

Defending against IMPACT .

Our 1S opening is always natural (unless psychic) , guarantees five spades , and fewer than five hearts .
Use your usual defensive measures .

Our 1NT opening is always weak (10-12 HCP non-vul !) . Use your usual defensive methods .

2D , 2H , 2S , 2NT openings are textbook “Myxo Twos” – essentially unchanged since 1976 .

We recommend sound natural overcalls .

A new suit by advancer should be natural and forcing .

Double to show an opening bid in the suit opened , or a balanced 18+HCP .

2NT shows 14–17HCP , with a certain stopper in the suit above that opened .

Double 2NT with a strong NT , or equivalent strength .

3C , 3D , 3H , 3NT , 4C , 4D openings are always transfer pre-empts .

Play 3NT and new suits as natural .

Double to show the suit opened .

The bid of the shown suit is takeout , and a jump bid in the known suit is Michaels .

When 3S shows a solid suit , double , or bid 4S to show spades (double allows advancer to “cue” 3NT (!)) .
Other bids are natural , with 3NT to be discussed .

2C vulnerable should be treated as the other “Myxos” (but see below for 2C non-vul)

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Against the Artificial & Forcing openings – Pass non-vul , and 1C vulnerable – use your favoured methods – *but don’t complain if these are generally undisciplined , and you catch “opener” with the 0–4HCP .*

Against the Utility openings – 1C non-vul , and 1D vulnerable
– bid as you would against a Precision 1D , or a “prepared” 1C .

Against the heart-showing openings - 1D non-vul , and 1H vulnerable
Bid as you might against a potentially-canapé 1H opening .
Try over 1D double showing diamonds , or 18+ balanced , 1H for takeout , and 2H as Michaels .

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Even if you discuss nothing above , plan a defence to “Fert” openings of 1H , 2C non-vul .

We suggest natural overcalls limited to 10–15HCP , with a new suit , even by a passed advancer , as forcing .
1NT over 1H is 12-15HCP , balanced , and 2NT over 2C 13-16HCP , balanced .

Double , conventionally , to show 16+HCP , with a Herbert (next step) negative , and all other responses as natural and game-forcing .