

GAMBLING BIDS

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I. Gambling 3NT Opening Bid

This is an opening bid based on a long solid minor suit without a stopper in any other suit. It is a preemptive bid which is effective because the opponents must begin bidding at the four level. Opener should have a 7+ card suit with AKQ or AKQJ. After making this bid, responder becomes the captain. Opener never bids again unless responder makes a forcing bid.

Ex.: x
xx
AKQJxxx
xxx

Responses: PASS with stoppers in 3 suits or scattered values, unless doubled.

4-7 C: asks partner to pass with C's or correct to D's.

Responder is weak. Use the Law of Total

Tricks and vulnerability to determine the level to bid.

4D: A slam try asking opener to bid a singleton, if he has one.

4H or 4S: Signoffs; opener must pass.

4NT: A slam try asking if opener has an 8th trump. If not, opener rebids his suit at the 5 level.

II. Opener's Double Jump Rebid to 3NT

1C – 1S This shows a 6+ card solid (AKQ or AKQJ) minor with the unbid
3NT suits stopped and no interest in partner's suit.

Ex.: x
Ax
Kxx
AKQJxxx

III. 3NT after a 3-level Opening Preempt

When a 3-level preempt has taken away your bidding room, it may be practical to bid 3NT on a variety of hands. Bid 3NT after an opening 3S bid with the following hands:

KQx	QJxx	KJxx
x	AKx	A
AKQxxxx	KQ10x	Kxx
Qx	AK	AKJxx