

## BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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**Country** England (EBU team)

**Event** 2024 Camrose, 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend

**Opening bid of** 2D **in** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> **seats at** all vulnerabilities

**Shows:** A weak hand with either hearts, or both spades+diamonds

**Detailed Description:**

Vul, the style is sound:

- 5-10 and a reasonable six-card heart suit; or
- 6-11 and 5/5 in spades+diamonds (can be a little less with 6/5 shape). No promises made about the quality of either suit

NV, the spade+diamond hand is still quite sound (5-10 points, 5+/5+ shape), but the heart hand is much more aggressive (x QT9xx xxxx xxx would be a clear 2D opening 1<sup>st</sup> NV. In 2<sup>nd</sup> seat, QT9xx would still be a very acceptable suit, but the expectation would be for the hand to be stronger than this).

Outside defence is quite possible, even with only a five-card suit, so long as the suit itself is up to scratch (which is measured based more on interior strength rather than top cards – QT8xx is suitable but AJxxx is not).

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### Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

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**With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?** Vul: usually own suit, or e.g.

1S2D staying low opposite 5S5D. NV: Many weak hands that can't "further the preempt"

**Meanings of other responses and rebids:** 2N INV+ask now 3C = non-min w/hearts, 3D = min w/S+D, 3H = min w/hearts, 3S = max w/D+5 spades, 3N = max w/D+6 spades

4C asks handtype and wants to be declarer if playing 4M now 4D = hearts, 4H = spades+diamonds.

3C NF. Others upto 4H PoC, but 2D-P-2M could be a hand intending to rebid 3M "to play". 2D-P-2S-P; 2N = maximum weak two in hearts

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### Competitive Agreements

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

Vul: pass = to play opposite 5S5D. NV: pass = to play opposite 5S5D or 5H4D.

RDBL = "I have my own suit, please bid step 1". Bids are PoC

After 2D-P-P-dbl: now pass = 2+diamonds now responder's rdbl and 2H are PoC; opener's rdbl = SOS

**Responses after opponent's overcall:**

Dbl = pens of clubs and NT, and 4S or higher. PoC otherwise. Bids are PoC

**Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand DBLs the response:**

As if it wasn't doubled

**Rebids after 4<sup>th</sup> hand overcalls:**

Opener passes unless responder has shown a fit for their suit e.g. 2D-P-2S-3m, where the PoC 2S bid usually has heart support.

### Proposed Defence

DBL = takeout of hearts

2H/4H = natural, but beware there may be hearts on your right

Others = as if over a weak 2H opening, including Leaping Michaels (this should be very sound)

After 2D-P-2H:

4H = natural, otherwise as versus a weak 2H. Start by passing when holding a t/o dbl of spades.

After 2D-P-P:

Opener VUL: dbl = t/o of diamonds. Opener NV: dbl = takeout of hearts.

2H/4H = natural, but beware there may be hearts over you

Others = as if over a weak 2H opening