

<b>INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-GCC OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM</b>
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**General Instructions: Email form to [webmaster@usbf.org](mailto:webmaster@usbf.org)**

You must complete one form for each bid you play that is not on the ACBL General Convention Chart.

Technical details: Type only in the fill-in areas of the form. In those areas, you are free to type as much detail as you want, and are encouraged to be complete. There is no limit on the length of the form. You may use standard suit symbols or SHDC for the suits. Please do not use a font smaller than 11 pt.

Specific instructions for form fields:

**Names:** Please complete a separate form for each pair that is playing a specific non-GCC bid. Please include the name of the event (USBC, USWBC, etc).

**Opening bid of**                    **in**    1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> all    **Seat at**                    vulnerability

**Shows:**    insert a general description, such as “undisciplined weak 2 in a Major”

**Detailed Description:**

Insert a detailed description of the bid, including style, any variations depending on vulnerability and/or position, maximum and minimum values, expected suit lengths, expected suit quality, any restrictions on shape, whether you will have outside defense, etc. Include example hands to show the minimum and maximum that you might have for the bid.

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**Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions**

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**With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?**

(NOTE: “random” or “undisciplined” is not acceptable). Please be complete here.

If the opening bid might show length in the suit that is bid, it is particularly important that you clearly and completely describe what sorts of hands would choose to pass.

**Meanings of other responses and rebids:**

Here again, it is important that you be complete. “Pass or Correct” is inadequate if the P/C bid might be used with hands without length in partner’s other possible suit(s). If a bid asks partner to describe his hand further, does it promise values? Include the meaning of opener’s rebids.

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**Competitive Agreements**

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

If your responses depend on the meaning of DBL, please explain (“If DBL is T/O, we play ...”). Explain run-out methods fully.

**Responses after an opponent’s overcall:**

Include meaning of DBL; specify level of overcall if that will affect your response

**Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand DBLs the response:**

Define meanings of your rebids after: Opening bid – (P) – Response – (DBL)

**Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand overcalls:**

Define meanings of your rebids after: Opening bid – (P) – Response – (Bid); clarify any differences because of the level of the overcall.