

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS

Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Db	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣	Yes	0		15+ Unbalanced (or 5 loser hand) or 18+ Balanced	1♦ = 0-9 Points (negative)	{1}	
1♣					1♥/1♠/2♣/2♦ = 5+ Suit & 10+ points	Natural. Suit agreement starts cue bidding- NT = A, K or Q of Trumps	
1♣					1NT=10+points & Balanced (no 5 Card Major)	Stayman & Transfers. 2♠ = Point Count Enquiry. 2NT = ♣ & ♦	
1♣					2♥/2♠/3♣/3♦ = 10+ Points & Singleton in suit Bid.	Suit bid = agreement in suit. If game not bid cue bidding starts	
1♦	No	5	2♠	10-14 Pts, 5+♦. No 4Card ♥or♠	{2}		
1♥	No	4	2♠	10-14 Pts, May have longer minor	{3}		
1♠	No	4	2♠	10-14 Pts, May have longer minor	{4}		
1NT	No			14-17 HCP	Stayman & Transfers, 2♠ = Pt count enquiry or transfer to a minor. 2NT=♣ & ♦.		
1NT					3 Level bids = slam interest in suit bid - Starts cue bidding.		
2♣	No	5		10-14 Pts 5+♣. No 4 Card Major	2♦=Ask for Major Holds, forcing, 2♥/♠=5+&Forc.3♥/♠= 6+ &Invit Note {5}	2♥/2♠ = A or K. 2NT = Both suits held. 3♣ = no holds.	
2♦	Yes	0		0-9 Pts & six Card Major Suit	2♥=P/C. 2♠=Pass or INV in ♥. 2NT=16+Pts. 3♥/♠4♥/♠ = P/C	Over 2NT, 3♣/♦= ♥/♠Weak. 3♥/♠ = 7-9pts	
2♥	No	5		10-14 Pts. 5♥ & 4+ minor	2♠=5+♠ & Forc.2NT=Natural,3♣=P/C,3♦=forcing minor ask,3♠ bid NTor4♠	Over 3♦, 3♥ = ♣, 3♠ = ♦	
2♠	No	5		10-14 Pts. 5♠ & 4+ minor	2NT = Natural, 3♣ = P/C, 3♦=forcing minor ask, 3♥= forcing to 4♥ or 3NT	Over 3♦, 3♥ = ♣, 3♠ = ♦	
2NT	Yes			0-9 Pts 5/5 ♣ & ♦	3♣/♦=To play. 3♥/3♠ set ♣/♦ suit, start cue bids. 3NT/4♥/4♠ to play. 4♣/♦ Invit		
3♣	Yes	6		6+ Card Diamond Suit - Pre-emptive <10 Points	Natural bidding - new suit forcing		
3♦	Yes	6		7+ Card Heart Suit - Pre-emptive <10 Points	Natural bidding - new suit forcing		
3♥	Yes	7		7+ Card Spade Suit - Pre-emptive <10 Points	Natural bidding - new suit forcing		
3♠	Yes	7		7+ Card Club Suit - Pre-emptive <10 Points	Natural bidding - new suit forcing		
3NT	Yes			Long Solid Minor	4♣ = P/C		Note#1
4♣	Yes	0		0-7 Pts 8+ ♥	4♥ to play. All other bids are cue bids.		
4♦	Yes	0		0-7 Pts 8+♠	4♠ to play. All other bids are cue bids		
4♥	No	8		8-10Pts if partner has not bid otherwise 8+Pts	CUE		
4♠	No	8		8-10Pts if partner has not bid otherwise 8+Pts	CUE		
4NT	Yes			Ace Asking	See normal ace asking responses		
5♣	No	7		<10Pts if partner has not bid otherwise 8+Pts	CUE		
5♦	No	7		<10Pts if partner has not bid otherwise 8+Pts	CUE		

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING

ACE ASKING REPSONSES TO 4♣ = 4♦ 0-3 Aces

= 4♥ 1-4 Aces

= 4♠ 2 Aces Matching (same colour or rank)

= 4NT 2 Aces Unmatching (same colour or rank)

SAME STEPS OVER 4NT ACE ASKING