



## LESSON 9

# Pre-emptive Openings

### Pre-emptive Opening Bids

2-level openings (except 2♣)	show 6-10 and a <b>good</b> 6-card suit
3-level openings	show 6-10 and a <b>good</b> 7-card suit
4-level openings	show 6-10 and a <b>good</b> 8-card suit

The pre-emptive opening is a **destructive** opening.

Once you open you will **rarely bid again** – it will be up to partner to choose the final contract

### Opening 2♦ 2♥ 2♠

- 6-10
- 6-card suit (2+ honours)

#### Responses

Pass	0-13	any shape
3♦ 3♥ 3♠	14-15	2+ card support
Raise to Game	16+	2+ card support or <b>any hcp</b> & 4+ <b>support</b>
New Suit	17+	Good 6-card suit – forcing ( <b>rarely</b> used bid)

### Opening 3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠

- 6-10
- 7-card suit (2+ honours)

#### Responses

Pass	0-13	any shape
Raise to Game	16+	1+ card support or <b>any hcp</b> & 3+ <b>support</b>
New suit at 3-level	17+	Good 6-card suit – ( <b>rarely</b> used bid)

### Opening 4♥ 4♠

- 6-10
- 8-card suit (2+ honours)

#### Responses

You have reached game - no need to bid on!

### Examples:

♠ KJ107543	♠ 2	♠ J2	♠ AQJ87432	♠ 4
♥ AJ3	♥ AQ8762	♥ A73	♥ 43	♥ J62
♦ K8	♦ 962	♦ J98542	♦ 74	♦ 54
♣ 7	♣ K72	♣ KJ4	♣ 9	♣ KQJ8763
<b>Open 1♠</b>	<b>Open 2♥</b>	<b>Pass (poor suit)</b>	<b>Open 4♠</b>	<b>Open 3♣</b>

## TIP 5: PLAY & DEFENCE

# Play of the Hand: Finesse

### The Finesse

Is an attempt to score a lesser honour which could be beaten by an opponent's higher honour. You are hoping the critical missing honour is favourably placed.

Lead towards the honour or honours – if the missing critical honour is in the hand that plays second, then the finesse will succeed.

1. You need to make 1 trick in the following example:

**K83      974**

If the critical honour (Ace) is with South you will succeed in making 1 trick as long as you lead from the East hand towards the King.

2. You need to make 2 tricks in the following example:

**AQ3      974**

If the critical honour (King) is with South you will succeed in making 2 tricks as long as you lead from the East hand and insert the Q if the K does not appear.

3. You need to make 3 tricks in the following example:

**A83      QJ10**

If the critical honour (King) is with South you will succeed in making 3 tricks as long as you lead the Queen from the East hand towards your Ace and play low if the King does not appear from South. If the Queen wins, repeat the process with the Jack.

4. You need to make 3 tricks in the following example:

**AQJ      974**

If the critical honour (King) is with South you will succeed in making 3 tricks as long as you lead from the East hand towards the Jack. If it wins return to the East hand and lead towards the Queen.

5. You need to make 2 tricks in the following example:

**KQ3      974**

If the critical honour (Ace) is with South you will succeed in making 2 tricks as long as you lead from the East hand towards your honours twice. If the King wins return to the East hand and lead towards the Queen.