

Pre-emptive Openings

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2-level openings (except 2♣)	show 6-10 and a good 6-card suit
3-level openings	show 6-10 and a good 7-card suit
4-level openings	show 6-10 and a good 8-card suit

The pre-emptive opening is a **destructive** opening.

Once you open you will **rarely bid again** – it will be up to partner to choose the final contract

Opening 2♦ 2♥ 2♠

- 6-10
- 6-card suit (2+ honours)

Responses

Pass	0-13	any shape
3♦ 3♥ 3♠	14-15	2+ card support
Raise to Game	16+	2+ card support or any HCP & 4+ support
New Suit	17+	Good 6-card suit – forcing (rarely used bid)

Opening 3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠

- 6-10
- 7-card suit (2+ honours)

Responses

Pass	0-13	any shape
Raise to Game	16+	1+ card support or any HCP & 3+ support
New suit at 3-level	17+	Good 6-card suit – (rarely used bid)

Opening 4♥ 4♠

- 6-10
- 8-card suit (2+ honours)

Responses

You have reached game - no need to bid on!

Examples:

♠ KJ107543	♠ 2	♠ J2	♠ AQJ87432	♠ 4
♥ AJ3	♥ AQ8762	♥ A73	♥ 43	♥ J62
♦ K8	♦ 962	♦ J98542	♦ 74	♦ 54
♣ 7	♣ K72	♣ KJ4	♣ 9	♣ KQJ8763
Open 1♠	Open 2♥	Pass (<i>poor suit</i>)	Open 4♠	Open 3♣