	x	-		asks for specific aces	5C no aces, 5X said ace, 5NT club ace, 6C two aces		
5♣		7		pre-emptive			
5♦		7		pre-emptive			
5♥		7		pre-emptive			
5♠		7		pre-emptive			
5NT							

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING

5 ace Blackwood, reduced if clubs are agreed as trump. Cue-bids, normally the first control is shown on first round. 4X on 1 major shows a singleton, 13-15 hp and trump support. 5NT asks top honours in trump. Voluntary 5 Major invites to raise to slam with 2 top honours.