Stepped Responses to Asking Bids

Ask	Steps	Meaning
Alpha	1	No Support, 0-3 Controls
Primary	2	No Support 4+ Controls
Trump	3	Support, 0-3 Controls
	4	Support 4+ Controls
	5	Good Support, 4 Controls
	6	Good Support, 5 controls
	…	
Beta (Normal)	1	0-2 Controls
Control Askin	2	3 Controls
	3	4 Controls
	…	
Beta (Weak)	1	0 Controls
	2	1 Control
	3	2 Controls
	…	
Beta (Strong)	1	0-4 Controls
	2	5 Controls
	3	6 Controls
	…	
Beta (Super)	1	0-7 Controls
	2	8 Controls
	3	9 Controls
	…	
Beta (Range)	1	Minimum
	2	Max, 0-2 Controls
	3	Max, 3 Controls
	6	…

Ask	Steps	Meaning
Zeta		See Beta
Trump Set,		(Normal/Weak)
Control		
Eta	1	Jxxx or worse
Trump	2	Qxxx
Asking	3	QJxx
Known 4-	4	KQxx
	5	KQJx
	6	AKQx
Epsilon	1	No Control or 1st & 2nd
Specific	2	3rd
Control	3	2nd
	4	2nd & 3rd
	5	1st
	6	1st & 3rd
	7	1st, 2nd & 3rd
Repeat Epsilo	1	Shortage
	2	Honour
	3	Both
	4	Suit without the Jack
	5	Suit with the Jack
Delta & Theta	1	- or x
Secondary	2	Q or xx
Trump	3	Qx or xxx
	4	KQ or Qxx
	5	xxxx
	6	KQx or Qxxx

Repeat Asks

Alpha	Theta or Iota
Beta	Always Weak Scale
Gamma	
No TH Shown	Minimum Length
	Minimum + 1
	Minimum + 2
1 TH Shown	Q or KJ
	K or AJ
	A or QJ
1 TH with Jack shown	Q
	K
	A
2 TH Shown	KQ or AKJ
	AQ or KQJ
	AK or AQJ
2 TH with Jack Shown	KQ
	AQ
	AK
Delta	
In same suit	Shorter Option first
In different Suit	Theta or Iota
Epsilon	Shortage
	Honour
	Both
	Suit minus Jack
	Suit with Jack
0 or 1&2 Shown	No Control
	Shortage (A)

Gamma	1	No Top Honour
Length Known	2	1 Top Honour
Trump	3	1 Top Honour + Jack
Asking	4	2 Top Honours
(Responder's	5	2 Top Honours + Jack
	6	3 Top Honours
Gamma	1	No Top Honour
Length Unknov	2	Min, 1 Top Honour
	3	Min 2/3 Top Honours
	4	Min +1, 1 Top Honour
	5	Min + 1, 2 Top Honours
	6	Min + 1, 3 Top Honours
	7	Min + 2, 1 Top Honours
	…	

	7	KQxx
	8	xxxxx or xxxxxx
	9	Qxxxx or Qxxxxx
	10	KQxxx or KQxxxx
Iota	1	Less than Qx or xxx
Secondary	2	Qx or xxx
Trump	3	KQ or Qxx
	4	xxxx
(Responder	5	KQx or Qxxx
balanced)	6	KQxx
	7	xxxxx or xxxxxx
	8	Qxxxx or Qxxxxx
	9	KQxxx or KQxxxx

	Honour (AKx)
	Suit minus Jack
	Suit with Jack
Zeta	See Beta
Eta	Not permitted
Theta	
In same suit	Shorter Option first
In different Suit	Theta or Iota
Iota	
In same suit	Shorter Option first
In different Suit	Theta or Iota

Action after Interference

DOPI & ROPI	Double	1 Step
	Pass	2 Steps
	1	3 Steps
	2	4 Steps
	…	
Backwards As	Double	Suit below
	Pass	Suit 2 below
Lebensohl	Pass	Demands X or XX
	X or XX	To Play (Penalty)
	Bid	Ask