

## L'ÉCUYER – MARCIŃSKI

Opening bid summary

**1♣** = if BAL then any reasonable  $\geq$  ~17 HCP's ( $\geq$  16 at FAV and  $\geq$  18 at UNFAV)  
 = else  $\sim$ 16<sup>+</sup> but on marginal strength UNBAL hands likely  $\geq$  5 "A-K points" (A = 2; K = 1)

**1♦** = in all seats either  
 (a) 2-5 (perhaps 6 if poor) ♦'s with 11-13 HCP (but 10-12 HCP at FAV vulnerability and 12-14 at UNFAV vulnerability) in a BAL hand (we *tend not* to treat (5422) or 6m (322) patterns as balanced), < 1♣ opening and wrong range to open 1N in this position and vulnerability, or  
 (b) 0-5 (perhaps 6 if poor) ♦'s (2<sup>+</sup> in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) in an UNB hand without a decent 6m (except in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> seat if 4M6♦) if marginal (i.e. MIN strength) likely  $\geq$  3 "A-K points" (A = 2; K = 1) but < 1♣ opening (may be as light as 9 HCP's with sufficient compensating distributional features, facility of likely rebids, controls, texture in long suit(s), and location and "mesh" of high cards)

We may choose to Pass on marginal (i.e. MIN strength) hands that fit our opening bid requirements yet present awkward rebid problems should Responder bid 1♠ (showing 4<sup>+</sup>♥'s), e.g. 42(25) or 4144 or 41(35).

We may also choose to open 1♦ in lieu of 1♣ on marginal strength (say 16-17 HCP) if we have an awkward rebid – eg 1444 or (31)45 or 14(35) or 04(45) where the stiff is not an honor and the 5-card suit is mediocre

**1♥** = in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> (almost all of the time) promises  
 (a)  $\geq$  5♥'s (will not have longer ♣/♦'s),  
VUL with 3415, 4414 or 4405 we can open 1♥  
[but we have no means to disclose this divergence from the assumed norm]  
 (b) if marginal (i.e. MIN strength) then likely  $\geq$  3 "A-K points" (A = 2; K = 1),  
 (c) denies sufficient strength to open 1♣ instead – ergo  $\sim$ 9-16 HCP,  
 (d) if 6<sup>+</sup>♥'s then too strong for 2♥ opening bid,  
 (e) may be as light as 9 HCP's with sufficient compensating distributional features, facility of likely rebids, controls, texture in long suit(s), and location and "mesh" of high cards

= in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat could be light, lead-directional, and based on a good 4-card suit

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- 1N** = at FAV vulnerability, shows 13-15 HCP  
 = at EQUAL vulnerability, shows 14-16 HCP (occasional upgrading of 13<sup>+</sup>)  
 = at UNFAV vulnerability, shows 15-17 HCP (occasional upgrading of 14<sup>+</sup>)
- (a) at Opener's discretion may have 5♥/♠ in 5332 or (52)(42) pattern,  
 (b) with 6m(322) we will usually prefer to open 2m, unless the m is of poor quality  
 (c) in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> may have 4144 pattern irrespective of the quality of the ♥ singleton  
 (again anticipating an awkward rebid problem after a 1♠ response to the alternative 1♦ opening bid)
- 2♣** = in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seat promises  
 (a) ≥ 6♣'s  
 (b) if only 6♣'s then at least moderate (≥ QT9xxx) strength/texture – else we will open 1♦ instead (whether BAL or UNB) or 1N (or Pass or stretch to open 1♣)  
 (c) may have any side suit pattern, including 4 or even 5M/♣, but ♦'s will be the longest suit  
 (d) may have only 5♣'s if also 5♦'s and a 12<sup>+</sup>-16 HCP  
 (e) if marginal opening bid strength then likely ≥ 3 “A-K points” (A =2; K =1),  
 (f) denies sufficient strength to open 1♣ instead – ergo ~9-16 HCP,  
 (g) may be as light as 9 HCP's with sufficient compensating distributional features, facility of likely rebids, controls, texture in ♣'s, and location and “mesh” of high cards
- = in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat could be light, lead-directional, and based on a good 5-card suit
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 (a) ≥ 6♦'s  
 (b) if only 6♦'s then at least moderate (≥ QT9xxx) strength/texture – else we will open 1♦ instead (whether BAL or UNB) or 1N (or Pass or stretch to open 1♣)  
 (c) may have any side suit pattern (including 4/5M other than in 4<sup>th</sup> seat) yet < 5♣'s, but ♦'s will be the longest suit (but with full opening bid values in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> seat denies 4<sup>+</sup>M)  
 (d) if marginal opening bid strength then likely ≥ 3 “A-K points” (A =2; K =1),  
 (e) denies sufficient strength to open 1♣ instead – ergo ~9-16 HCP,  
 (f) may be as light as 9 HCP's with sufficient compensating distributional features, facility of likely rebids, controls, texture in ♦'s, and location and “mesh” of high cards
- = in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat could be light, lead-directional, and based on a good 5-card suit
- 2M** = in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> (at all but FAV vulnerability) and 4<sup>th</sup> seat promises  
 (a) 6 or 7 M's (if lower range) of any suit quality  
 (b) may have any side suit pattern, including 4 or even 5OM/m  
 (c) 8-13<sup>-</sup> HCP
- = in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at FAV vulnerability  
 (a) 5-card suits are entirely possible  
 (b) strength is far weaker and wider-ranging (up to 9 or so)
- = in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, it's “anything goes”

**2N** = in all seats and at any vulnerability, F1 with either  
 (a) a 3-level preempt in either ♣'s or ♦'s, or  
 (b) xy(65) with a good 13<sup>+</sup> HCP (≤ 4 “losers”)

*Due to infrequency of 2-suiter, use ACBL pre-approved defence 2N = 3m preempt (see attached)*

**3♣** = in all seats and at any vulnerability, promises  
 (a) ≥ 55 pattern with ♣'s and ♦'s,  
 (b) constructive but denies the strength/quality/length to open 1♦ or 2m instead (i.e. < 3 controls in a marginal hand) hence usually 8 -12 or so (could be weaker at FAV and in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat),  
 (c) decent good texture in the suits - except in 1<sup>st</sup> at FAV vulnerability and 3<sup>rd</sup> seat at all but UNFAV vulnerability  
 (d) in short, typical range is between KJTxx in both suits to as good as KQJxx in both suits

*Suggested defence after (3♣) - ?:*

First Pass, then X of ♦'s	= weak take-out
First Pass, then bid	= natural, weaker than immediate overcall
X	= take-out
3♦	= at least 55 in the M's, any strength
3M	= natural
3N	= to play
4♣	= at least GF, both M's but longer ♥'s (typically 46/56)
4♦	= at least GF, both M's but longer ♠'s (typically 64/65)
4M	= natural

*Suggested defence after (3♣) – P – (3/4/5♦ = to play) - ?:*

Any = (a) as if RHO had opened with a 3/4/5♦ preempt  
 (b) especially at UNFAV, all actions colored since Responder can give false preference

**3♦** = **sound suit P/E in either M** (i.e. “Multi”-like), F[3M], either (i) 3M or (ii) Namyat + V[any]

Suggested defence in direct seat after (3♦) - ?:

First Pass, then X	= take-out, unlimited [since we are forced]
First Pass, then bid	= natural, weaker than direct action
X	= BAL or quasi-BAL, either 14 <sup>+</sup> -17 or 21 <sup>+</sup> BAL
3M	= natural → advance in OM = Q-bid
3N	= 18-20 BAL
4m	= natural, NF
4M	= natural, strong but NF

Suggested continuations after (3♦) – X – (3♥/4♥ = “Pass or correct”) - ?:

Pass	= weak, NF
X	= BAL, at least INV, if GF then only ♥ stop, may have 4♠
3♠/4♠	= natural (3♠ = NF)
3N	= 10-14, stopper in each M
4m	= natural, F1
4♥	= natural, NF
4N	= Blackwood
5m	= natural, NF

Suggested defence after (3♦) – P – (3♥/4♥ = “Pass or correct”) - ?:

First Pass, then X of ♠’s	= take-out
First Pass, then bid	= natural, weaker than immediate overcall
Other	= as if RHO had opened with a 3/4/5♥ preempt, actions need not be colored since Opener is virtually certain to correct with ♠’s

**4N** = a strong 5-level opening in either ♣ or ♦ (10<sup>+</sup> tricks), stronger than direct 5m, F[5m]

Mandatory ACBL pre-approved defence (see attached)

***After we open 1♣\****

*After any GF positive response, relay (“tell me more”) options are available, with captaincy residing either with Opener or with Responder.*

*Should you engage in delayed interference:*

- (a) directly over the Captain/Asker, relays are off after 3<sup>+</sup> step interference*
- (b) indirectly over Puppet/Teller's response, relays are off after a 2<sup>+</sup> step interference*

**After we open 1♦\*****(1♦\*) - P - (1♥\*)**

1♥ = (a) by UPH it's artificial, F1, 4<sup>+</sup> ♠'s [will not have longer ♥'s]; (b) natural by PH

→ Opener's 1♠ rebid (if RHO is silent) = 4♥, denies 4♠'s, and is NF

Suggested defence:

X = take-out of ♠'s, equal/longer ♦'s  
 1♠ = take-out of ♠'s, longer ♣'s  
 2♥ = natural  
 Others = whatever it would've meant after a natural 1♠ response

**(1♦\*) - P - (1♠\*)**

1♠ = (a) by UPH it's artificial, F1, 4<sup>+</sup> ♥'s [may have 4♠'s]; (b) natural by PH

Suggested defence:

X = take-out of ♥'s  
 2♠ = natural, good hand [not preemptive as if over 1♦ - (P) - 1♥ natural]  
 Others = whatever it would've meant after a natural 1♠ response

**(1♦\*) - P - (1N\*)**

1N = NF, denies 4M, tends to have a higher upper limit than in Std. American (~ 11)

**(1♦\*) - P - (2♣\*)**

2♣ = (a) artificial, GF+  
 (b) no restrictions as to pattern, but usually either ♣'s or 14<sup>+</sup> BAL  
 (c) initially commences a relay sequence where Opener describes his hand  
 (d) Responder can break relay chain to opt into a natural dialogue mode

Suggested defence:

X = ♣'s  
 2N = two-suiter, typically m's  
 Others = natural

**N.B. Should you interfere:**

- (a) directly over the Captain/Asker, relays are off after 3<sup>+</sup> step interference  
 (b) indirectly over Puppet/Teller's response, relays are off after a 2<sup>+</sup> step interference

= natural by PH

**(1♦\*) - P - (2♦\*)**

- 2♦ = F1, either  
 (a) 4/5 ♠'s and 5/6 ♥'s with 5-9 HCP; or  
 (b) 10-13 HCP's, GI - a "catch-all" generally denying  
 (i) 4M,  
 (ii) good 6<sup>+</sup>m  
 (iii) 13(54)  
 (iv) 4♦333/5♦(332) and  
 (v) 55m's (but at FAV may have LS55)

Suggested defence:

- X = take-out for both M's - the weaker the hand the longer the M's  
 2M/3m = natural, sound values (i.e. constructive)  
 3M = natural  
 2N = 55 m's  
 P then X/2M = take-out  
 P then 2N/2M = good strong NT

= natural by PH

**(1♦\*) - P - (2♥\*)**

- 2♥ = F[3♣], constructive, showing 6<sup>+</sup>♣ (if GI tends to deny any side 4cs), any strength

Suggested defence:

- X = take-out of ♣'s → Lebensohl applies if that's what you usually play  
 3♣ = Michaels, Majors  
 Others = natural

= 6<sup>+</sup>♥'s by PH

**(1♦\*) - P - (2♠\*)**

- 2♠ = F[3♦], constructive, showing 6<sup>+</sup>♦ (if GI tends to deny any side 4cs), any strength

Suggested defence:

- X = take-out of ♦'s → Lebensohl applies if that's what you usually play  
 3♦ = Michaels, Majors  
 Others = natural

= 6<sup>+</sup>♠'s by PH

**(1♦\*) - P - (2N\*)**

- 2N = NF, GI, BAL with 4/5♦ but denies 4/5♣'s, says nothing about M stoppers

= by a PH it's 55 m's, preemptive

**(1♦\*) - P - (3♣\*)**

3♣ = NF, GI, always short ♠'s and either 13(45) or 55 m's

Suggested defence:

X	= take-out, both M's, stronger than 3♦'s → 3♦ = ask for longer M
3♦	= at least 55 M's, weaker than X
3M	= natural, NF
3N	= to play
4m	= both M's, but longer corresponding M
4M	= natural, NF

= by a PH it's natural, NF, preemptive

**(1♦\*) - P - (3♦\*)**

3♦ = NF, usually GI w/ 55 m's and short ♥'s, but at FAV vulnerability it's pre-emptive w/ any 55 m's

Suggested defence:

X	= take-out, both M's
4m	= both M's, but longer corresponding M
Others	= natural

= by a PH it's natural, NF, preemptive



**(1♦\*) - P - (3♥\*)**

$3♥ = F[3N/4m]$ , at least 55 m's, SPL[♥] – if  $GF^+$  then Void[♥]

Suggested defence:

X = ♥'s, but not enough to venture 4♥ directly  
 3N = at least 55M's, equal length  
 4m = both M's, longer corresponding M  
 Others = natural

= by a PH it's natural, NF, preemptive

**(1♦\*) - P - (3♠\*)**

$3♠ = F[3N/4m]$ , at least 55 m's, SPL[♠] – if  $GF^+$  then Void[♠]

Suggested defence:

P, then X = transferable values, strong NT or better  
 X = ♠'s, but not enough to venture 4♠ directly  
 3N = at least 55M's, equal length  
 4m = both M's, longer corresponding M  
 4M = natural, NF

= by a PH it's natural, NF, preemptive

**(1♦\*) - P - (3N\*)**

$3N =$  preemptive, at least (65) in m's

Suggested defence:

X = all other good hands, say 16<sup>+</sup>  
 4♣ = both M's, with 1/2-card length disparity → 4♦ = F1, asks for longer M (or a slam try)  
 4♦ = both M's, equal length  
 4M = natural, NF

**After we open 1♥****(1♥) - P - (1N)**

1N = NF, denies 4♠, tends to have a higher upper limit than in Std. American (~ 11)

**(1♥) - P - (2♣\*)**

2♣ = by an UPH it's an artificial GF<sup>+</sup>, without any restrictions as to pattern (tends to deny a V), commencing a relay sequence where Opener describes his hand

*N.B. Should you interfere:*

- (a) directly over the Captain/Asker, relays are off after 3<sup>+</sup> step interference
- (b) indirectly over Puppet/Teller's response, relays are off after a 2<sup>+</sup> step

Suggested defence:

- X = ♣ suit and values
- 2♦/2♠ = natural
- 2♥ = two-suiter with ♠ + either m
- 2N = two-suiter in the m's
- 3m/3♠ = natural

= by a PH it's 4-card support Reverse Drury

**(1♥) - P - (2♦\*)**

2♦ = by UPH it's artificial, F1, and

- (a) < a constructive ♥ raise [could be quite weak] – usually only 3♥'s, or
- (b) GI w/ (i) BAL/semi-BAL w/o 4♠/3♥, (ii) 55 m's, (iii) THx[♥]/(64)/55m's, or (iv) 3♥ L/R
- (c) GO with 3=3=(43)

Suggested defence:

- X = take-out of ♥'s, good hand [with a “pre-balance”, simply P and balance back in later]
- 2♥ = Michaels, i.e. a two suiter with ♠'s and either m
- Others = whatever it would've meant after a natural (1♥) - P - (2♥) auction

= by a PH, it's natural

**(1♥) - P - (2♠\*)**

2♠ = F[3 $m$ ], GI, Hx♥ (55/64) $m$ 's

Suggested defence:

- X = either (i) desire to compete in ♠'s unwilling to bid higher or (ii) any 16+ with 4♠'s  
 2N = natural,  
 3 $m$  = F[3♠], at least 6♠, ambiguous as to strength, lead-directing in  $m$   
 3♥ = F[3♠], at least 6♠, good hand (stronger than direct 3♠), no lead-direct in  $m$  to suggest  
 3♠ = NF, at least 6♠, weaker than direct 3♥, no lead-direct in  $m$  to suggest

= by a PH it's "fit-showing" (i.e. typically 4♥5♠), INV but NF

**(1♥) - P - (3♣\*)**

3♣ = NF, GI, 6<sup>+</sup>♣'s, tends to deny 4♠'s

Suggested defence:

- X = 17+ BAL/semi-BAL, defensive in nature  
 3♥ = at least 5♠5♦  
 3N = natural, trick-taking (i.e. based on a suit)  
 Other = natural

= by a PH it's "fit-showing" (i.e. typically 4♥5♣), GI but NF

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 Others = natural

= by a PH it's "fit-showing" (i.e. typically 4♥5♦), GI but NF

**(1♥) - P - (3♠\*)**

3♠ = F1, either (a) a solid 7-card suit or (b) SPL[♠], but by a PH, SPL[♠]

**After we open 1♠****(1♠) - P - (1N)**

1N = NF, tends to have a higher upper limit than in Std. American (~ 11)

**(1♠) - P - (2♣\*)**

2♣ = by UPH it's artificial, GF<sup>+</sup>, without any restrictions as to pattern (tends to deny a void), commencing a relay sequence where Opener describes his hand

*N.B. Should you interfere:*

- (a) directly over the Captain/Asker, relays are off after 3<sup>+</sup> step interference  
(b) indirectly over Puppet/Teller's response, relays are off after a 2<sup>+</sup> step

Suggested defence:

- X = ♣ suit and values  
2♦/2♥ = natural  
2♠ = two-suiter with ♥ + either m  
2N = two-suiter in the m's  
3m/3♥ = natural

= 4-card support Reverse Drury by a PH

**(1♠) - P - (2♦\*)**

2♦ = by either UPH or PH it's FI, constructive, showing 4<sup>+</sup>♥'s and unspecified strength

- (a) < GI, 6<sup>+</sup>♥'s  
(b) GI, with (i) 4/5 ♥'s BAL or quasi-BAL, (ii) 5♥'s + 5m, (iii) 4♥'s + 6m, or (iv) 6<sup>+</sup>♥'s  
(d) GF<sup>+</sup>, 5<sup>+</sup>♥'s

Suggested defence:

- X = a good hand, take-out of ♠'s  
2♥ = both m's  
2N = natural, 17-19  
Others = natural

**(1♠) - P - (2♥\*)**

2♥ = by UPH it's artificial, F1, and

- (a) < constructive ♠ raise – usually only 3♠'s, or  
 (b) GI w/ (i) BAL/semi-BAL w/o 4♥/3♣, (ii) 55 m's, (iii) Hx♠55/64m's, or (iv) 3♣ L/R  
 (c) GO with 3=3=(43)

Suggested defence:

X = take-out of 2♠, good hand [with a “pre-balance”, simply P and balance back in later]

2♠ = Michaels, i.e. a two suiter with ♥'s and either m

Others = whatever it would've meant after a natural (1♠) - P – (2♠) auction

= by a PH, it's 3-card support Reverse Drury

**(1♠) - P - (3♣\*)**

3♣ = by an unpassed hand it's constructive, NF but GI 6<sup>+</sup>♣'s

Suggested defence:

X = 17+ BAL/semi-BAL, defensive in nature

3♣ = good hand based on “tricks” rather than “power”, assumed to be showing ♠ stop

3N = natural, trick-taking (i.e. based on a suit)

4♣ = Michaels, at least 5♥5♦

Others = natural

= by a PH it's “fit-showing” (i.e. typically 4♠5♣), GI, NF

**(1♠) - P - (3♦\*)**

3♦ = by an UPH it's constructive, NF but GI 6<sup>+</sup>♦

Suggested defence:

X = 17+ BAL/semi-BAL, defensive in nature

3♣ = good hand based on “tricks” rather than “power”, assumed to be showing ♠ stop

3N = natural, trick-taking (i.e. based on a suit)

4♦ = Michaels, at least 5♥5♣

Others = natural

= by a PH it's “fit-showing” (i.e. typically 4♠5♦), GI, NF

**(1♠) - P - (3♥\*)**

3♥ = F1, either (a) a solid 7-card suit, or (b) SPL[♣]

Suggested defence:

X = desire to compete in ♥'s

= by a PH it's “fit-showing” (i.e. typically 4♠5♥), GI, NF

**After you open a “standard” 1♣**

*X* = normal

*1♦* = NF, either (a) a 1♥ o/call or (b) a 15-18 NT o/call

*1♥* = NF, a 1♠ o/call

*1♠* = NF, a 2-level o/call in ♣/♦, denies (a) 4M or (b) intermediate strength + suit quality/length

*1N* = NF, Polish/”Raptor” i.e. 4M and 5<sup>+</sup> either m, ≥ 2-level o/call strength

*2♣* = NF, Michaels showing ≥ (54) in M’s, VUL always ≥ a decent light opening bid

*2♦* = NF, 6<sup>+</sup> in either M (i.e. “Multi”-like), intermediate at UNFAV otherwise preemptive

*2M* = NF, 5M5<sup>+</sup>m with light opening bid strength (i.e. 10<sup>+</sup> to 15)

*2N* = NF, ≥ 55 m’s with any “appropriate” strength given vulnerability and position

*3m* = NF, natural (6<sup>+</sup> - usually 7), intermediate at any vulnerability and position, generally denies 4M

**After (1♣) - 1♦ - (?)**Responder’s suggested actions:

*1♥* = F1, 4<sup>+</sup>♥’s

Pass, then X = penalty/”trap” of ♥’s

→ after Responder Passes and Advancer bids a NF 1♥, Opener’s actions are analogous to what they would have meant after 1♣ (1♥) P (P) ?

Others = as if RHO had o/called a natural 1♥

**After (1♣) - 1♥ - (?)**Responder’s suggested actions:

*1♠* = competitive <sup>+</sup> values, no ♠ stop, 4/5 ♦’s but ≤ 3<sup>+</sup>♥’s / 5♣’s

→ ergo typically 2254 / (32)44 / (32)53 / 4252 / 4153 / 42(43)

Pass, then X = penalty/”trap” of ♠’s

→ after Responder Passes and Advancer bids a NF 1♠, Opener’s actions are analogous to what they would have meant after 1♣ (1♠) P (P) ?

Others = as if RHO had o/called a natural 1♠

**After (1♣) - 1♠ - (?)**Responder's suggested actions:

X	= competitive <sup>+</sup> values, denies 44 or more in M's or a 2♣/2♦ bid
Pass, then X	= competitive <sup>+</sup> values, guarantees 44/(54) in M's
1N	= competitive <sup>+</sup> values, guarantees 55 or more in M's
2♣	= NF, raise with 5 <sup>+</sup> ♣'s, denies 4M
2♦	= F1, ≥ limit raise of ♣'s, does not deny 4M
Others	= what they would've meant had RHO o/called a natural 2♦

**After (1♣) - 1N - (?)**Responder's suggested actions:

X	= announces ownership of the hand, INV <sup>+</sup>
Pass, then X	= take-out, light
2♣	= NF, raise with 5 <sup>+</sup> ♣'s, denies 4M
2♦	= F1, ≥ limit raise of ♣'s, does not deny 4M
Others	= what they would've meant had RHO o/called a natural 2♦

**After (1♣) - 2♦ - (?)**Responder's suggested actions:

All	= analogous to ACBL defense to Multi 2♦ → refer to ACBL pre-approved defense (copy attached)
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**After (1♣) - 2M - (?)**Responder's suggested actions:

All	= treat as if it were natural and 1-suited
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**After you open a “nebulous”(up to 2<sup>+</sup>) 1♦**

*X = either (a) normal or (b) a 15-18 NT o/call*

*1N = NF, Polish/”Raptor” i.e. 4M and 5<sup>+</sup> either m, ≥ 2-level o/call strength*

*2m = natural, denies 4M*

*2♥ = Michaels*

*3m = natural, intermediate at UNFAV otherwise preemptive*

**After (1♦\*) – 1N - (?)**

Responder’s suggested actions:

X	= announces ownership of the hand, INV <sup>+</sup>
Pass, then X	= take-out, light
2m	= NF, natural, 5 <sup>+</sup> m’s, denies 4M
Others	= what they would’ve meant had RHO o/called a natural 2♦



***After you open or overcall 1♦\* with a “strong” 1N***

2♦ = F[2M], at least competitive values, 5 (usually 6<sup>+</sup>) M (i.e. “Multi” in a M)

*Suggested defence: per ACBL Mid-Chart, none required*

***After you open a “standard” 1♦ and we’re NVUL***

X = could contain a “strong” 1N  
1N = NF, Polish/”Raptor” i.e. 4M and 5<sup>+</sup> either *m* (♣’s only if 1♦ = 4<sup>+</sup>), ≥ 2-level o/call strength

***After (1♦) – 1N - (?)***

X = announces ownership of the hand, INV<sup>+</sup>  
Pass, then X = take-out, light  
2♣ = F1, ≥ limit raise of ♦’s, does not deny 4M  
2♦ = NF, raise with 4<sup>+</sup>♦’s, denies 4M  
Others = what they would’ve meant had RHO o/called a natural 2♣

***After you open a “standard” 1M and we’re NVUL***

X = could contain a “strong” 1N  
1N = NF, Polish/”Raptor” i.e. 4OM and 5<sup>+</sup> either *m*, ≥ 2-level o/call strength  
→ “showing at least 5-4 distribution and at least one known suit” = General Convention Chart