

# Defense against pre-emptive openings

## Natural 3C/D

- DBL: Take-out
- 3NT: To play
- New suit: Natural
- 4NT: BW for 4 Aces
- 4D: Both majors
- 4C over 3C: Diamonds and a major
- 4H/S: To play

## Natural 3H/S

- DBL: Take-out
- 3NT: To play
- New suit: Natural
- 4NT: Both minors
- Cue-bid: Michaels

## Natural 4C/D

- DBL: Take-out
- 4NT: Classic BW for 4 Aces
- New suit: Natural
- Cue-bid: Powerful 2-suiter
- New suit jump: Invitation to slam

## Natural 4H/S

- DBL: Take-out, but with some defensive values
- 4S: To play
- 4NT: Takeout
- New suit: Natural
- Cue-bid: Powerful 2-suiter

## Natural 5C/D

- DBL: Optional
- 5NT: Takeout
- New suit: Natural
- Cue-bid: Powerful 2-suiter

### **Against 4C/D constructive pre-empts in Hearts/Spades (Namyatz)**

- Pass followed by DBL: Business
- DBL: Balanced
- 4H/S: Takeout
- 4NT: The minors
- New suit: 6+ suit

### **Against other transfer pre-empts**

- DBL: Balanced opening hand or any 19+
- Pass followed by DBL: Business
- Cue-bid: Take-out
- NT: 16-18 HCP, balanced
- Pass followed by NT: To play
- New suit: 5+ suit
- Jump to NT over a major suit pre-empt: Both minors
- Jump cue-bid below 3NT: asks for a stopper. Same continuation as after Jump Cuebid over opponents' natural opening (see "Defense against Natural openings).