

ADVANCE SUBMISSION FORM – 3NT OPENING BID

Names: Robbins-Beatty	
Team: Wildavsky	Event: 2016 Open USBC
Opening bid of 3NT in all at	Seats Vul
Shows: 6+ spades and 5+ another suit, strong hand	
Detailed Description:	
<p>Game Forcing, 5 losers at most. Over 3NT: 4♣ = asks 2nd suit, 4♦ = slam try in spades 4NT=RCKB in spades</p>	
Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions:	
<p>With what hands will responder pass the opening bid? Responder usually bids, but may pass with 0 to 2 spades, and 2 suits double stopped</p>	
Meanings of other responses and rebids:	
<p>Over 3NT: 4♣ = asks 2nd suit, 4♦ = slam try in spades 4♥ = to play 4NT=RCKB;</p>	
Competitive Agreements In Competition:	
Responses after opponent's DBL:	
<p>Over X, we are no longer forced to game; Pass by responder asks for opener's 2nd suit. XX = penalty. New suit by responder = independent suit, natural, NF.</p>	
Responses after opponent's overcall:	
<p>We are still forced to game. P = GF, nothing great in spades; X by us = penalty. Our bids = essentially the same as if they did not overcall</p>	
Rebids after 4th hand DBLs the response:	
<p>same as over X above; not forced to game any longer</p>	
Rebids after 4th hand overcalls: Same as after overcall above	

Suggested Defense

X = Sound takeout of spades

4♣, 4♦, 4♥ = natural.

4♠ = minors, better clubs;

4NT = minors, better diamonds.

Pass, then X = Good balanced hand (about Strong NT).

Over the response: 3NT-p-4♣ or 4♦:

X=TO of spades, 4♦/4♥=natural.

After (3NT)-DBL: Bids natural, except 4♠ is minors, better clubs,
4NT is minors, better diamonds.

After (3NT)-P-(4X)-P; (P)-DBL:

Bid naturally, except 4♠ if available is minors;
4NT Natural.

After (3NT)-4x-(P): 4♠ cue bid; others natural (including 4NT), NF.