

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. # OF CARDS	NEG DBL THRU	ALAN SONTAG	PETER WEICHSEL	30-Jun-01	
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PH & COMP BIDDING
1♣	v	0		BAL hand with 18 ⁺ HCP or UNBAL with 16 ⁺ or equivalent playing strength	1♠ = 0-8 HCP 1M, 2m = 5 card suit, 9 ⁺ HCP, FG 1NT = 9-14 HCP, BAL, FG 2♥ = 4441 with ♠ or ♣ SPL 2♠ = Any 6 or 7 card suit to 2/top 3 honors 3m = 4441 with shortness in next suit 3M, 3NT, 4♣ = Solid suit (any suit)	Control asks, Support asks, Trump asks, Distributional relays, SPLs, 1♣-1♦-1♥ Relay	PH: same
1♦	v	1		Good 10-16 HCP Many shapes[2]	1♥ RESP may be 3 card suit [2] 1♠ RESP very rarely 3 card suit 2♦ FI; 2M = STR JS; 3♣ = INV, 3♦ F	1♦-1♥-2♥ shows 4 card support Many 2-way checkbacks after 1♦-1M-1♠/NT 1♦-1M-2♣-2♦ = checkback	PH: 2M = 5 card suit with 5 card m COMP: [2]
1♥		(4)5	4♠	Longest suit in BAL hand of 10-14 HCP or UNBAL hand 10-16 HCP Can be 4 card suit in 3 rd or 4 th position	1NT FI; 2NT NAT FG 3♣ = BAL, FG raise 3♦ = Limit Raise ⁺ Jump raise PRE; 3♠ = Unknown SPL, 12 ⁺ 3NT, 4m = voids	Opener shows strength and distribution /3♣	PH: Reverse DRURY FIT 1♥-2♠ & 1♠-2NT = unknown SPL 1♥-2NT = 5-5 ms 3♣ NAT; 3 other FIT COMP: Jump to 1 over/ 1 under = mixed raise [4]
1♠		(4)5	4♥	See 1♥	See 1♥, also 3♥ = Unknown SPL, good 14 ⁺ 3NT = Unknown SPL, 12-14	1♠-1NT-2♣-2♦ ART 1♠-2♠-2NT ART, F, asking	
INT			3♠	14 ⁺ -17 HCP, BAL Can have 5 card Major or 6 card minor	NF STAY, JTB, TEXAS 2♠ → 2NT (Relay to show minors) 2NT = TRF ♠s 3♣ = TFR ♠s; 3♦ = 44(14); 3♥ = 4144; 3♠ = 1444 4♠ = 4-4 in minors, S/T	SMOLEN 1NT-2♣-3M = MAX with 5 card suit 1NT-2♦,♥-2NT = MAX, 3 card support; 1NT-2♦,♥-3X = 4 card support 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♦ = 6♥s + 4♠s 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♥ = 5♠s + 4♥s	PH: same COMP: System on over DBL LEB (2NT ... 3NT promises stopper) 3-level transfers after NAT 2M [5]
2♣		6	4♠	NAT, 10-16 May have side 4 or 5 card suit	2♦ asks distribution, stoppers 2M NAT, NF 2NT, 3♣ ART [3], 3♦, ♥, ♠ NAT, F		
2♦	v	0		WK 2♥ (usually 6 card suit)	2NT = F, inquiry New suit = F VUL, NF NV		
2♥	v	4		Either FLANNERY or PRECISION 3 rd & 4 th always FLANNERY	2NT = F, inquiry 3m NF; 3M NAT S/T 4m = RKC in corresponding M		COMP: Lead directing bids after DBL 2M-(DBL)-2NT → 3♣
2♠		6		WK 2, may be 5 card suit NV	2NT = F, inquiry; 3m NF NV 4♣ = PRE KCB [6]	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
2NT	v			Bad PRE any suit [1]		1430 RKCB; re-raise of m = KC; 4♦ can be KC in ♣s, Some DBL KC, Some suit asks, Exclusion KC, DOP1 at 5 level, DEPO above 5M	
3x				NAT, strength varies w/ VUL Good suit [1]	New suit NF if NV 4♦/3♣ & 4♣ over others = PRE KCB [6]	Many shortness bids; GSF, more = less; asking bids; last train, 4NT often just S/T Gerber	
3NT	v			4m PRE	m bids P/C; 4M NAT to play		
4m	v			NAMYATS	Step = S/T		