

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		4 (3 rare)	4♥	Natural – rule of 19 5+ or 3334 or 4414	1N=6-9; 2N=16+ & 3+♣; 3N=12/15 & 3+♣ 2♣=9+ F1 3♣=6-8 3♦/♥/♠ = splinter 4♥/♠ = Nat	1NT 15-17 2NT 18-19 Jump reverse = short After 1♣-2♣: 3♣ is nf, 2x=stopper, 2N FG	1♣-(1♦)-X=4♥, 1♣-(1♥)-X=4♠ Fit Jumps 5/4 F1, 1/2/3NT nat
1♦		4	4♥	Natural – rule of 19 5+ or 3343, (23)44, (14)44	1N=6-9; 2N=16+ & 3+♦; 3N=12/15 & 3+♦ 2♦=9+ F1 3♦=6-8 3♥/♠/4♣=splinter 4♥/♠ = Nat	2NT non-jump=15+ 1♦-2NT-3♣=Baron 1♦-1N-2♣ is F1 & 1♦-1N-3♣ is 5/5 pre-empt	cue = value raise, jump raise = 2.5 1♦-(1♥)-X=4♠ and as after 1♣
1♥		4	4♦	Natural – rule of 19 Can be 4441 or have 4(5)m/4♠	2NT = game with 4+♥ or 16+ with 3♥ 3♠ = raise to 4♥+, any void 3NT=raise with sing ♠	3NT over 2m=15-17+4♥ 1♥-3♠-3NT = ?void 1♥-2N-3♣=enq...3N=4♣(5,4) 4m=sing 13-14	P-1♥-2NT = 3♥ & as after 1♣
1♠		4	4♥	Natural – rule of 19 not 44(32)	2NT = game 4+♠ or 16+ with 3♠ 3NT any void	1♠-3NT-4♣ = asks for void & as after 1♥	P-1♠-2NT = 3♠ & as after 1♣
1NT			3♠	12-14 (occasional good 11) Can have weak 5M	2♣=Stay.; 2♦/♥= transfer 2♠=range? 2N=minor(s) 3 bids shortage; 4♣= Gerber	1N-2♣-2♦: 2♥=♥/♠ weak, 2♠ inv 5♠/4♥ After 1N-2N-3♣: 3♥/♠ = sing, both minors	If X: XX=1 suit, 2♣/♦/♥= 2suits O/C...: 2NT/higher = Lebensohl
2♣	√	0		20-21/26-27 bal or 8/9 tricks May be game if ♥ long suit	2♦=relay, 2♥/♠ 5+2TH +ve, 2NT= 9+bal, no ace 3♣/♦/♥/♠=6 cards with 2 of top 3 honours	Jump= 9 PT. 2♣-2♦-2NT then as 2NT opener 2♣-2♦-2♥/♠: next bid= neg; jumps as 1♥/♠	
2♦	√	0		24-25/28-29+ bal or any FG	2♥=relay, 2♠ 5+2TH +ve, 2NT= 7+ bal, no ace 3♣/♦/♥/♠ 6 cards with 2 of top 3 honours	After 2♦-2♥-2♠: 3♣=neg; 2♦-2♥-2N as 2N 2♦-2♥-3♣: 3♦= neg/waiting with 4M; 3M=5	
2♥		6 (5)		Weak two Usually 5-9 (8-12 in 4th)	2♠/3m = NAT, INV, NF; 2NT=ENQ; 3♥=pre-empt 3♠/4m=NAT,FG; 4♠/5♠/5♦ EKCB	After 2♥-2NT: 3♣/♦=lower, suit poor/good; 3♥/♠=upper, suit poor/good; then suit =cue	After X: new suit rescue sign-off XX= strong if x T/O, SOS if pen
2♠		6 (5)		Weak two Usually 5-9 (8-12 in 4th)	2N=ENQ; 3♥/m NAT, INV, NF ; 4♥ NAT 4m=NAT,FG; 5♣/5♦/5♥ EKCB; 3♠=pre-empt	After 2♠-2NT: as 2♥-2NT; then suit = cue	As for 2♥; 2♠ Dble 4♥ is NAT
2NT				22-23 balanced Can have 5M or 6m	3♣=Stay for 5M; 3♦/♥=trans; 3♠ =both m; 4 any: nat, slam try; 5N=F1 Grand try	2N-3♣: 3N=3♠ & <4♥; 3♦=4M or <3♠, then 3♥=<4♥, 3♠=4♥ & <4♠, 3N=4♥ & 4/5♠ weak	If 3♣ X: XX=no stop, bid 5-card ... if opener P/3♦/3♥/XX, puppet
3♣		6/7		Pre-empt	3any nat, F1; 4♦ fit+♦; 4M NAT, 5♦/5M EKCB		
3♦		6/7		Pre-empt	3M nat F1; 4♣/4M NAT; 5♣/5M EKCB		
3♥		6/7		Pre-empt	3♠ nat F1, 4♣/♦ = cue, 4♠ NAT; 5♣/♦/♠ EKCB		
3♠		6/7		Pre-empt	4♥ nat, 4♣/♦ = cue, 5♣/♦/♥ EKCB		
3NT	√			Solid minor, little outside	4♦ = enq for sing (then 5m=sing in other m)		
4♣		7		Pre-empt	4♦ = enq for sing, 4♥/♠ = Nat, 4NT = RKCB	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♦		7		Pre-empt	4♥/♠ Nat, 4NT= RKCB, 5♣ = need ♣ control	4NT: RKCB: 5♣ = 1 or 4*; 5♦ = 0 or 3*; 5♥ = 2 or 5, not Q; 5♠ = 2 or 5, + Q	
4♥		7		Pre-empt	4NT = RKCB, 4♠/5♠/5♦ = need control here	* If responder asks and opener has shown 15+ points, 5♣ = 0 or 3; 5♦ = 1 or 4	
4♠		7		Pre-empt	4NT= RKCB, 5♣/5♦/5♥ = need control here	5NT= 1 key + useful void (uv); 6♣ = 2 keys + (uv); 6♦ = 3 keys + (uv)	
4NT	√			Specific ace ask	5♣ = 0 5NT = 2; 5♦/♥/♠/6♣ = cue only ace	After 5♣/ 5♦ reply: relay asks for trump Q then 5 trumps denies (5NT if cheaper)	
5♣		8		Pre-empt		5NT from 4NT bidder is for specific kings then resp shows either king or other 2	
5♦		8		Pre-empt		If opponents bid after RKCB: Dble/ReX= 0 key, Pass = 1 key ie DOPI and RDOPI	
5♥		7		Asking for A K trumps		Exclusion KCB jump in void above 4 trumps: Step 1=0 keys; then 1; then 2, no Q.	
5♠		7		Asking for A K trumps		Repeat of void is for kings in the other side-suits (bid king; trump suit: no king)	
						Double RKCB if we have known 8+fit in two suits, both kings count as key cards	
						5NT, no 4NT: GSF (trumps = worst) 6♣=1 of top 3, where room 6♦= A/Kxxxx	
						5NT = pick a slam (5NT also pick a slam where final trump suit is in doubt)	