## 2C OPENING

Strong, artificial and game-forcing except: 2C-2D; 2NT

## RESPONSES:

| $2 \mathrm{D}^{*}$ | 0 or 1 control |  |  |
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| $2 \mathrm{H}^{*}$ | 2 controls |  |  |
| $2 \mathrm{~S}^{*}$ | 3 or more controls |  |  |
| $2 \mathrm{NT}^{*}->3 \mathrm{H}^{*}$ | Transfer to next higher suit: AKJxxx, AQJxxx, KQJxxx (or longer) |  |  |
| $3 \mathrm{~S}^{*}$ | Any one-loser 6+-card suit |  |  |
| $3 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Any solid 6+-card suit |  |  |
| 4 x | Two loser 7- or 8-card suit |  |  |
| $\quad$ [where an ace is two controls; a king is one] |  |  |  |

## RELATED SEQUENCES:

2C
$2 \mathrm{H}^{*}$
2S
2NT
3 m

2D*
Hearts (second suit possible) OR balanced game force (unrelated to hearts) Natural, game-forcing (9+ tricks)
23-24 HCP, semi-balanced Natural, 10+ tricks 4M/5+D, game force Solid C or D or S, no slam, 9+ tricks, stoppers $5=4=0=4$, game force (responder's 4D="unbiddable" extras for M; 4NT same for clubs) $5=4=4=0$, game force (responder's 5C="unbiddable" extras for M; 4NT same for D) Signoff, too many controls missing (responder may bid with side void)

2D*

## 2S* Relay

Balanced
Hearts and diamonds
Hearts and secondary spades ( $3 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{S}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{H}$ positive, $4 \mathrm{H}=$ weak preference)
Hearts and clubs ( $4 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, 4 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{H}$ positive, $4 \mathrm{H}=$ weak preference)
Hearts, no slam, 9+ tricks, stoppers
Hearts and void (AKx AKQJxxx KQ10 ---; looking for help in side suits)

| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{C} \\ & 2 \mathrm{H}^{*} \end{aligned}$ | 2D* |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Hearts (second suit possible) OR balanced game force (unrelated to hearts) |
|  | 2NT* | 6+S |
|  | 3C | $6+\mathrm{C}$ (but 7+ if headed bythe jack or worse) |
|  | 3D* | $6+$ w with (H support) |
|  | $3 \mathrm{H}^{*}$ | $6+\mathrm{H}$ |
|  | $3 S^{*}$ | $5+\mathrm{H} / 5+\mathrm{m}$ very weak ( $3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}, 4 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{INQ}[4 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{D} / 4 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{C}]$, 4D asks SPL [ $4 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{C} / 4 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{D} / 4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{S}], 4 \mathrm{H}=$ signoff, 4 S asks for queens $[0 /$ minor/ $\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{both}]$ ) |

2NT->3H show a long suit headed by at best the king or queen-jack; else go via "normal" 2S)

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\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{2 C
2 S} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
\& 2 D^{*} \\
\& 3 N^{*} \\
\& 4 x^{*}
\end{aligned}
\]}} \& \& \\
\hline \& \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Any SPL for spades (4C asks ... 4D/4H/4S+=C/D/H SPL FIT jump (Q10xxx or better, with at least Hxx of spades)} \\
\hline \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { 2C } \\
\& 3 \mathrm{C} \\
\& \text { etc. }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \begin{tabular}{l}
2D* \\
3D* \\
jump
\end{tabular} \& shift* \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Artificial, opener may introduce four-card major, play notrump from right side, \\
SPL raise of \(m\), might be only three trumps as \(3 C\) is very strong
\end{tabular}} \\
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\begin{aligned}
\& 2 \mathrm{C} \\
\& 3 \mathrm{D}
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2D* \\
3H \\
jump
\end{tabular} \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{NAT; NOTE: opener does NOT have a 4H/6+D hand SPL raise of \(m\), might be only three trumps as \(3 C\) is very strong} \\
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\begin{aligned}
\& 2 \mathrm{C} \\
\& \text { 2NT }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \multicolumn{4}{|r|}{Wide variety of balanced and quasi-balanced hands, allowing implementation of "2NT" structure. If opener later asks for controls, first step is 0 after 2D response, 3 after 2 S response, but over specific 2 H (2 controls), responder shows queens by number \(0 / 1 / 2\).} \\
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\& 2 \mathrm{C} \\
\& 3 \mathrm{H}
\end{aligned}
\] \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& 2 \mathrm{~S}^{*} \\
\& 4 \mathrm{H}
\end{aligned}
\] \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{F1; 3+ controls and a fit=slam zone} \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{After 2C-3x: "take" by opener, new suit by responder is shortness, else 3NT or (weakest) self-raise} \\
\hline \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{In COMPETITION} \\
\hline \& (DBL) \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { RDBL } \\
\& \text { Pass } \\
\& 2 x \\
\& \text { 2NT+ }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& 0 / 1 \\
\& 2+0 \\
\& 1+0 \\
\& \text { As }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \begin{tabular}{l}
ntrol \\
ntrols, unsuitable for a different action ntrols, QJ10xx or better competition
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \& (2D) \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { DBL } \\
\& \text { Pass } \\
\& \text { 2M } \\
\& \text { 2NT+ }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& 0 / 1 \\
\& 2+0 \\
\& 1+0 \\
\& \text { As }
\end{aligned}
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ntrols, unsuitable for a different action ntrols, QJ10xx or better competition
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\hline \& \((2 \mathrm{H}+)\) \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { DBL } \\
\& \text { Pass } \\
\& 2 \mathrm{~S} \\
\& \text { 2NT+ }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Wea \\
At
2+ \\
As
\end{tabular} \& (0-4 or so) st semi-positive values, FG ntrols, QJ10xx or better competition \\
\hline 2C DBL 2NT Suit Cue Jump \& \begin{tabular}{l}
(2x) \\
bid \\
4M (th
\end{tabular} \& Pass

irs) \& (Pass) "BA Stop NAT Two NA \& cooperative takeout rs (system on) FG (or not quite, if you prefer) uits, FG NF <br>

\hline | 2C |
| :--- |
| DBL |
| Pass | \& (P) \& 2D* \& (2x/3x) \& | Takeout |
| :--- |
| PENALTY DBL or a balanced hand n for a takeout double [reopening d | <br>

\hline 2C \& (P) \& $2 \mathrm{M}^{*}$ \& (any): \& All DBL=PEN <br>
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