## **ETM System Outlines**

## Part 1 – Complex Systems – rich in detail

### ETM Gold

General Approach: Natural or weak balanced 1♣, natural 1♦, 1♥ and 1♠ openings, strong notrump, 2♣ 18-21 balanced, 2♦ game force, 2♥ and 2♠ good weak twos, 2NT 21/22-24 balanced.

Opening	Style	Description
Opening 1♠	Style Natural or weak balanced.	<ul> <li>Description</li> <li>1♣ is either:</li> <li>1) Natural, an opening bid or stronger with ♣s. With 5♣s &amp; 4♦s, open 1♣ if less than 17, but open 1♦ if 17+ but not enough to force to game.</li> <li>2) 11/12-14 balanced. If 11/12-14 balanced can be as short as 2♣s, and can have longer ♦s than ♣s, or a 5 card major with 2 or 3♣s (5-3-3-2 shape). Balanced hands can include 2=2=5=4 or 2=4=5=2, if opener chooses so.</li> </ul>
1♦	Natural	5 s & unbalanced hand, or $4=4=4=1$ exactly, or 1=4=4=4 exactly with extras (15+), or with 4 s & 5 s and 17+. Forcing.
1♥	Natural	5+♥s, never a 5-3-3-2 (open 1♣ or 1NT etc.). 11 or more HCP or 10 if a 5-5+ hand.
1♠	Natural	5+♠s, never a 5-3-3-2 (open 1♣ or 1NT etc.). 11 or more HCP or 10 if a 5-5+ hand.
1NT	Strong	14/15-17 balanced, can have a five card major.
2*	Balanced	17/18-21 balanced, can have a five card major.
2♦	Big	Any game force, can be 24/25+ balanced.
2♥	Good Weak 2	6+♥s, not 4+♠s, a hand that would be considered a good weak two or a minimum opening bid, about 7/8-12 HCP. Can have good or great playing value, and can have a second suit if a minor, which can be quite long itself.
2♠	Good Weak 2	6+♠s, not 4♥s, like 2♥ but with ♠s.
2NT	Balanced	21/22-24 balanced or semi-balanced.

3♣, 3♦	Preemptive	Great six card suit or decent seven or longer suit, wide ranging preempt. In third seat not-vulnerable vs. vulnerable anything goes, including a great five card suit with little on the outside. In 4 <sup>th</sup> seat a minimum opening bid with a good seven card suit.
3♥, 3♠	Preemptive	Six or longer suit (often seven), 0-9, if 8-9 not good suit (open 2 $\mathbf{M}$ ). In third seat wide ranging. In 4 <sup>th</sup> seat a minimum opening bid with a good seven card suit.
3NT	Preemptive	Gambling, in first or second seat a long solid/almost solid seven card or longer minor (headed by AKQ or AKJ), in third or fourth seat to play with usually a source of tricks in a long suit, often a minor.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside.
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging.
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held.
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king.

# ETM Gold Notrump Ladder

Range	Opening	Notes
0-11	Pass	11s that have a five card suit should be treated as 11/12
11/12-14	1♣	14s that have a five card suit should be treated as 14/15
14/15-17	1NT	
17/18-21	2*	17s should have a five card suit and good controls to be 17/18
21/22-24	2NT	
24/25+	2♦	

## **ETM Victory**

General Approach: Hybrid 1♣, natural 1♦, 1♥ and 1♠ openings, weak notrump, 2♣ 18/19-20 balanced or GF, weak two 2, 2♥ and 2♠ openings, 2NT 20/21-22 balanced.

Opening	Style	Description
1.	Hybrid	Hybrid, clubs or balanced, 11-22, one of:
		1) Clubs unbalanced, 11-22.
		2) Balanced $16/17-18$ , $2+\$$ s, can have a five card
		major.
		3) Balanced 14/15-16, with exactly $2 \leq s, 3 \leq s$ , no
		five card major.
1♦	Natural	Diamonds, can be:
		1) $4+$ s, natural, unbalanced, 10/11-22.
		2) Balanced $14/15-16$ with $3+4s$ , may have longer
		♣s, no five card major.
1♥, 1♠	Natural	5+ in <b>M</b> , 10/11-22. Not 5-3-3-2 if 3 in other major and
		11-13. Not 5-3-3-2 if 17/18+ (system does not provide
		2NT rebid).
1NT	Weak	11/12-14, balanced, can have a five card major if 3 in the
		other major and 11-13. 5-4-2-2 possible with a five card
		minor. A six card minor can be held.
2♣	Strong	18/19-20 balanced (can have five card major) or 22/23+
		balanced (can have five card major) or any GF without a
		five card major. Asks for a four card major.
2♦	Strong or	When Multi not allowed it shows a GF with a five card
	Multi	major (not balanced) or any GF with a rebid plan. Asks
		for controls. When Multi allowed it shows a weak two in
		a major, five or longer suit, 3/4-9, or a GF with a five
		card or longer major, unbalanced.
2♥, 2♠	Weak/	5 or 6 card suit 4/5-10. If five card suit good suit. Can
	Intermediate	be 6-5 hand planning on rebidding second suit. If Multi
		allowed it shows a 6 card or longer suit, 8/9/10-13, if 8-9
		solid suit or seven card suit. Can have second suit.
2NT	Balanced	20/21-22 balanced.
3♣, 3♦	Preemptive	Six or longer suit, 4/5-9, not solid seven card suit (open 3NT).
3♥, 3♠	Preemptive	Seven card suit, $3/4-9$ . Not 9 if $2 \checkmark$ or $2 \bigstar$ opening shows $8/9/10-13$ .
3NT	Preemptive	Seven card suit to the AKQ or, if a minor, AKJ, little
	_	outside.

4♣	Artificial	Unknown long major, too much playing value for 4♥ or
		4♠ opening.
4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, weak hand.
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Long major suit, not great playing value since no 4.
		opening.
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid
		suit with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held, 6♣
		shows just club ace.
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king.

## ETM Victory Notrump Ladder

Range	Opening	Notes
0-11	Pass	
11/12-14	1NT	Weak notrump – not normally 14 with a five card or longer suit.
14/15-16	1♦, 1♣	Open 1♦ unless 2♦s, then open 1♣
16/17-18	1♣	
18/19-20	2♣	
20/21-22	2NT	
22/23-24	2*	
24/25+	2*	

## Part 2 – Advanced Systems – comprehensive

### **ETM TOPS**

General Approach: Hybrid 1♣, featherweight and limited 1♦, 1♥ and 1♠ openings, mini notrump @B (brave, usually vulnerable), strong notrump @A (active, usually not vulnerable), 2♣ for good hands, 2♦ natural and good, intermediate 2♥ and 2♠ openings.

Opening	Style	Description
1*	Hybrid	Clubs or balanced, 10+ no upper limit. If balanced can
		be 22+ or one of the following:
		1) 13-14 with $2 \blacklozenge s$ exactly
		2) @B 15-17
		3) @A 10-12 with $3+ s$ (then can have longer $s$ ).
		If balanced can have five card major if 15-17 or 22+.
1♦	Light	Diamonds, 8-16. If balanced, no five card major, and 13-
	Limited	14 with $3+ \blacklozenge s$ (can have longer $\clubsuit s$ ), or 10-12 with
		exactly 2♣s.
1♥	Light	Hearts, 8-16 HCP. 5+♥s and usually exactly 5♥s if 10-
	Limited	13.
1	Light	Spades, 8-16 HCP. 5+♠s and usually exactly 5♠s if 10-
	Limited	13.
1NT	Strong/Mini	@A 15-17, @B 10-12 often 3+ <b>\$</b> s. @A 3-3-2-5 & 14
		opens 1NT too.
2*	Artificial,	Several good hand types:
	Good	1) 18-19 balanced (can have five card major),
		2) Five+ major, 16-22, if 16 must have six or longer
		in suit,
		3) Almost GF with long diamonds,
		4) Absolute GF, unbalanced and clubs not longest
		suit.
2♦	Natural,	Diamonds, 15/16-22, not forcing. 5+♦s or 4-4-1
	Good	exactly.
2♥	Intermediate	8/9/10-13, $6+$ s, usually exactly 6. Great or long suit if
		just 8/9 HCP.
2	Intermediate	8/9/10-13, $6+$ s, usually exactly 6. Great or long suit if
		just 8/9 HCP.
2NT	Natural	20-21 Balanced. Can have five card major.

3♣, 3♦	Preemptive	6 or longer or suit, less than 10 HCP if 3 <sup>*</sup> , less than 8
		HCP if 3♦.
3♥, 3♠	Preemptive	6 or longer suit, less than 8 HCP.
3NT	Gambling	Gambling, seven card or longer minor headed by AKQ or
		AKJ, no outside ace or king.
4 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Standard preempt.
4NT	Asking	Ace asking

# ETM TOPS – Notrump Ladder

Range	Opening	Notes
0-9	Pass	Have to pass sometime.
10-12,	1 <b>♣</b> @A,	Mini-notrump when Brave, open 1 & when Aware.
3+ <b>♣</b> s	1NT@B	
10-12,	1 ♦ or	Opening 1 ♦ helps find a major fit, and with 2♣s opener at
2 <b>.</b> s	1NT@B	least 3-3 in the majors. @B prefer to open $1 \blacklozenge$ instead of $1NT(10-12)$ with two clubs but if the hand looks notrump then bid it.
13-14,	1♦	Can have longer clubs. Having 3♦s allows responder to
3+♦s		compete with $5+ \blacklozenge s$ .
13-14,	1*	Opener has 4 or 5 s and 3 or 4 in each major, or 4-4-2-3
2♦s.		exactly. However with 3-3-2-5 and 14 open 1NT when Aware.
15-17	1NT@A,	Strong notrump when Aware, open 1. and rebid 1NT when
	1 <b>♣</b> @B	Brave. Can have five card major, even if opening is 1.
18-19	2*	Common system sequence: 2♣-2♦-2NT. Can have five card major.
20-21	2NT	Can have five card major.
22-24	1*	1♣-1♦-2NT the most common sequence.
25-27	1*	1♣-1♦-3NT the most common sequence.
28-30	1*	1♣-1♦-4NT.
31-32	1*	1♣-1♦-5NT.

### Part 3 – Plug and Play Systems – designed to get to the fun fast

### **ETM Savage**

General Approach: System with 8+ openings when holding a major (10+ when vulnerable. Defines Quasi-Balanced – somewhat balanced, can have singleton if not five card major or not 5-5+ or long suit. 1♣ is Mini QBal with a 4 card major or Big Any QBal or any GF, 1♦ is Catch All, 1♥/1♠ is 5 card major or not vulnerable only 8-9 QBal with 4 or 5 in major, 1NT is 15-17 QBal no singleton, 2♣ and 2♦ natural 7/8-13, 2♥ and 2♠ 5 card major non-QBal 7/8-12.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Mini or Big	1) Mini-QBal with a four or five card major and 10-12
		2) Both majors 4-4+ with 10-12
		3) 18+ Big-QBal
		4) Any GF (but use 2NT if distributional one suiter)
1♦	Catch-all	1) Weak-QBal with 13-14 and no five card major
		2) Weak-QBal 12 with a 5 or 6 card minor and no four card
		major (can also open 2♣ if 4-4/5-4/4-5 in minors)
		3) 15-17 QBal without a five card major, not a 1NT opening
		4) 13/14+ to near GF with a minor, not QBal
1♥, 1♠	Natural	1) $12/13+$ to near GF with 5 or longer in the major, can be
		QBal if 5 in major and 13-17
		2) Not vulnerable only, Poor-QBal with a four or five card
		major and 8-9
1NT	Strong	15-17 QBal with no five card major and no singleton
2♣	Natural	1) 6+♣s, 7/8-13. Prefer 3♣ if hand is minimum and just
		about 🛧s
		2) 4-5♠s & 4-5♦s, no four card major, 11-12 QBal
2♦	Natural	5++s, 7/8-13, not QBal and if just 5+s then 5-5 in minors
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer major, 7/8-12, not QBal, not 4+ in other major
2NT	Big	Ace asking, game force, often a very distributional hand with
		a one suiter
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with stoppers, or a few stoppers, or no
		stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of tricks, or just a
		bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled,
		unless has own long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

Range	Opening	Notes
0-7	Pass	Have to pass sometimes
8-9	1♥, 1♠, Pass	Pass if vulnerable, open major if not vulnerable
10-12	1♣	The mini-QBal part of the 1♣ opening
13-14	1♦, 1♥, 1♠	Open 1♦ if a four card major, 1♥/♠ if five
15-17	1NT,1♦,1♥,	Open 1♥/♠ if a five card major, 1NT if no singleton and not a five
	1♠	card major, and 1♦ if a four card major and a singleton
18-19	1♣ then 1NT	
20-21	1 <b>♣</b> then 2 <b>♣</b>	
22-23	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♦	
24-25	1♣ then 2NT	
25/26+	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♥	

## ETM Savage QBal Ladder with a four/five card major

# ETM Savage QBal Ladder without a four/five card major

Range	Opening	Notes
0-10	Pass	
11-12	2♣, 1♦	Pass if 3-3-3-4 or 3-4-3-3 exactly, or balanced 5-3-3-2 with a five card minor and just 11. Open $2 = 16 + \frac{1}{2} $
13-14	1.	QBal with 12 and a 5 or 6 card minor can upgrade to 1
15-17	1NT, 1♦	Open 1NT if no singleton and 1♦ if a singleton
18-19	1♣ then 1NT	
20-21	1 <b>♣</b> then 2 <b>♣</b>	
22-23	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♦	
24-25	1♣ then 2NT	
25/26+	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♥	

## **ETM Storm**

General Approach: Big club with mini spade showing opening.  $1 \ge 15 + \text{ or } 18 + \text{ with}$ a five card major,  $1 \ge 10-14$  with  $4/5 \ge 17$ ,  $1 \ge 10/11$ ,  $1 \ge 12-17$ ,  $1 \ge 11/12-14$ ,  $2 \ge 12-17$ ,  $1 \ge$ 

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Big	15+ without a five card or longer major, or 17/18+ any. With
		5♠s and 4♥s exactly & 17 open 1♣. Not a 2NT opening type.
1♦	Mini	1) 4♠s & 10-14, can have longer second suit (if 5+♥s
	Spades	maximum of 13), not balanced if 13-14
		2) 5♠s & 10-13, too balanced for 2♠ opening
		3) 5♠s & 4♥ exactly, 10-11
1♥	Natural	1) $5+\Psi s$ , 11-17, if shape for a $2\Psi$ opening then more than a
		2♥ opening (13/14-17). With exactly 4♠s & $5/6$ ♥s, open
		1♦ if 10-13 (13 only if just 5♥s).
		2) $4 \forall s$ and 11-14 with $4 + \phi s$ but without $4 \phi s$ . If balanced can
		decide to open 1NT instead
1♠	Natural	5+♠s, 12-17 or 10-11 with 5-5+/6-4+ in majors. If shape for a
		2♠ opening then more than a 2♠ opening (13/14-17).
1NT	Weak	11/12-14 balanced, can be a 5-4-2-2 with a five card minor
2♣	Natural	5+♣s, 10/11-14, not 4+♠s, not 5+♥s, if just 5♣s a 5-4-3-1
		shape
2♦	Natural	5+♦s, 10/11-14, no four card or longer major, if just 5♦s either
		3-1-5-4/1-3-5-4 or 5-5 in minors
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer in <b>M</b> , 9/10-13, not 4+ in <b>OM</b> , if just 5 in <b>M</b> then 5-
		5+ or a $5-4-3-1/5-4-4-0$ shape with shortness in <b>OM</b> .
2NT	19/20-21	Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with or without stoppers, or a few
		stoppers, or no stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of
		tricks, or just a bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it
		is not doubled, unless has long suit, very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
	-	with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

Range	Opening	Notes
0-9	Pass	
10	Pass, 1♦	Open 1♦ if 4/5♠s
11-12	Pass, 1♦, 1♥, 1NT	11s can upgrade to 1NT. $4/5 \pm s$ open 1 $\bullet$ (including 4-4 in majors). 5 $\forall s$ or 4 $\forall s$ with 4+ $\bullet s$ can open 1 $\forall$ .
13-14	1NT, 1♥, 1♠	1NT on most hands. $5$ vs or $4$ vs with $4+$ s can open 1 v, or $5$ s can open 1 s. Note that 1 s is not opened if 13-14 balanced.
15-17	1 <b>♣</b> then 1NT 1♥, 1 <b>♠</b>	1 son most hands but five card major balanced opens $1 \Psi / 1 $ s.
18-19	1 <b>♣</b> then 1♥	
19/20-21	2NT	
21/22+	1♣ then 2NT	

## ETM Storm Balanced Ladder

### **ETM Express**

General Approach: Big club with one diamond handling all 13/14-16 with no five card major. 1♥ and 1♠ 5 card majors 10/11-16. 1NT 10/11-13. 2♣ and 2♠ 5+ opening with 10/11-13. 2♥ and 2♠ 6/7-10 with five or longer.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Big	16/17+ any hand except 19/20-21 balanced
1♦	Intermediate	13/14-16 without a five card major
1♥, 1♠	Natural	Five card or longer major, 10/11-16
1NT	Weak	10/11-13 balanced, includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor.
		No five card major.
2♣	Natural	5+♣s, 10/11-13, no five card major.
		If just 5♣s must be a 5-4-3-1 shape.
2♦	Natural	5+♦s, 10/11-13, no five card major.
		If just 5+s must be a 5-4-3-1 shape or 5-5 in minors
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer major, 6/7-10, not 4+ in other major, 6 or longer
		major if less than 8.
2NT	19/20-21	Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with stoppers, or a few stoppers, or no
		stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of tricks, or just a
		bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled,
		unless has own long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

Note that 4-4-4-1s and 5-4-4-0s with a five card minor, when less than 13, pass then bid next time. With 13 points upgrade these to a  $1 \blacklozenge$  opening.

Range	Opening	Notes
0-10	Pass	
10/11-13	1NT, Pass	10/11-12 can decide to pass instead, 13 can be upgraded to 1♦
13/14-16	1♦	
16/17-19	1 <b>♣</b> then 1NT	
19/20-21	2NT	
21/22+	1♣ then 2NT	

# ETM Express Balanced Ladder without a five card major

## ETM Express Balanced Ladder with a five card major

Range	Opening	Notes
0-10	Pass	
10/11-16	1♥/1♠	
Rest	1♣	As without a five card major

## ETM ABOMBS Club

General Approach: Two-way 1♣: 17+ any or 11-13 balanced with a four card major. 1♦, 1♥, 1♠ and 2♣ natural with 10/11-16, major openings 5 or longer or 14-16 with 4 in major & ♣s. 1NT 13/14-16.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Big or 11-13	a) 11-13 with a four card major, no singleton/void (so
	balanced with	balanced/semi-balanced) or 4-4-1-4 exactly – if hand has ♦s
	a 4 card	they are at most 4 and not a good suit; OR
	major	b) 17+ any, except not hand for 2NT opening.
1♦	Natural	4+♦s, 10/11-16, if balanced 11-13. Can have 4♦s with 5♣s.
1♥, 1♠	Natural	Five card or longer major, 10/11-16, OR four in the major
		with 14-16 & unbalanced with $4+ \pm s$ .
1NT	13/14-16	13/14-16 balanced, includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor.
	Balanced	Can have a five card major. 5♣s balanced with 13 opens 1NT.
2♣	Natural	5+♣s, 10/11-16, not a four card major if 14-16. If only 5♣s
		must have a four card major (and thus will be 11-13).
2♦	Natural	5++s, 6/7-10, can have a four card major.
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer major, 6/7-10, can have four in the other major, 6
		or longer major if less than 8
2NT	20-21	20-21 Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with stoppers, or a few stoppers, or no
		stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of tricks, or just a
		bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled,
		unless has own long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
	-	with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

### ETM ABOMBS Club Opening Bid Overview

#### ETM ABOMBS Club Balanced Ladder

Range	Opening	Notes
0-10	Pass	
11-13	1 of a suit, Pass	Open $1 \neq \text{if } 4+ \neq \text{s}$ (or if a four card major and only 4 not good $\Rightarrow$ s then $1 \Rightarrow$ ). Open 1M if a five card major. Otherwise open $1 \Rightarrow$ if a four card major. Pass if 11-12 with just $\Rightarrow$ s and no other suit, or 13 and 3-3-3-4 exactly.
13/14-16	1NT	With 54s and 13 open 1NT.
17-19	1♣ then 1NT	
20-21	2NT	
22-24	1♣ then 2NT	
25+	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♥	

## **ETM SOB Club**

General Approach: Two-way 1♣: 17+ any or 10-13 with 4♣s. 1♦ Intermediate 14-17. 1♥, 1♠ 10-17 five card majors. 1NT 11/12-14. 2♣, 2♦ 5 or longer suits 10-13, can have 4♥s but not 4♣s.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Spades or Big	a) 10-13 with exactly 4♠s, not balanced if 12-13, fewer than 5♥s; OR
		b) 17+ unbalanced; OR
		c) 17/18+ balanced except not 20/21-22 balanced
1♦	Intermediate	14-17, either:
		a) 14-16 unbalanced without a five card major, OR
		b) 14/15-17 balanced
1♥, 1♠	Natural	Five card or longer major, 10-17 (17 only if balanced), can have a longer minor
1NT	Weak	11/12-14 balanced, includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor.
		No five card major.
2♣	Natural	5+♣s, 10-13, not five or longer ♥s, not 4 or longer ♠s.
		If just 54s must be a 5-4-3-1 shape with a 4 card red suit.
2♦	Natural	5+♦s, 10-13, not five or longer ♥s, not 4 or longer ♠s.
		If just 5♦s must be a 5-4-3-1 shape or 5-5 in minors
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer major, 6/7-10, not 4+ in other major, 6 or longer
		major if less than 8.
2NT	20/21-22	Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with stoppers, or a few stoppers, or no
		stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of tricks, or just a
		bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled,
		unless has own long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

ETM SOB Club Opening Bid Overview

Range	Opening	Notes
0-9	Pass	
10-11	Pass,1♣	Open 1♣ with 4♠s, pass otherwise
11/12-14	1NT	
14/15-17	1♦	
17/18-20	1♣ then 1NT	
20/21-22	2NT	
22/23-24	1♣ then 2NT	
24/25+	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♥	

### ETM SOB Club Balanced Ladder without a five card major

### ETM SOB Club Balanced Ladder with a five card major

Range	Opening	Notes
0-9	Pass	
10-17	1♥/1♠	
17/18+	1 <b>♣</b> , 2NT	As without a five card major

## ETM A

General Approach: Natural 3+ minors (only balanced if 11/12-14), 10/11-21 five card majors, 14/15-17 1NT, 2♣ as 18-19 balanced or 22+ Any. 2♦ The Intermediate Multi. 2♥ and 2♠ heavy weak-twos.

Opening	Style	Description
1 <b>♣</b>	Natural	Either 10/11-21 4+s unbalanced OR 11/12-14 balanced with 3-5s
1♦	Natural	Either 10/11-21 4+ $\diamond$ s unbalanced OR 11/12-14 balanced with 4/5 $\diamond$ s or 4=4=3=2 exactly
1♥, 1♠	Natural	Five card or longer major, 10/11-21. If six or longer in major and a poor 16 or less, then must have a second suit and if a 4 card minor second suit then not a great major suit.
1NT	14/15-17	14/15-17 balanced, includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor.
	Balanced	Can have a five card major.
2♣	Big	18-19 balanced or 22+ any.
2◆	TIM	<ul> <li>The Intermediate Multi, great 11 to a poor 16, and either:</li> <li>a) 7 or longer in either major; or</li> <li>b) 6 in either major and no second suit (so a 6-3-3-1 or 6-3-2-2 type hand); or</li> <li>c) 6 in either major and a 4 card minor second suit, but the major is great, playable opposite a singleton.</li> </ul>
2♥, 2♠	Heavy Weak Two	5 or longer major, 7/8 to a poor 12, if 11-12 will always have exactly six in the major.
2NT	20-21	20-21 Balanced
Rest	Preemptive	The usual

ETM A Opening Bid Overview

#### ETM A Balanced Ladder

Range	Opening	Notes
0-11	Pass	
11/12-14	1 of a suit	
14/15-17	1NT	
18-19	2♣	
20-21	2NT	
22+	2*	

### ETM BASH

General Approach: Opens all 10+ hands, most 8+ hands. 1♣ multi-way 10-13 balanced, 10-14 4-4-4-1s, 15+ ♣s, 16+ major, 17+ balanced. 1♦ 3+ 8-16, if balanced 8-10. 1♥ and 1♠ 8-15, can be balanced 8-13. 1NT 14-16. 2♣ 9/10-14 5+♣s. 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ 6/7/8-10.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Somewhat	a) 10-13 balanced/semi-balanced with no five card major,
	big or 10-13	can be 10 only if 2 or fewer $\diamond$ s; OR
	balanced or	b) 10-14 with any 4-4-4-1 (exactly 4-4-1-4 if 10); OR
	10-14 4-4-4-1	c) Unbalanced, and 15+ with any 4-4-4-1 or long suit $\clubsuit$ s,
		16+ with a five card or longer major, or $17+$ if $\diamond$ s; OR
		d) 17+ balanced, but not 20-21.
1♦	Natural	3+♦s, 8 to 16. If 8 to 10 then balanced or semi-balanced (can
		have longer $\bigstar$ s), or a 4-4-4-1 with 4 $\bigstar$ s. If 11-16 then 5+ $\bigstar$ s and
		not balanced.
1♥, 1♠	Natural	Five card or longer major, 8 to 15. If 8 to 10, balanced or
		semi-balanced, without 4 in other major, or 10 can be part of
		10-15 with 5-4+ in the majors. If 14-15 not balanced.
1NT	14-16	14-16 balanced, includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor. Can
	Balanced	have a five card major.
2♣	Natural	5+ s, $9/10-14$ , can be 5-4 in the minors or have a major.
2♦	Natural	5++s, 6/7/8-10, can have a four card major, 6 or longer decent
		♦s if 6-7
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer major, $6/7/8-10$ , can have four in the other major if
		not 10, and 6 or longer decent major if 6-7
2NT	20-21	20-21 Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with stoppers, or a few stoppers, or no
		stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of tricks, or just a
		bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled,
		unless has own long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

ETM BASH 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Seat Opening Bid Overview

Note: some partnerships, when vulnerable, may increase opening requirements by 1 point

Range	Opening	Notes
0-7	Pass	
8-9	1♦, 1♥, 1♠,	Open 1♥ or 1♠ if five card major, 1♦ if 3+♦s, and pass otherwise
	Pass	
10	1 of a suit	Open 1♥ or 1♠ if five card major, 1♦ if 3+♦s, and 1♣ if 4/5♣s and
		just 2♦s
11-13	1♣, 1♥, 1♠	Open 1♥ or 1♠ if five card major, 1♣ otherwise
14-16	1NT	
17-19	1♣ then 1NT	
20-21	2NT	
22-24	1♣ then 2NT	
25+	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♥	

ETM BASH 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Seat Balanced Ladder

# ETM BASH 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Seat Opening Bids and Responses

Opening	Style	Description
1*	Any 18+	Responder is to bid naturally above 1♦ if 7+. If 0-6 responder bids 1♦, and now 1NT=18-20, 2NT=23-24, suits are natural non-forcing, 2♥ is GF in ♥s or balanced (2♠ asks which, 2NT=balanced), other suit jumps natural and game forcing.
1	Natural	3+♦s, 8 to 17, can be balanced, can have longer ♣s. Responder is to make a non-jump suit bid with either a 5 card or longer major, or 6+♣s, or 5+♦s. Otherwise with 7-9 responder is to bid 1NT.
1♥, 1♠	Natural	4 or longer in major, 8 to 17, can be balanced. Responder is to make a non-jump suit bid with either the <b>OM</b> (1♠ over 1♥ shows 4+♠s, 2♥ over 1♠ shows 5+♥s), or 6 or longer minor. If 5-9 bid 2 <b>M</b> with 4 card support. Otherwise with 6-9 responder is to bid 1NT.
1NT	Balanced 0-17 in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat not vulnerable, 13-17 in 4 <sup>th</sup> seat or if vulnerable	No conventions are played over this (i.e. no Stayman, no transfers etc.). Responder usually passes or bids a five card or longer suit (3 shows 6+s), or bids 2 which is natural with 3 or longer and 8-9 points – over 2 opener bids naturally, passing if shift and not 15-17, and jumping to show top maximum. Since rescue systems are not allowed when 1NT is 0-17 (allowed when 13-17), if just 4-4 in two suits consider opening a suit to find a fit instead of 1NT.
2 <b>X</b>	Natural	5 or longer in suit opened, no chance of game if responder passes this. Responder is to raise the suit opened with a 6+ points and a 3 card or better fit.
2NT	20-21	21-22 Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random
3NT	To play undoubled	As by unpassed hand
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Random
Games	To play	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit with ace, 5NT shows two aces held

## ETM CANDY

General Approach: Two-way 1♠: 17+ any or 11-13 with a five card major. 1♦ 11-16 no four card major (can have five or longer if 13/14-16). 1♥, 1♠ 11-16 four card majors, often longer second suit. 1NT 14-16. 2♣ Majors 10-13, 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ 5 or longer suits, 9/10-13.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	11-13 5 card	Either:
	major	a) 11-13 with a five card major, no singleton/void (so
	balanced/semi	balanced/semi-balanced) and not 4 in OM;
	or 17+	b) 17+ any, except not hand for 2NT opening.
1♦	Limited, no	11-16, no four card major (exactly). If balanced will be 11 to
	four card	13 without a four card or longer major. If unbalanced, no four
	major exactly	card major (exactly), and only a five card or longer major if
		13/14-16 together with a 4 card or longer minor.
1♥, 1♠	4 Card	Four card major, 11-16, can have longer second suit, or six or
	Majors	longer major 13/14-16, or if 1♠ opening 5-5 in majors 13/14-
		16. Balanced only if 11 to 13 with a four card major. $1 \forall$
		opening only has longer ♠s if 13/14-16.
1NT	14-16	14-16 balanced, includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor. Can
	Balanced	have a five card major.
2♣	Majors	10-13, 5+ <b>♠</b> s and 4+ <b>♥</b> s
2♦	Natural	9/10-13, 5+♦s, no 3 card or longer major
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer in $\mathbf{M}$ , 9/10-13, not 4+ in $\mathbf{OM}$ , if just 5 in $\mathbf{M}$ then
		must have a singleton
2NT	20-21	20-21 Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with stoppers, or a few stoppers, or no
		stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of tricks, or just a
		bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled,
		unless has own long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5 with no ace, otherwise bid suit
	_	with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

#### ETM CANDY Opening Bid Overview

## ETM Spry

General Approach: Big club with mini spade showing opening.  $1 \Leftrightarrow is 18+ any or 15+ without 5 \lor s$  (except if  $5+ \bigstar s$ ).  $1 \diamond is 10-14$  with  $4 \bigstar s$ .  $1 \lor is 4 \lor s 10-14$  or  $5+ \lor s 13/14-17$ .  $1 \bigstar is 5+ \bigstar s 10-14$ . 1NT is 11/12-14.  $2 \bigstar and 2 \bigstar natural with 5+ suit 10-14$  and no four card major.  $2 \lor is 9/10-13$  with  $5+ \lor s$ .  $2 \bigstar is 5-9$ , 5 or longer  $\bigstar s$ .

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Big	15+ without 5♥s (except if opener has 5+♠s) or 18+ any. Not
		a 2NT opening type.
1♦	Mini	4♠s & 10-14, can have longer second suit. If balanced 10-11
	Spades	only
1♥	Natural	1) 4♥s and 10-14, not 4♠s, can have longer minor. If
		balanced 10-11 only.
		2) 5+♥s, 13/14-17, not 5-3-3-2, can have 4♠s if 15-17.
		3) Exactly 5♥s and 10-11, no singleton, not 4♠s.
1♠	Natural	5+s, 10-14, can have longer second suit
1NT	Weak	11/12-14 balanced, can be a 5-4-2-2 with a five card minor.
		Can have $5 \forall s$ (but not $5 \triangleq s$ ) with a no singleton hand.
2♣	Natural	5+&s, 10-14, no four card or longer major, if just 5&s either 3-
		1-4-5/1-3-4-5
2♦	Natural	5++s, 10-14, no four card or longer major, if just 5+s either 3-
		1-5-4/1-3-5-4 or 5-5 in minors
2♥	Natural	5 or longer in $\forall$ s, 9/10-13, not 4+ $\bigstar$ s, if just 5 $\forall$ s then 5-5+ or a
		5-4-3-1/5-4-4-0 shape
2♠	Weak	5-9, 5+ <b>≜</b> s
2NT	19/20-21	Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled, unless has long
		suit, very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

### ETM Spry Opening Bid Overview

### **ETM Spry Balanced Ladder**

Range	Opening	Notes
0-9	Pass	
10-11	Pass,1♦,1♥/♠	Pass if no major, 1♦ if 4♠s, 1♥ if 4 or 5 ♥s, 1♠ if 5♠s
12-14	1NT, 1♠	11s can upgrade to 1NT. Open 1♠ if 5♠s, 1NT otherwise
15-17	1♣ then 1NT	
18-19	1 <b>♣</b> then 1♥	1♥ usually gets a 1♠ reply, and then opener bids 1NT
19/20-21	2NT	
21/22+	1♣ then 2NT	

## ETM MOB

General Approach: Two-way 1♣: 17+ or 10-16 with a four card major. 1♦ 14-16 ♦s unbalanced or balanced 10/11-13 or 13/14-16.. 1♥, 1♠ 10-16 five card majors. 1NT 13/14-16, 10-13. 2♣ 9/10-16 5+♣s no four card major. 2♦ 9/10-16 5+♦s no four card major. 2♥, 2♠ 5/6-9 5 or longer suits.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Major or Big	a) 10-16 with a 4 card major, not balanced, no 5 card or longer
		major; OR
		b) 17-19 or 21/22+ balanced (can have a five card major); OR
		c) 17+ unbalanced, when vulnerable no five card or longer
		major unless near GF+.
1♦	Two way	2+♦s, either:
		a) 14-16 unbalanced with $4+$ s, can have longer $\clubsuit$ s, OR
		b) Balanced less than 17 not in 1NT opening range –
		vulnerable or in 4 <sup>th</sup> seat 10/11-13, not vulnerable not 4 <sup>th</sup> seat
		13/14-16 – same hand types as 1NT opening.
1♥, 1♠	Natural	Five card or longer major, unbalanced (not a 5-3-3-2),10-16
		not vulnerable, 10 to just below a near GF vulnerable.
1NT	Balanced	13/14-16 balanced vulnerable or 4 <sup>th</sup> seat, 10-13 (not good 13s)
		not vulnerable not 4 <sup>th</sup> seat. Can have a 5-3-3-2 five card major,
		and includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor: 5-4-2-2s with
		both minors are always treated as balanced, 5-4-2-2s with a
		four card major are optional.
2♣	Natural	5+♣s, 9/10-16, no four card or longer major. If just 5♣s must
		be 3-1-4-5/1-3-4-5 exactly with 11-13.
2♦	Natural	5+♦s, 9/10-13, no four card or longer major. If just 5♦s must
		be 3-1-5-4/1-3-4-5 exactly 11-13 or 5-5 in minors.
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer major, 5/6-9, not 4+ in other major, 6 or longer
		major if less than 7.
2NT	19/20-21	Balanced
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled, unless has own
		long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king

### ETM MOB Club Opening Bid Overview

### **ETM Focal**

General Approach: Big 1♠: 15 or 16+. 1♦ 10/11-15 balanced/semi-balanced. 1♥, 1♠ 8-14 five card majors. 1NT variable 10-12, 14-16, 15-17. 2♣ 10-14 three suited with 4+♣s or long ♣s. 2♦ 10-14 5+♦s. 2♥, 2♠ 11-14, 6 or longer.

Opening	Style	Description
1*	Big	16+ any hand except not 16 bal in 1-2 V, and not 16-17 bal in 3-4. Not bal 19-20 1-2, and not bal 20-21 3-4. Can be 15 if
		any 6+ suit, or any 5-5, and/or a hand with a major suit
		singleton/void.
1♦	Intermediate,	10/11-15 semi-balanced and if balanced outside of 1NT
	Semi-bal	opening range, no major singleton or void, can be any 5-4 with a singleton/void minor but 5-4 with 5 card major always 13-15 and never in 4 <sup>th</sup> seat. Can have 6 card minor, singleton in other minor possible. 10 only if a minor suit singleton/void. If bal 13-15 1-2 NV, 11-13 1-2 V, 11-14 3-4.
1♥, 1♠	Natural,	8-14 (in 4 <sup>th</sup> seat 11-15), five card or longer major. If 13-14
	featherweight	(not 4 <sup>th</sup> seat) must be any 5-5+, or 6-4 in the majors. or 5-4-3-
		1/5-4-4-0 with singleton/void in other major. If 5-3-3-2 8-9 in
		1-2 NV, 9-10 in 1-2 V, in 3 8-12, in 4 11-14.
1NT	Strong or	10-12 balanced 1-2 NV, 14-16 balanced 1-2 V
	mini	15-17 balanced 3-4
2♣	Natural,	4+ s, 10-14, no five card major, can be 5-4 or 4-5 in minors.
	Constructive	If fewer than 6 s must be either 5-4-3-1, 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4-0
		shape with a major suit singleton or void and 3 or 4 cards in
		the other major. If exactly 64s has any 6-4 and/or major suit
		singleton/void.
2♦	Natural,	5+ s, 10-14, no five card major. If just 5 s must be 5-5 in the
	Constructive	minors or a 5-4-3-1 with exactly $3 \pm s$ . If exactly $6 + s$ has any
200.24	N ( 1	6-4 and/or major suit singleton/void.
2♥, 2♠	Natural,	6 or longer major, 11-14, not 4+ in other major. 10/11-13 in
	Intermediate	4 <sup>th</sup> seat.
2NT	Balanced	19-20 in 1-2, 20-21 in 3-4.
3♣, 3♦	Preemptive	4-9, decent 6 or longer suit.
3♥, 3♠	Preemptive	0-7, anything goes but never more than 7 HCP. In 3 0-12, in 4 13-14.
3NT	To play	Any sort of hand that wants to take a try at 3NT undoubled –
	undoubled	might have a long suit with stoppers, or a few stoppers, or no
		stoppers, or two suits that might be a source of tricks, or just a
		bunch of points. Partner is not to pull 3NT if it is not doubled,
		unless has own long suit in a very distributional hand.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside.
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging.
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held.
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king.

**ETM Focal Opening Bid Overview** 

## **ETM BOTS**

General Approach: Two-way 1♣: 17+ any or 12-16 three suited without a five card major. 1♦ 10-13 balanced/semi-balanced. 1♥, 1♠ 12-16 five card majors (1♠ can be 5-5 majors 10-11). 1NT 14-16. 2♣ 10-16 6+♣s. 2♥, 2♠ 7/8-11 5 or longer suits, 6 if 7/8-9. 2NT 10-12 5-5+ minors. 3NT 10-13 6-5+/5-6+ majors.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Big or	a) 12-16, three suited, 4-4-4-1, 5-4-3-1, 5-4-4-0 or 5-5-3-0
	Three suited	shapes possible, but 5 card suit can only be a minor; OR
		b) 17+ any.
1♦	Intermediate,	10-13 semi-balanced and if balanced without a five card suit
	Semi-bal	(or a six card minor) then 11-13. Never has a major suit
		singleton/void. Can be any 5-4 without a major suit singleton.
		Must be 10-11 if has a minor suit singleton or void, and/or if
		has a five card major or six card minor.
1♥, 1♠	Natural	Five card or longer major, 12-16, only a 5-3-3-2 if 12-13. 1♠
		opening can be exactly 5-5 in majors, 10-11.
1NT	Strong	14-16 balanced, includes 5-4-2-2s with a five card minor (they
	_	have no other opening bid).
2*	Natural	6+♣s, 10-16, if 10-11 must be any 6-4 or 7+♣s.
2♦	Natural	6+♦s or 5-5 minors, 10-16, if 10-11 must be any 6-4 or 7+♦s.
2♥, 2♠	Natural	5 or longer major, 7/8-11, not 4+ in other major. If just 5 in
		major must be 10-11 and has a five card or longer minor
		and/or a singleton/void in the other major.
2NT	Minors	10-12, 5-5+ minors.
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable.
3NT	Majors	6-5/5-6+ in majors, 10-13.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside.
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging.
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held.
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king.

#### ETM BOTS Club Opening Bid Overview

#### ETM BOTS Club Balanced Ladder (can have five card major)

Range	Opening	Notes
0-10	Pass	Can upgrade 10s with a five card suit into 1♦
11	1♦	
12-13	1♦, 1♥, 1♠	Open 1♦ unless a five card major, then 1♥/♠
14-16	1NT	
17-19	1♣ then 1NT	
20-21	1♣ then 2NT	
22-24	1♣ then 2NT	
24/25+	1 <b>♣</b> then 2♥	

### **ETM Polar**

General Approach: Five-way 1♠: 11/12-14 balanced, 4-4-1-4 11-14, 4+♣s unbalanced 15-17, 17/18+ unbalanced any, 22+ balanced. 1♦ 10-17 4+♦s unbalanced, can have longer ♣s. 1♥, 1♠ 10-17 five card majors. 1NT 14/15-17. 2♣ 10-14 5+♣s, three suited if just 5♣s. 2♦ 18-19 balanced. 2♥, 2♠ 6/7-11 6 or longer. 2NT 20-21. 3NT 10-13 6-5+/5-6+ majors.

### **ETM Polar Opening Bid Overview**

Opening	Style	Description
1.	Five way,	Five way opening, most often weak balanced, either:
	modified	1) 11/12-14 balanced, can have a five card major or six card
	Polish club	minor. 2-2-3-6 exactly opens 1 and 10-14 5-4-2-2s with 5 as
	style	open 1♣, both hand types treated as balanced. 10-14 3-2-2-6
		and 2-3-2-6 can be opened 1♣ or 2♣.
		2) 4-4-1-4 exactly, 11-14.
		3) 15-17 4+♣s unbalanced, fewer than 4♦s.
		4) 17/18+ any unbalanced.
		5) 22+ balanced.
1♦	Natural,	10-17, 4+♦s, unbalanced, can have longer ♠s (6-4+ possible).
	unbalanced	
1♥, 1♠	Natural	10-17, 5 or longer, can have longer ♣s, only 5-3-3-2 if 10-11.
1NT	Strong	14/15-17 balanced.
2*	Natural,	5+♣s, 10-14, unbalanced, no five card major, fewer than 4♦s.
	Constructive	If exactly 54s must be either a 5-4-3-1 or 5-4-4-0 shape. If
		exactly 6s has a 3 or 4 card major.
2♦	Strong,	18-19 balanced or close to it.
	balanced	
2♥, 2♠	Natural	6 or longer major, 6/7-11, not 4+ in other major.
2NT	Balanced	20-21balanced.
3 <b>X</b>	Preemptive	Random, but a decent suit promised if vulnerable.
3NT	Majors	6-5/5-6+ in majors, 8-11.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside.
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging.
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5 with no ace, otherwise bid suit
	-	with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held.
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king.

### ETM Polar Balanced Ladder – can have five card major.

Range	Opening	Notes
0-11	Pass	11s with a five card minor upgrade to a 1♣ opening.
11/12-14	1♣	Can have a five card major but not if 11.
14/15-17	1NT	14s with a five card suit upgrade to a 1NT opening.
18-19	2♦	17s rarely upgrade to a 2♦ opening.
20-21	2NT	
22+	1.	

## ETM Uber

General Approach: Big 1♣: 15 or 16+. 1♦ 10-15 with 4♠s unbalanced. 1♥ 10/11-15 balanced/semi-balanced. 1♠ 8-14, five or longer ♠s. 1NT variable 10-12, 14-16, 15-17. 2♣ 10-14 three suited with 4+♣s or long ♣s. 2♦ 10-14 5+♦s. 2♥ 10-14 5+♥s. 2♠ 10-14, 6 or longer ♠s.

Opening	Style	Description
1♣	Big	16+ any hand except not 16 bal in 1-2 V, and not 16-17 bal in
		3-4. Not bal 19-20 1-2, and not bal 20-21 3-4. Can be 15 if
		any 6+ suit, or any 5-5, and/or a hand with a major suit
		singleton/void.
1♦	Mini Spades	4♠s & 10-15, unbalanced or semi-balanced, often longer
		second suit.
1♥	Intermediate,	10/11-15 semi-balanced and if balanced outside of 1NT
	Semi-bal	opening range, no major singleton or void, can be a 5-4 if
		fewer than 4♠s, may have a singleton minor if exactly 3♠s.
		Can have 6 card minor, singleton in other minor possible if
		exactly 34s. 10 only if a minor suit singleton. If bal 13-15 1-2
		NV, 11-13 1-2 V, 11-14 3-4.
1♠	Natural,	8-14 (in 4 <sup>th</sup> seat 11-15), 5+ <b>•</b> s. If 11-14 (not 4 <sup>th</sup> seat) has
	featherweight	exactly 54s. If 5-3-3-2 8-9 1-2 NV, 9-10 1-2 V, in 3 8-12, in 4
	~	11-14.
1NT	Strong or	10-12 balanced 1-2 NV, 14-16 balanced 1-2 V
	mini	15-17 balanced 3-4
2♣	Intermediate	3+\$s, 10-14, fewer than $4$s$ , fewer than $5$s$ , can be 5-4 or 4-5
		in minors. If fewer than 6 s must be either 5-4-3-1, 4-4-4-1
		or 5-4-4-0 shape with a major suit singleton or void and 3 or 4
		cards in the other major (exactly 3 if $\bigstar$ s). If exactly 6 $\bigstar$ s has a
		6-4 with a red suit and/or major suit singleton/void.
2♦	Intermediate	5+♦s, 10-14, fewer than 4♠s, fewer than 5♥s. If just 5♦s must
		be 5-5 in the minors. If exactly $6 \bullet s$ has a 6-4 with $\clubsuit s$ or $\P s$ ,
0	<b>x</b>	and/or major suit singleton/void.
2♥	Intermediate	5+♥s, 10-14, fewer than 4♠s, if just 5♥s must be a
	<b>x</b>	singleton/void ♠ and/or 5-5+ with a minor.
2 <b>♠</b>	Intermediate	6+♠s 10-14, can have 4♥s.
2NT	Balanced	19-20 in 1-2, 20-21 in 3-4.
3♣, 3♦	Preemptive	4-9, decent 6 or longer suit.
3♥, 3♠	Preemptive	0-7, anything goes but never more than 7 HCP. In 3 0-12, in 4 13-14.
3NT	Majors	6-5/5-6+ in majors, 11-14.
4♣, 4♦	Preemptive	Long broken suit, not much outside.
4♥, 4♠	Preemptive	Preemptive, wide ranging.
4NT	Asking	Specific ace asking, bid 5♣ with no ace, otherwise bid suit
		with ace, 5NT shows two or more aces held.
5♣, 5♦	Preemptive	Very long minor suit, no outside ace or king.

ETM Uber Opening Bid Overview

Notes will be published when ETM Uber is allowed to be played in world class events.

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