

ADVANCE SUBMISSION FORM – OPENING BID

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Opening bid of 2♥ in 1st-3rd Seats	at Non-Vulnerable Vulnerability
Shows: Preempt in both majors	
Detailed Description:	
Typically 5-4 but at white vulnerability may be 4-4 in the majors 0-9 hcp.	
Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions:	
With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?	
A hand with a preference for hearts over spades.	
Meanings of other responses and rebids:	
2♠: Strong suggestion to play	
2N: INV+ ASK, See below	
3x: NAT NF	
3NT: Strong suggestion to play (removing shows 11+ cards in M's)	
4♣: Two-suit KC (1430)	
4D: Pick a Major	
4M: To play	
4NT	
5C: No 2nd round C	
5D: Inquiry	
5H: No 2nd round D	
5S: 2nd round D	
5N: 1st round D	
5D: 2nd round C, no 2nd round D	
5H: 1st round C, no 2nd round D	
5S: 2nd round C, 2nd round D	
5N: 1st round C, 1st round D	
5m: To play	
2N ASK: (Non-Vulnerable)	
2N: INV+ ASK	

3♣: MIN, at most 9-cards in M's

3D: ASK

3♥: Equal or longer H (=4 S)

3♠: Heart length ASK

3N: 4 Hearts

4x: Cues w/ 5 H (45xx)

3♠: Longer S (usually 54xx)

3M: Strong suggestion to play, generally 4+ M

3D: MAX, equal length

3M: Sets trump

3♥: MIN, 55+

3♠: MAX, longer H (~45xx)

3N: MAX, longer S (~54xx)

Else:

2N: INV+ ASK

3♣: ANY MIN

3D: ASK

3♥: Equal or longer H (5(+) H)

3♠: S len ASK

3N: 4 S

4x: Cues w/ 5 S (55xx)

3♠: Longer S (5+ S, usually 54xx)

3M: Suggestion to play, generally 4+ M

3D: MAX, equal length 55

3♥: MAX, longer S

3♠: MAX, longer H

Note: minor slam tries

2NT, then signing off in 5m via Woody is a mild slam try, looking for a well fitting hand with support

2NT, then making a minor slam try via 5m is asking for a raise on any hand with support

Competitive Agreements After Competition

Direct

Over x:

xx = PEN-oriented, else SYS ON

Over 2♠:

x = PEN, else SYS ON

Over 2NT:

x = 'cards', sets up PEN x's

3♣ = H, INV+

3♦ = ♠, INV+

3♥ = NAT NF

3♠ = NAT NF

3NT+ = SYS ON

Over 3♣:

x = PEN

3x = NAT NF

3NT = Suggestion to play

4♣ = PaM

4♦ = NAT F

4M = To play

Over 3♦:

x = PEN

3M = NAT NF

3NT = Suggestion to play

4♣ = NAT F

4♦ = PaM

4M = To play

Over 3M:

x = PEN, rest NAT.

Suggested Defense

The ACBL provides a defense to the midchart variant (one that guarantees 5-4). We recommend employing whatever you would there.

It can be found at <http://web2.acbl.org/defensedatabase/mc19.pdf>