

# Short Canape Club

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# Openings

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- 1♣ :: 16+ unbalanced or 17+ balanced any distribution
- 1♦ :: 11-15 4+♦ or 3=3=3=4♣, no 4M, but can have 5+M
- 1♥ :: 4+♥ 11-15 can have longer side suit
- 1♠ :: 4+♠ 11-15 can have longer side suit
- 1NT :: 14-16 balanced, includes 5M332 and 22(54)
- 2♣ :: 5+♣, no 4+M, (can be 5♣332)
- 2♦ /M :: 5+♦ /M 5-9
- 2NT ::
- 3x :: 6+x 5-9
- 3NT :: good 4M preempt

Opening choice in the 11-15 range:

With 11-13 balanced open your longer suit: with 4/4 the higher ranking but open 1♥ with 4=4 majors, and 1♦ with 4♣333. With a single-suiter open your longest suit, 6M4m is often treated as a single-suiter.

With a two-suiter w/o clubs open the shorter (lower ranking with 5/5) and rebid the longer.

With M+♣ open the major regardless of length. With both minors open the longer (1♦ with 5/5).

## 1♦ Opening

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- 1M :: 5+M F1 -> XYZ
- 1N :: 8-12 no 5+M
- 2♣ :: GF balanced or natural
- 2♦ :: inv+ raise
  - 2M canape 4+♦ 5+M
  - 2NT balanced 11-13
  - 3♣ 5+♦ 4+♣
  - 3♦ min single suiter
  - 3M splinter with single suiter or minors
  - 3N single suiter max
- 2NT :: balanced invite 3-4♥ and 3-4♠
- 3♦ :: 4+♦ 0-10
- 3NT :: to play: promises 3-4♥ and 3-4♠
- Invitational jump shifts

## 1M Openings

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- (over 1♥) 1♠ 4+♠ F1 -> XYZ
  - similar to 1M-1NT below with logical changes
- 1NT 8-12 no support
  - 2♣ :: 11-15 4+♣ 4+M ambiguous length
    - 2♦ asks longer
      - 2M :: 5M-4♣
      - other :: 5+♣ 4M
    - other :: nat
  - 2♦ :: 11-15 canape 5+♦ 4M
  - 2M :: 6+M
  - 2oM :: natural canape
  - 2NT :: 5M - 5♣ max
  - 3m :: 6+m 4M max

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- 3oM :: 6oM 4M max
- 2♣ bal, clubs or support GF
- other 2/1 GF 5+suit
- 2M 4M raise, 0-10
- 2NT 4+M invitational
- invitational jump shifts
- 3M 5+M less than invitational
- Splinters

## After 1M-2x 2/1

- 2X+1: clubs ambiguous length
- 2S 11-13 balanced
- 2N natural 2S bid
- 3C natural 2X+1 bid
- Other: natural canape/single suiter

Exception: 1S-2H now 2S is clubs, 2N is bal and 3C is 6+5

Over 2X+1 or 2S we can bid naturally or bid 2N to ask partner to show his shape.

## Competitive bidding over after our 1M opening

After an overcall of our 1D/M opening: DBL from responder asks opener to show a canape if he has one.

After 1M-(2m)-X-(pass) or 1S-(2H)-X-(pass)

Opener bids 2M with balanced 11-13 4/5M, while 2NT by opener shows 5M-4C(3C would promise a canape) (R.G when 2NT isn't needed to show balanced hand it shows 5M 4+C). Therefore doubler should either have 3 card support and pass 2M, or a strong enough hand to bid over 2M.

## 1NT Opening

- stayman and transfer or what ever you like

1NT-(DBL) -? everything is natural to play

## 2♣ Opening

- 2♦ :: 5+♥
  - 2♥ :: 0-2♥ nothing to show
  - 2NT :: 6+♣ max
  - 3♣ (6)7+♣ 0-1♥ min
  - 3♥ :: 3♥ min
- 2♥ :: 5+♠
- 2♠ :: inv+ ask
  - 2NT :: (semi) balanced min
  - 3♣ :: 6+♣ min
  - 3♦ ::
  - 3M :: splinter max
  - 3NT :: 6+♣ max
- 2NT :: natural invite
- 3♣ to play
- 3♦ /M :: 6+suit GF
- other :: to play

## Weak 2 openings:

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## 2NT Opening

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## Weak 3 Openings

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## 3NT Opening

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## 1♣ Opening

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- 1♦ any 0-7
- 1♥ any 8-11 w/o 5+♠ (balanced 8-10 by PH)
  - 1♠/2x natural 5+ suit
  - 1NT 17-20 or 23+ balanced
    - 2♣ Stayman
    - 2♠ 5+♣
    - other natural
  - 2NT 21-22 balanced
- 1♠ 5+♠ 8+
- 1NT 5+♥ 12+ (8-10 by PH)
- 2♣ 5+♣ 12+ (8-10 by PH)
- 2♦ 5+♦ 12+ (8-10 by PH)
- 2♥ balanced 12+

## 1♣-1♦

- 1♥ a) 4+♥ unbalanced not suitable for 2♥ b) 19-20/24+ balanced F1
  - 1♠ 4+♠ 0-7
    - 1NT 19-20 balanced
      - 2x s.o.
      - 2N GF check-back
      - 3x natural GF
    - 2m :: 5+m 4♥ 16-21
    - 2♥ :: 6+♥ 16-19
    - 2♠ :: 4♠ (19-20 bal or 16-19 5+♥)
    - 2NT :: 24+balanced any -> 3♣ check-back
    - 3m :: GF 4+m 4+♥
    - 3♥ :: less than GF 6+♥
    - 3♠ :: less than GF raise
  - 1NT 0-4, no better bid
    - 3♥ :: less than GF 6+♥
  - 2♣ 5-7 0-2♥
  - 2♦ 5-7 3♥

- 2♥ 0-4 4+♥
  - 2NT 5-7 4♥
  - 3♥ 5-7 5♥
- 1♠ 4+♠ unbalanced not suitable for 2♠ F1
  - 1NT 0-4, no better bid
    - pass 19-20 balanced or 5♥ 4♠
    - 2m :: 5+m 4♠ 16-21
    - 2♠ :: 6+♠ 16-19
    - 2NT :: GF 5♠ - 4+ other
    - 3m :: 5+m 4♠ GF
    - 3♥ :: 5-5 GF
    - 3♠ :: 6+♠ less than GF
  - 2♣ 5-7 0-2♠
  - 2♦ 5-7 3♠
  - 2♥ 5-7 5+♥
  - 2♠ 0-4 4♠
  - 2NT 5-7 4+♠
- 1NT 17-18 balanced
  - 2x s.o.
  - 3x GF stayman and transfers
- 2m 5+m 16-21 no 4M NF
  - pass :: 0-4
  - bid :: natural 5-7
- 2M 5M 4+m 16-21 NF
  - 2N natural invite
  - 3♣ p/c 0-4
  - 3♦ invitational support
  - 3M very mild invite
  - other Major: natural 5-7
- 2NT 21-23 balanced: stayman and transfers
- 3m GF 5+m, no 4+M
- 3M GF 6+M

## Competition over 1♣

Over overcalls up to 2♥ that don't promise any known suits(e.g 2♦ or 2♥ multi, (psycho)suction...)

- pass: no better bid
- DBL: GF, usually not a 6+ suit
- non jump 1/2 level suit, natural 5-8
- 3x :: 6+x GF

Over any overcall that promise at least one known suit

- pass: weak (or trap pass if the overcall shows the bid suit)
- DBL: GF, usually TO, but could be penalty oriented if the suit shown is not the one bid
- new suit natural GF
- 2cue-bid(if available) GF stopper ask
- 3cue-bid: perfect TO 1444 or 0445

If they overcall directly at the 4+ level [1♣ - (4♣+)] pass is forcing

♠, ♥, ♦, ♣