



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ALERTS

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THE ONLY BIDS YOU ANNOUNCE

THE ONLY THINGS YOU SAY

Opening Bid by partner

1 Club

If it may contain fewer than 3 cards because partnership is playing 5 card majors

“May be two”

1 No Trump or 2 No Trump *if balanced*

“12 to 14” or “20 to 22”
or whatever point range
“may contain a singleton”
If it might

2 Clubs

showing a club suit (if not strong Acol, Benji et)

“Intermediate”

eg a normal 1C playing a strong 1C system

2 Diamonds/Hearts/Spades

with long diamonds/hearts/spades

“Weak”

“Strong forcing” or “Strong non-forcing”

Replies by partner to ONE or TWO NO TRUMP opening

2 Clubs or 3 Clubs over 2NT

if normal four card Stayman (promissory or not)

“Stayman”

2 Diamonds/Hearts or 3 Diamonds/Hearts

if transfer with long hearts/spades

“Hearts” / “Spades”

Note If 2 No Trump opening bids is not a strong balanced hand it is alerted

ALERTS

YOU ALERT PARTNERS BID IF IT IS

Any bid showing or implying length in a suit other than the suit bid

Any bid which does not imply length in the suit bid

Any pass which you are expected to bid over

Any double except those in the standard situations listed below

Note **2D response to Stayman** and **2H or 2S completion of transfers** are NOT alerted

But above 3NT only alert

An artificial suit bid made on the first round of the auction ie the opening Bid plus the next three.

Eg Opening 4C showing long hearts INT - 4H as transfer 1H - 4c as a splinter with short clubs

Lead directing passes and those doubles which imply a specific suit lead other than the suit doubled

except those transfers which are announced.
except a short club opening which is announced

Doubles which are **NOT** alerted are given below:

Opponents bid

Natural suit bid eg 1D p 1H **X**

Artificial suit bid eg 1NT p 1H (TxSpades) **X**

No Trump bid eg 1H p 1NT **X**

Double eg 1H X **XX**

Partners double

Double is **take out**

Double **shows suit** bid or requests lead of that suit

Double is for **penalties**

Redouble shows strength expecting partner to pass

Typical ALERTS

1 Club opener

when it is a strong hand

when it is some other artificial bid

1 Diamond opener

when playing a strong club system with 5 card majors and it could have less than 3 cards

All two level SUIT openers are alertable if NOT announced

2 Club when Acol , Benji Acol etc **2 Diamond** when Benji , Multi etc **2 Hearts/Spades** if two suited Lucas etc

2NT opener if it implies a specific hand shape

Various conventions **Michaels, Ghestem, Astro, 4th suit**