

U3A BRIDGE CRIB SHEET PART 2		
RESPONDING TO STRONG & PRE-EMPTIVE OPENING BIDS		U3aBB Lesson
RESPONDING TO 2NT		
0-3	Pass	12
4-10 bal or 5+ ♦/♣	Bid 3NT	12
4-10 6+ ♥/♠	Bid 4♥/♠	12
4-10 5 ♥/♠	Bid 3♥/♠	12
11+ 4 ♥/♠	Bid 3♣ Stayman	12
11-12 bal	Bid 4NT, an invitation to bid 6NT	12
11+ unbalanced	Try to find a fit so you can bid a slam. If you've a long major, use Stayman to start; if you've a long minor, assume partner has two to decide if that's the best fit. 6NT may still be the best contract.	12
RESPONDING TO 2♣		
0-7	Bid 2♦ (negative response)	13
8+ or an Ace and a King	Bid your longest suit or 2NT (positive response)	13
RESPONDING TO WEAK TWOS		
0+	Raise to 3 level with 3 card support, 4 level with 4 cards or if game is certain	15
14+	Bid 2NT (artificial and forcing) to find out more from partner. Or bid 3NT to play if game certain	15
RESPONDING TO PRE-EMPTS		
0-15	With 0-2 card support pass. With 3+ card support raise 1 level	14
16+	Raise to game or bid a new suit (forcing). Be cautious about bidding 3NT as opener may have few entries.	14
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STRONG & PRE-EMPTIVE OPENING BIDS & REBIDS		U3aBB lesson
STRONG BALANCED HANDS		
20-22	2NT	12
23+	Open 2♣ and rebid 2NT/3NT/4NT	12
STRONG UNBALANCED HANDS		
10 playing tricks	Open 2♣ and rebid suit. Game forcing	13
OPENING WEAK TWOS		
5-10 6 ♦♥♠	Open 2♦♥♠ with a good 6 card suit and no 4 ♥♠ suit	15
OPENING PRE-EMPTS		
6-9 7 ♣♦♥♠	Open 3♣♦♥♠ with a 7-card suit, no defensive values, and no 4 ♥♠ suit	14
6-9 8 ♣♦♥♠	Open 4♣♦♥♠ with an 8-card suit no defensive values, and no 4 ♥♠ suit	14
REBIDS AFTER OPENING 2NT		
After 4♥♠ response	Pass	12
After 3♥♠ response	Raise to 4♥♠ with 3 card support, otherwise bid 3NT	12
After 4NT response	Raise to 6NT with 22 points else pass	12
REBIDS AFTER OPENING 2♣		
After 2♦ response	Bid 2NT with 23-24 balanced. All other bids are forcing to game and natural	13
REBIDS AFTER OPENING A WEAK TWO		
Partner raises	Pass	15
Partner changes suit	With Qx support or better raise them. Otherwise pass	
Partner bids 2NT	Forcing: With 5-7 bid 3. With 8-10 bid a suit with an Ace, Kx or QJx. With 8-10 and 2 of the top 3 honours in your suit bid 3NT	15
REBIDS AFTER A PRE-EMPT		
Do not bid again unless forced by responder bidding a new suit		14