

3 Opening Bid

The 3♣ opening bid is based on the Blue Team Club 3♣ opening bid. It shows 11-15 HCP and *all* of the following:

- Six+clubs with zero or one loser in the suit
- No more than six total losers
- At least one side ace or king

The responses are intended to reach 3NT but also reach slams that cannot be bid using other methods.

Responses

3	Shows a diamond stopper, asks for opener's stopper, forcing for one round. Then:		
	3	Heart stopper. If responder asks with 4 :	
		4	Ace, no side singleton
		4	Singleton spade
4NT		Singleton diamond	
3	Spade stopper, no heart stopper. If responder asks with 4 :	4	Singleton heart
		4	Ace, no side singleton
		4NT	Singleton diamond
		5	None of the above
3NT	Heart and spade stoppers. If responder asks with 4 :		
	4	Ace	
	4	Ace	
	4NT	Aces in both majors	
4	Diamond stopper. If responder asks with 4 :		
	4	Singleton heart	
	4	Singleton spade	
	4NT	Singletons in both majors	
3	Responder generally bids 3NT if all stoppers are present or 4 if there is a stopper missing.		
	4 is a cue bid, shows slam interest, and asks for shortness. 4NT shows shortness in diamonds. With no shortness, opener can rebid a stopper to guarantee the ace or bid 5 without an ace.		
	Any other suit by responder shows a strong suit and slam interest.		
	Shows a heart stopper, denies a diamond stopper, forcing for one round. Then:		
3	3	Diamond stopper, no spade stopper	
	3NT	Diamond and spade stoppers	
	4	No diamond stopper	
3	Shows a spade stopper, denies a diamond or heart stopper, forcing for one round. Opener bids 3NT with both missing stoppers or 4 .		
3NT	Signoff unless opener has a 6-5 two suiter.		
4	At least three-card support, preemptive		
4 4 4	15+ HCP with a solid suit and slam interest. Opener makes the lowest-ranking cue bid available.		
4NT	RKCB		
5	Signoff		