

## 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** 2H **in** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> **seats at** all vulnerabilities

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

**Detailed Description:**

Vul, the style is sound:

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

NV, the hearts+clubs hand is still quite sound (5-10 points, 5+/5+ shape), but the spade hand is much more aggressive (QT9xx s xxxx xxx would be a clear 2H 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.

2H 1-2C staying low opposite 5H5C. NV: Many weak hands that can't "further the preempt"

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

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

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

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### Competitive Agreements

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

Pass = to play opposite 5H5C.

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

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

**Responses after opponent's overcall:**

Dbl = pens of diamonds 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. 2H-P-3C-3D, where the PoC 3C bid shows heart support.

### Proposed Defence

DBL = takeout of spades

2S/4S = natural, but beware there may be spades on your right

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

After 2H-P-2S:

4S = natural, otherwise as versus a weak 2S. Start by passing when holding a t/o dbl of hearts+clubs.

After 2H-P-P:

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

2S/4S = natural, but beware there may be spades on your left.

Others = as if over a weak 2S opening