The 2 ♠ Opening in the HIGH System - Polish Scissors

This 2♠ opening shows (at least) 5-5 in any two suits. The strength is either 5-10 high card points or a very strong hand (10 tricks) with at least 5-5 in the Minors. In most tournaments in Norway this convention is not allowed, as any preemptive opening bid must show at least one specified suit, so in the LOW system the 5-5 hands are opened 2 ♥/2 ♠/2 NT (showing Majors / +another / ♦ +Major respectively).

The principles we apply when responding to partners 2 ♠ opening may be summarized as follows:

bid 3 ♣/3 ♦ with any weak hands

bid 2 No Trump as a game-inviting relay, whereafter the opener shows his strength and distribution. Any maximum hand will answer 3 ♣ to the 2 NT relay, and game-force is established. With minimum hands responder will bid his lowest available suit on the 3-level except with 5-1-2-5 / 5-0-3-5 hands which will respond 3 NT

bid 3 ♥/3 ♠ natural and forcing with a good hand and a 6card+ suit of your own

Note that 3 ♣/3 ♦ may be a tactical bid to begin with. A decent hand with a (4)-(2)-5-2 distribution will bid 3 ♦ on the first round, and if partner has the right Major he may lift to game.

Responses to the 2 ♠ Opening - HIGH System:

2 ♠	5-10 hcp / 18 hcp+	5-5 in any two suits, 5-10 hcp or 10 tricks with ♣+♦	General RKCB principles
2 NT		Forcing and asking, game-force vs. max and vs. 5-1-2-5	
3 ♣	8-10 hcp	Max, any distribution, game-force established	
3 ♦		Asking, accepts 4-level vs. ♠+♦/♥	
3 ♥	8-10 hcp	♣ + another	
3 ♠		Asking for the other suit	
3 NT	8-10 hcp	♣ + ♦	4 ♦/4 ♥ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣		LoHi for shortness	
4 ♦	8-10 hcp	Short lowest, i.e. 2-1-5-5 / 3-0-5-5	4 ♥/4 ♠ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♥	8-10 hcp	Short highest, i.e. 1-2-5-5 / 0-3-5-5	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣	8-10 hcp	♣ + ♥ and short lowest, i.e. 2-5-1-5 / 3-5-0-5	4 ♦/4 NT = RKCB-♣/♥
4 ♦	8-10 hcp	♣ + ♥ and short highest, i.e. 1-5-2-5 / 0-5-3-5	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♣/♥
4 ♥	8-10 hcp	♣ + ♠ and short lowest, i.e. 5-2-1-5 / 5-3-0-5	4 NT/5 ♦ = RKCB-♣/♠
4 ♠	8-10 hcp	♣ + ♠ and short highest, i.e. 5-1-2-5 / 5-0-3-5	4 NT/5 ♦ = RKCB-♣/♠
3 ♠	8-10 hcp	♦ + ♥	4 ♦/4 ♠ = RKCB-♦/♥
4 ♣		LoHi for shortness	
4 ♦	8-10 hcp	Short lowest, i.e. 2-5-5-1 / 3-5-5-0	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♦/♥
4 ♥	8-10 hcp	Short highest, i.e. 1-5-5-2 / 0-5-5-3	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♦/♥
3 NT	8-10 hcp	♦/♠ and short lowest, i.e. 5-2-5-1 / 5-3-5-0	4 ♣/4 ♦ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣	8-10 hcp	♦/♠ and short highest, i.e. 5-1-5-2 / 5-0-5-3	4 ♦/4 ♥ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♦	8-10 hcp	♥/♠ and short lowest, i.e. 5-5-2-1 / 5-5-3-0	4 NT/5 ♣ = RKCB-♥/♠
4 ♥	8-10 hcp	♦/♠ and short highest, i.e. 5-5-1-2 / 5-5-0-3	4 NT/5 ♣ = RKCB-♥/♠
3 ♥		Alternative asking, denies ♠ and shows ♥ implicitly	
3 ♠	8-10 hcp	♠+Minor (only Minor is possible trump suit)	
4 ♣		Asking for the Minor	
4 ♦	8-10 hcp	♠ + ♣	4 ♥ = RKCB-♣
4 ♥	8-10 hcp	♠ + ♦	4 ♠ = RKCB-♦
3 NT	8-10 hcp	♣ + ♦	4 ♦/4 ♥ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣	8-10 hcp	LoHi for shortness	
4 ♦	8-10 hcp	Short lowest, i.e. 2-1-5-5 / 3-0-5-5	4 ♥/4 ♠ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♥	8-10 hcp	Short highest, i.e. 1-2-5-5 / 0-3-5-5	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣	8-10 hcp	♣ + ♥	4 ♦/4 ♠ = RKCB-♣/♥
4 ♦	8-10 hcp	♦ + ♥	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♥/♦
4 ♥	8-10 hcp	♥ + ♠ (only ♥ is possible trump suit)	4 ♠ = RKCB-♥
3 ♦	5-7 hcp	♦ + another, not forcing	
3 ♥		To play against ♦/♥, for correction otherwise	
3 ♠		Game forcing and asking, accepts 4-level vs. ♦+♥/♠	
3 NT	5-7 hcp	♣ + ♦	4 ♦/4 ♥ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣		LoHi for shortness	
4 ♦	5-7 hcp	Short lowest, i.e. 2-1-5-5 / 3-0-5-5	4 ♥/4 ♠ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♥	5-7 hcp	Short highest, i.e. 1-2-5-5 / 0-3-5-5	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣	5-7 hcp	♦+♥ and short lowest, i.e. 2-5-5-1 / 3-5-5-0	4 ♦/4 ♠ = RKCB-♦/♥

4 ♦	5-7 hcp	♦+♥ and short highest, i.e. 1-5-5-2 / 0-5-5-3	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♦/♥
4 ♥	5-7 hcp	♦+♠ and short lowest, i.e. t-2-5-1 / 5-3-5-0	4 NT/5 ♣ = RKCB-♦/♠
4 ♠	5-7 hcp	♦+♠ and short highest, i.e. 5-1-5-2 / 5-0-5-3	4 NT/5 ♣ = RKCB-♦/♠
3 ♥	5-7 hcp	♥+♠/♣, not forcing	
3 ♠		To play against ♥+♠, for correction otherwise	
4 ♣		Asking for the black suit	
4 ♦	5-7 hcp	♥ + ♣	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♣/♥
4 ♥	5-7 hcp	♥+♠ and short lowest, i.e. 5-5-2-1 / 5-5-3-0	4 NT/5 ♣ = RKCB-♥+♠
4 ♠	5-7 hcp	♥+♠ and short highest, i.e. 5-5-2-1 / 5-5-3-0	4 NT/5 ♣ = RKCB-♥+♠
3 ♠	5-7 hcp	♠+♣ and short lowest, i.e. 5-2-1-5 / 5-3-0-5, not forcing	4 ♣/4 ♦ = RKCB-♠/♣
3 NT	5-7 hcp	♠+♣ and short highest, i.e. 5-1-2-5 / 5-0-3-5	4 ♣/4 ♦ = RKCB-♠/♣
4 ♣	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♥ singleton	4 ♦/4 ♥ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♦	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♠ singleton	4 ♥/4 ♠ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♥	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♥ void	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♠	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♠ void	4 NT/5 ♥ = RKCB-♣/♦
3 ♣		To play against 5-10 hcp and ♣ + another for correction otherwise	
3 ♠	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♥ singleton	4 ♣/4 ♦ = RKCB-♣/♦
3 NT	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♠ singleton	4 ♣/4 ♦ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣		Very distributional hand with 6-card+ ♣, invitational	
4 ♦	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♥ void	4 ♥/4 ♠ = RKCB-♣+♦
4 ♥	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♠ void	4 ♠/4 NT = RKCB-♣+♦
3 ♦		To play against 5-10 hcp and ♦ + another, for correction otherwise	
3 NT	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♥ singleton	4 ♣/4 ♦ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♣	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♠ singleton	4 ♦/4 ♥ = RKCB-♣/♦
4 ♦		Very distributional hand with 6-card+ ♦, invitational	
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4 ♠	18 hcp+	10 tricks with ♣+♦, ♠ void	4 NT/5 ♥ = RKCB-♦/♣
3 ♥		Natural, 6-card+, forcing	
3 ♠	5-10 hcp	♠+Minor, 0/1 card ♥. i.e. 5-1-(-5)-(2) / 5-0-(5)-(3)	
3 NT	5-10 hcp	♣+♦, 0/1 card ♥, i.e. 2-1-5-5 / 3-0-5-5	
3 ♠		Natural, 6-card+, forcing	
3 NT	5-10 hcp	♣+♦, 0/1 card ♠	