2C OPENING

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

RESPONSES:

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

RELATED SEQUENCES:

- 2C 2D*
- 2H* Hearts (second suit possible) OR balanced game force (unrelated to hearts)
- 2S Natural, game-forcing (9+ tricks)
- 2NT 23-24 HCP, semi-balanced
- 3m Natural, 10+ tricks
- 3M 4M/5+D, game force
- 3NT Solid C or D or S, no slam, 9+ tricks, stoppers
- 4C 5=4=0=4, game force (responder's 4D="unbiddable" extras for M; 4NT same for clubs)
- 4D 5=4=4=0, game force (responder's 5C="unbiddable" extras for M; 4NT same for D)
- 4M Signoff, too many controls missing (responder may bid with side void)

2C 2D*

2H*		Hearts (second suit possible) OR balanced game force (unrelated to hearts)
	2S*	Relay
2NT		Balanced
3C		One-suited heart two-bid inappropriate for jump to 3NT
3D		Hearts and diamonds
ЗH		Hearts and secondary spades (3S=S, 3NT=H positive, 4H=weak preference)
3S		Hearts and clubs (4C=C, 4D=H positive, 4H=weak preference)
3NT		Hearts, no slam, 9+ tricks, stoppers
4x		Hearts and void (AKx AKQJxxx KQ10; looking for help in side suits)

2C	2D*	
<mark>2H*</mark>		Hearts (second suit possible) OR balanced game force (unrelated to hearts)
	2NT*	6+S
	3C	6+C (but 7+ if headed bythe jack or worse)
	3D*	6+D with (H support)
	3H*	6+H
	3S*	5+H/5+m very weak (3NT=NF, 4C=INQ [4D=H+D/4H=H+C], 4D asks SPL
		[4H=C/4S=D/4NT=S], 4H=signoff, 4S asks for queens [0/minor/H/both])
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2NT->3H show a long suit headed by at best the king or queen-jack; else go via "normal" 2S)

2C 2S	2D* 3NT* 4x*	Any SPL for spades (4C asks 4D/4H/4S+=C/D/H SPL FIT jump (Q10xxx or better, with at least Hxx of spades)
2C 3C etc.	2D* 3D*	Artificial, opener may introduce four-card major, play notrump from right side,
	jump-shift*	SPL raise of m, might be only three trumps as 3C is very strong
2C 3D	2D* 3H jump-shift*	NAT; NOTE: opener does NOT have a 4H/6+D hand SPL raise of m, might be only three trumps as 3C is very strong
2C 2NT	2M* Wi	de 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 2S response, but over specific 2H (2 controls), responder shows queens by number 0/1/2.
2C 3H	2S* 4H	F1; 3+ controls and a fit=slam zone
After 2	C-3x: "take" by	opener, new suit by responder is shortness, else 3NT or (weakest) self-raise

IN COMPETITION

2C	(DBL)	RDBL Pass 2x 2NT+	1+ cor	ntrol htrols, unsuitable for a different action htrols, QJ10xx or better o competition	
2C	(2D)	DBL Pass 2M 2NT+	1+ cor	ntrol ntrols, unsuitable for a different action ntrols, QJ10xx or better o competition	
2C	(2H+)	DBL Pass 2S 2NT+	Weak (0-4 or so) At least semi-positive values, FG 2+ controls, QJ10xx or better As w/o competition		
2C (2x) Pass DBL 2NT Suit bid Cue Jump 4M (theirs)		Stoppe NAT, I	cooperative takeout ers (system on) FG (or not quite, if you prefer) uits, FG NF		
2C DBL Pass	(P)	2D*	(2x/3x)	Takeout PENALTY DBL or a balanced hand not suitable for a notrump bid or for a takeout double [reopening double=takeout, others=natural]	
2C	(P)	2M*	(any):	All DBL=PEN	