

BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Opening bid of 2♦ **in** 1st/2nd/3rd **seat at** All vulnerabilities

Shows: 5+ major and (4)5+other suit 3-11hcp (depending on vulnerability)

Detailed Description:

In nonVUL it may be weak and (3)5-9(11) hcp and usually 5-5, with good ten-pointer we rather open 1 major; in VUL (especially vs nonVUL) it is somewhat stronger (usually 5-10 bad hcp), 3rd hand nonVUL – facing passed partner – the bid may be stronger.

In nonVUL the opening bid overlaps a bit with our 2♥/♠ opening (5+ weak) – if our 5-card-major is significantly better (and longer) than the other suit, we usually open with weak 2-bid.

Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

With long diamonds or if he has also weak two-suited hand (then the misfit is very likely in cards)

Meanings of other responses and rebids:

2♥/♠; 3♥/♠ = pass-or-correct

2NT = asking bid: 3♣ = ♣+M->3♦=asks; 3♦ = ♦+♥; 3♥ = 5♥+♠ min; 3♠ = ♦+♠; 3NT=♥+♠ max

3♣ = NAT, forcing

3♦ = INV in 5 card major: 3♥/♠ = declines; 3NT = both majors; 4♣/♦ = accepts with 5♥/♠ (transfers)

4♣ = asks for transfer to 5 card major: 4♦ = ♥; 4♥ = ♠; 4♦ = asks for 5 major

4♥/♠ = to play

Competitive Agreements

Responses after opponent's DBL (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

Pass = pass-or-correct (partner passes with 4+♦) -> bid = closer suit is better; RDBL = equal suits or further is better. Later DBL-s from both hands are for take-out/pass-or-correct (from opener it shows extra distribution)

Redouble=like pass, but sets up a penalty sequence

other bids = the same as without intervention

Responses after opponent's overcall:

DBL = pass-or-correct (if it goes 2♦ - (2M) – p – (p), then DBL from opener is takeout with some extra);

3x = NAT, F;

if opponent's bid is 3NT or higher – DBL = PEN, 4♥ = P/C

Rebids after 4th hand DBLs the response:

Pass = 5+ in that suit

bid = closer suit, better than the other

Redouble = equal suits or further is better than closer

if response asked for information (2NT, 3♦, 4♣), we ignore double

Rebids after 4th hand overcalls:

opener usually passes, DBL = take-out (promising extra lengths). If it runs to responder, then DBL = pass-or-correct, bid = NAT; NF

Proposed Defence

We ourselves use natural defense like against Multi with DBL as general takeout (about 13+ balancish or 17+ hands) to get the strength across and other bids NAT.

Probably the other defences against Multi or Polish Wilkosz are also possible to use.