| OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS Ida Grönkvist-Mikael Grönkvist, Sweden Mix |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Open ing | $\begin{gathered} \text { Tick } \\ \text { if } \\ \text { Art } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Min } \\ & \text { No } \\ & \text { Crds } \end{aligned}$ | Neg <br> Thru | Description | Responses | Subsequent Auction |
| 1\% | $\checkmark$ | 2 | $4 \vee$ | a) (11)12-14 BAL <br> b) $18-19 \mathrm{BAL}$ <br> c) Natural, $4+$ © UNBAL | $1 \star=4+\downarrow, 1 \vee=4+\star, 1 \wedge=$ a) $4+\star$ (no M unless FG) b) $6+$ bal. w/o M, 1NT=FG BAL $/ \star, 2 \star=5-9,5+\star, 2 \star / \downarrow,=3-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ with $6+\vee / \uparrow$ or FG, $4 \vee / \star$ and $5+\star 2 \wedge=I N V+$, $6+\boldsymbol{\kappa}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=55+\mathrm{ms}$, S/O or FG, $3 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{PRE}$ w/ $6+$ suit | $1 ヶ-1 * / \downarrow ; 1 \vee / \uparrow=12-14 N T / 3 M, 5+\star$, MIN 1NT=18-19 BAL, 3M=18-19 BAL, 4-c M $3 \star=6+\star, 3-\mathrm{c}$ M, 15-17 |
| 1 * |  | 4 | 4 | Natural, semi-/unbalanced hand. Only 4 * when 4441 | $1 \vee / \wedge=6+\text { hcp } 4+\text { suit, } 1 \mathrm{NT}=6-12 \text { no } 4 \text {-card } \mathrm{M}, 2 *=\mathrm{FG} \text { bal } / \star, 2 *=8-11,3+\text { supp, }$ $2 \vee / \wedge=3-7 \text { hcp, } 6(+) \vee / \wedge, 3 \star=\text { Nat INV, } 3 \star=\text { PRE with } 4+\text { supp }$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 1 \star-1 \mathrm{M} ; 1 \mathrm{NT}=4+\star, 2 *=11-14,6+\star \text { or } 18+ \\ \text { "any", } 2 \mathrm{NT}=15+\mathrm{w} / \text { supp, } 3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{MIN} 5 * 4 \mathrm{M}(31) \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5 | $4 *$ | 11-23 | 1 NT=Semiforcing, $2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ FG BAL/ $\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 2 \bullet=$ FG, $2 \vee=8-11,3(4)-c$ supp, $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=3-7 \mathrm{hcp}$, $6(+) \wedge, 2 N T=I N V+$ with $4+$ supp, $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ Nat INV, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=4(5)$-c supp $4-8 \mathrm{hcp}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Supp, intermediate hand with any void, $3 \mathrm{NT} / 4 \mathrm{~m}=$ Void ( $3 \mathrm{NT}=\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ ), worse/better than $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ |  |
| 14 |  | 5 | $4 \vee$ | 11-23 | 1 NT=Semiforcing, $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ FG, BAL $/ \boldsymbol{\star}, 2 \bullet / \downarrow=$ FG, $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=8-11$ w 3(4)-c supp, 2NT=INV+ with sup, $3 \star / \star / \downarrow=$ Nat INV, $3 \wedge=4(5)-c \operatorname{supp} 4-8 \mathrm{hcp}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=$ Supp, intermediate hand with any void, $4 \mathrm{~m} / \varphi=$ Void, worse or better than 3 NT | ```1^-1NT; 2&=6+^ or 16+"any", 2^ = 11-16,5^+4&, 2NT = 15+, 6^ 4-cm 1\vee/^-2NT: See [Note 1]``` |
| 1NT |  | --- | - | $14^{+}-17 \mathrm{hcp}$, (semi)BAL, 5card M or 6-card m possible | $2 \boldsymbol{\star}=$ ASK for $4 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{s})$ (doesn't promise 4 cM ), $2 \star / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\operatorname{Trf} \downarrow / \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / \mathrm{NT}=\operatorname{Trf} \boldsymbol{\star} / \star$, <br> $3 \bullet=$ FG, $54+\mathrm{ms}, 3 \wedge=\mathrm{INV}, 6+\mathrm{M}, 3 \vee / \mathrm{n}=$ Short M, $4 \mathrm{coM}, 44 / 54 \mathrm{~ms}, 4 \star / \wedge=\operatorname{Trf} \vee / \wedge$ | Super accepts, Second-round transfers (after $2 * / 2 \mathrm{red}$ ), $1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \star ; 2-3 \mathrm{M}=4 \mathrm{M}$ and 5 oM, FG |
| 2\% | $\sqrt{ }$ | 0 |  | a) FG (not as longest suit) <br> b) $20-21 \mathrm{BAL}$ | $2 \star=$ Waiting $(4+$ hcp if $5+\mathrm{M}), 2 \mathrm{M}=$ To play facing $20-21 \mathrm{NT}, 2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \vee=$ Trf to next suit w/ HHxxxx+ | $2 \star-2 \star, 2 \boldsymbol{*}=5+\vee /$ FG, BAL (forces $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ ) Accepting $2 \mathrm{NT}+\mathrm{trf}=\mathrm{Hx} / \mathrm{xxx}+$ in support |
| 2 , | $\sqrt{ }$ | 0 | - | a) (5)6cM, (3)5-9 hcp <br> b) FG with $5+$ | $2 / 3 \mathrm{M}=$ Pass or correct, $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{INV}+, 3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{Nat} \mathrm{FG}, 4 \boldsymbol{4}=$ Trf to your suit, $4 \star=$ Bid your suit, $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play | $2 \star-2 \mathrm{NT} ; 3 \boldsymbol{\star}=$ Max, $3 \star=$ Min with $\vee, 3 \vee=$ Min with $\wedge, 3 \wedge+$ FG with * |
| 2v |  | 6 | - | 10-13 hcp, 6c-suit (can be 7 with $10-11 \mathrm{hcp}$ ) | $3 *=$ Weak or FG with $5+\star$, $3 *=5+\boldsymbol{*}$, 2NT=Inv+ asking, $3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ PRE, $3 \wedge / 4 \mathrm{~m}=$ Splinter | 2v-2NT: See [Note 1] |
| 2^ |  | 6 | - | 10-13 hcp, 6c-suit (can be 7 with $10-11 \mathrm{hcp}$ ) | $3 \star=$ Weak w $5+\star / \downarrow$ or FG w $5+\star, 3 \star=\operatorname{Inv}+$ w $5+\boldsymbol{*}, 3 \downarrow=5+\boldsymbol{\star}, 2 \mathrm{NT}$ and $4 \mathrm{~m} \downarrow=$ See 2v | 2^-2NT: See [Note 1] |
| 2NT |  | ---- | - | 22-24 BAL | $3 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ ASK for $4 / 5 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{M}, 3 \star / \bullet=$ Transfer, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=54+\mathrm{ms}$, FG, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ To play $4 \star / \star=$ Slamtry with $6+\vee / \wedge, 4 \vee / \wedge=$ Slamtry with $6+\infty / \star$ | 2NT-3 $\boldsymbol{*} ; 3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ No M, 3NT=5 <br> Super accepts after $3 \bullet / \vee$ (can show $2 \mathrm{M}+5 \mathrm{oM}$ ) |
| 3** |  | 6 | - | PRE, (1)3-8 hcp | $4 \star=$ Slamtry in $\star$, New suit = Nat. FG, 4NT = RKC 1430 |  |
| 3 |  | 6 | - | PRE, (1)3-8 hcp | $4 *=$ Slamtry in *, New suit $=$ Nat. FG, 4NT = RKC 1430 |  |
| 3 |  | 7 | - | PRE, (1)3-8 hcp | New suit $=$ Nat. FG, $4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ Slamtry in $\bullet, 4 \mathrm{NT}=$ RKC 1430 | $4^{\text {th }}$ seat openings: [Note 2] |
| 3n |  | 7 | - | PRE, (1)3-8 hcp | New suit = Nat. FG, 4\% = Slamtry in $\uparrow$, 4NT $=$ RKC 1430 | Passed hand bidding: [Note 3] |
| 3NT | $\checkmark$ | --- | - | Solid 7+M | $4 *=$ Trf to your M, 4*= ASK for $8^{\text {th }}$ trump, $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play |  |
| 4* |  | 7 | - | PRE, (1)3-8 hcp | $4 *=$ Slamtry in $\star$, 4M=To play, 4NT = RKC 1430 |  |
| 4 |  | 7 | - | PRE, (1)3-8 hcp | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ RKC 1430, $5 *=$ Slamtry in |  |
| 4 |  | 6 | - | To play | $4 \star=$ To play, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ RKC 1430, $5 *=$ Slamtry in $\downarrow$ |  |
| $4 \wedge$ |  | 6 |  | To play | New suit=cuebid, 4NT=RKC 1430 |  |
| 4NT | $\checkmark$ | ---- |  | Asking for specific aces |  |  |
| 5* |  | 7 |  | To play |  |  |
| 5 |  | 7 |  | To play |  |  |
| HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RKC 1430, ask for specific kings and third round controls after asking for aces, can ask for complete distribution in most game forcing sequences Splinters, $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ round controls up the line, Last Train - control in bypassed suit may be shown by cuebidding other suit under game level If OPPs dbl a bid asking for stoppers: $\mathrm{NT}=1,5+$ stoppers, $\mathrm{RDBL}=\mathrm{xx}+$, pass $=$ one stopper or semistopper, bid $=$ nat with singleton |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)
1-level: (6)8-16, normally $5+$ suit (occasionally 4 )
2-level: Very sound, (10)11-16(18), 5+ good suit (normally 6-c suit) and normally not balanced.
Responses: Transfers from 2cue to our suit -1. Lower suit is F1.
2NT $=$ INV + , 4+ supp, Double cuebid: 6-9, 4(5)-c supp.
3our $=$ PRE, 0-5 hcp 4(+) supp
Reopening: Like above but can be lighter

1NT OVERCALL (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-18, sys on. Passed hand: 54+ two lowest unbid
$11-14$ when protecting vs 1 m , sys on
11-16 when protecting vs 1 M , sys on ( 2 *-2NT (max w. or w/o M)) JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) ( 1 m )-2M=10-16, 4 c M and $5+\mathrm{om}$, ( $1 \mathrm{~m} 2+$ )-2M=3-9 hcp, 6-c M
( $1 \bullet$ ) $-2 \wedge=3-9 \mathrm{hcp}, 6-\mathrm{c} \wedge,(1 \star)-2 \star=55+\star+\star$, NF, $2 \mathrm{~N}=55+$ both lowest unbid, constructive. (Reopening: 19-21 NT)
(1M)-3 $=55+\star+\mathrm{oM}$, constructive. $(1 \star)-3 \star=55+\star+\uparrow, \mathrm{NF}$ Passed hand: Same but weaker. Responses: See [Note 4] DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopening)
( 1 m ) $-2 \mathrm{~m}=55+\mathrm{Ms},(1 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{M}=55+\mathrm{oM}+\boldsymbol{\circ}$, both constructive
(1M)-3M=Stopper ask, $(1 \mathrm{~m})-3 \mathrm{~m}=55+\uparrow+$ om, constructive constructive nature. Responses: See [Note 4]
Reopening: Cue $=55+$, any two unbid suits, Jump cue $=$ same VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; Passed Hand)
$\mathrm{Dbl}=$ Strength/Tricks, $2 \boldsymbol{*}=44+\mathrm{Ms}, 2 *=$ One M, worse or better than $2 \mathrm{M}, 2 \mathrm{M}=6+\mathrm{M}, 10-16 \mathrm{hcp}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{ms}$ or very good twosuiter Reopening: Same (all bids can be a little lighter)
Passed Hand: $\mathrm{Dbl}=\boldsymbol{\wedge}+$ other, $2 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{m}+\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 2 \mathrm{M}=$ NAT
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT-bids)
$\mathrm{Dbl}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$, vs 4 $\mathrm{A}: \mathrm{Dbl}=$ Optional Responses: See [Note 5]
( 2 M ) $-4 \mathrm{~m}=55+\mathrm{m}+\mathrm{oM}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=16-18,3 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play
Cue bid: $\mathrm{ms} /$ Highest + one, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ unspecified 2 -suiter
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
Vs. 1*: Dbl=Ms, NT = ms, $2 * / \star=4+\vee / \wedge, 5+$ other
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE-OUT DOUBLE
Trfs after $1 *-(\mathrm{dbl})($ from $1 \star)$ and $1 \star / 1 \mathrm{M}-(\mathrm{dbl})($ from 1NT)
Rdbl: 10+ hcp, interested in penalizing

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE


## DOUBLES

TAKE-OUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening )
Maybe down to 10 HCP with nice distribution. Will prefer dbl to overcalling 2 m with 5332. Offshape ok if (16)17+
Responses: (1M)-D-1NT = weak or FG. See [Note 7]
Reopening: Same as above, but could be even lighter
SPECIAL AND ARTIFICIAL DOUBLES/REDOUBLES
3-card support doubles and redoubles, Maximum Overcall Doubles (see
[Note 8] $), 1 *-(1 *)-\mathrm{dbl}=4+\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 1 \mathrm{~m}-(1 \vee)-\mathrm{dbl}=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$


## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

$1 *=$ BAL (can be 3352) or natural, with "transfer-responses" 4-c 1 (never balanced, only 4 when some 4441 ), 5 -card Ms $1 \mathrm{NT}=(14) 15-17,5$-card M and semibal. common
$2 \star=$ a) $(5) 6-\mathrm{c}$ M, weak b) FG with $5+*$
$2 \mathrm{M}=10-13,6 \mathrm{c}$-suit (can be $7-\mathrm{c}$ suit with MIN)
$2 / 1=\mathrm{FG}(2 \boldsymbol{*}=2+\boldsymbol{*}$, relay, others unbalanced)
Weak Jump Shifts on 2-level (but see $1 *$ ), INV on 3-level PRE:s very dependent on vul. and position. See [Note 10] SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

1) The opening-bid $1 *:$ a) 12-14 BAL/18-19 BAL b) NAT
2) The opening-bid $2 \star$ : a) (5)6-c M, weak b) FG with $5+*$
3) The responses $1 \star / \vee$ and $1 \star$ to $1 \star$, "Transfer-responses": $1 \diamond / \nu=4+\varphi / \wedge$ (could be 0 hcp )
$1 \wedge=$ a) $4+$ (no M unless FG) b) 6+ bal. w/o M
4) The responses $2 *$ and $2 \vee$ to $1 *:$ WJS in the suit above
(3-7 hcp) or 4(+) in the suit above and $5+\infty$, FG

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

When we have forced to game (not just bid it), 1M-2NT, 1 x -(Dbl)-Rdbl and (1NT)-Dbl-(escape to 2 m ). IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
Psychics: Rare (lighter/stronger openings/PRE:s in $3^{\text {rd }}$ hand possible). We are not very strict about our hcp-ranges. Frequent use of transfers and artificial 2NT in competition, see [Note 9] for examples.
Singleton $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{K}$ usually not shown as singleton

