

BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Names: Carrasco-Fractman

Country: Spain

Event: EU Championships

Opening bid of 2♥ in all **seats at**

Shows: Either weak (5-10) hand with ♠ and minor or strong with ♥

Detailed Description:

When weak it is normally at least 5-5, could be 5-4 in 3rd seat and favourable vul.); reasonable suit quality is required in at least one of the suits (i.e. Axxxx, Kxxxxx would not qualify as such an opening). In the strong variation it is 17+HCP with 6+ cards, but in principle is not game forcing (although opener may decide to bid game anyway after negative response); hand should contain good defensive values as well (i.e. with longer major suit we could open 4♣/♦).

Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

With long hearts, knowing there is a weak hand opposite (responder can discard from his hand the strong variation).

Meanings of other responses and rebids:

2♠ = to play opposite weak variation .

2ST = artificial inquiry, asks more details.

3♣ = to play 3 of minor opposite weak variation – responder may go on if opener suit is diamonds

3♦, ♥ = natural, forcing

3♠ = preemptive, opposite a weak hand

3NT = to play

4♣ = preempt, to play 4 of minor opposite weak variation – responder may go on if opener suit is diamonds

4♥ = natural, to play

4♠ = to play opposite weak variation .

Competitive Agreements

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

Suit bids are the same after opponent passes.

Pass would show interest to play 2♥ dbld.

Rdbl shows strong hand, not intend to play.

Responses after opponent's overcall:

Assuming opener has weak hand, bidding spades may be preemptive

Dbls are penalty.

Rebids after 4th hand DBLs the response:

Same as without the dbl.

Rebids after 4th hand overcalls:

Opener passes with weak hand, dbls or bids hearts with strong variation.

Opener may bid minor suit or raise his own spades with unusual hands (extra shape).

Proposed Defense

Assume opener has a weak hand.

2♠ = take-out of spades

Dbl shows hearts, but not long/strong enough to overcall 3♥s

Other bids natural, and always assuming opener showed weak hand with spades (i.e like after 2NT intervention).