

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS
CONVENTIONS
Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

| 14 | $1 *$ | 6+4+ | 2NT | 12-15 no 4+Major |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1)/ | $6+4+1 / 9$ | 3 | Limit Raise $5+$ |
|  | 1NT | 8-10 | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 2. | 6-8 5+nno 4+Major | $3 \vee$ | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 3-6 6+ | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 3-6 6+ | 3NT | 16-18 |
|  | 2 | 3-6 6+ | 4 bids | To Play |
| 1 | 1/1/ | $6+4+1 / 4$ | 3 | 3-6 6+ |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 | 3 | Limit Raise $5+$ * |
|  | 2 | $10+4+$ | 34 | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 6-8 5+ , no 4+Major | 3. | Splinter |
|  | 24 | 3-6 6+ | 3NT | 16-18 |
|  | 2 | 3-6 6+ | 4 | 4-Splinter: others to play |
|  | 2NT | 12-15, no 4+Major | 4 Other |  |
| 1/1/ | 1NT | 6-9 | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 2. | $10+4+$ | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 10+4+* | 3V/ | Limit Raise |
|  | 2V/3 | 5-9 3+V/1 | 3NT | 16-18 |
|  | 2NT | Jacoby | 4* | Splinter |
| 2 | other | <7 hcp, or waiting bid | 2V/ | Positive > 6 hcp |
| 2 | 2 | Play or correct | 34 | Natural - forcing |
|  | 2 |  | 3/4/ | Pre-empt corretable |
|  | 2NT | Enquiry strong | 3NT | To Play |
| 2V/ | 2NT | Enquiry | 3NT | To Play |
|  | 34 | Correctable | 4* | Correctable |
|  | 3V/4 | Pre-empt | 4V/ | Correctable |
| 2NT | 3 | To Play - if weak | 4 | Invite |
|  | 3 | To Play - if weak | 4 | Invite |
|  | $3 \times$ |  | 4 | To Play |
|  | 3 |  | 4 | To Play |
|  | 3NT | To Play | other | $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ RKC in 5 |

Additional responses to 1NT

| 3 | Natural - Slam suggestion |
| :--- | :--- |
| $3 / 3$ | Natural - Slam suggestion |
| 4 | Gerber |
| 4 |  |
| 4 | To Play |
| 4 | To Play |

Unusual NT: min
other Majors over Minors, Minors over Majors

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\downarrow$ | Asking Bids $\downarrow$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round $\downarrow$ |  |
| $\square$ |  |  |

NT Checkback $\square \quad$ Priorities

Defence to opening 2-s: Multi Double - 15 plus, Suit - opening hand 2NT 15-17 balanced.

RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s

Defence to strong \& Pottage - $1 \downarrow$ Majors, $1 \vee \mathrm{H}$ \& Minor, $1 \triangleq$ S Minor

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\text { 1NT Minors, } 2 \$ 1 / \pm \text { single suit }
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Lebensoh
Over NT interference
Other uses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4

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\text { 4 } \text { Double } \quad \text { 4 } \text { Double=penalties; } 4 N T=T / O
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## OTHER NOTES

Double of Splinter - suggests lead of suit below splinter


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Additional responses to 1NT
323 Good suit slam interest
3v3. Good suit slam interest
4. Gerber

4
4• To play
4. To play

Unusual NT: minorsother suits $\qquad$ lower 2 unbid suits
other Minors after major
Majors after minor

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\square$ | Asking Bids | $\square$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round $\square$ |  |  | Game force | $\square$ |

NTPriorities

Range and fit
Defence to 3NT opening $\quad X=$ pen. 4C/D t/o for majors with minor feature
Defence to opening 2-s: Multi $\quad X=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ of S . $2 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{OH}$. Other natural

RCO style 2-s $\quad X=16+$. 2NT 19 to 21. 3NT 22 to 24. Suits sound.

Other 2-s $\quad X=$ penalty. 2NT T/O 15-. 3C T/O 16+. Suits sound.

Defence to strong \& Truscott: $X=C \& H .1 D=D \& H .1 H=H \& S .1 N T=D \& S .2 C=C$ 2 etc weak jumps single suit. All 12 or less
Lebensoh Over NT interference $\square$
Other uses In some competitive sequenses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4\$4 X+ Optional T/O
4 $\mathrm{X}=$ Pen. S tolerafee $\mathrm{X}=$ Penalty. 4NT T/O

## OTHER NOTES

BASIC RESPONSES
Jump raises - minors limit Jump raises - majors limit forcing $\square \quad$ other pre-empt strong natural, ask
Jump shifts after major opening strong natural, ask
Responses to strong 2 suit opening
N/A
Responses to 2 NT opening $\quad 3$ relay: 3 minors 3 majs low shortage 3 -


Four or more with an honour $\quad$ 4th highest $\quad \square$ attitude $\quad \square$ 3rd/5th $\qquad$ other
From 4 small 2nd highest $\quad \square$ other 3rd
From 3 cards (no honour) top $\square$ middle $\quad \square$ bottom $\quad \square$
Signal on partner's lead: high encourage
other count. Against NT to A count, to K unblock
Signal on declarer's lead count

 Other Conventions

| 4 card majors// in 3rd and 4th | Herbert negatives to X PODI |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1NT 10-15 in 3rd and 4th, 13-15 vul | after our 1NT (X), 2-shows 3 or 4 |
| 4*very good V/pre-empts | now XX demands 2 ( $0-2$ or $5+$ ) |
| $X$ of transfer is take-out of their suit, their | 2 N always forcing. When we have opened or |
| shows an Astro two | overcalled it is always a good raise |

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## dbl of interv'n over 1 sis negative <br> support doubles to 2 leve

after $1 \$$ or higher and interv'n, X any $12+$
overcalls have same meaning as opening

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through $4 \mathrm{H} \quad$ Responsive doubles through 4 H
Jump overcalls syst. opening Unusual NT other 2 suits, majors or minors
1NT overcall (immediate) 15-17 (re-opening) 10-12

Immed cue of minor $2 \$ 1 *$ natural. 2 $2 *$ or $1 *$ majors
Immed cue of major Michaels
Over opponent's 1NT (weak) X majors. 2 that suit + major
Over opponent's 1NT (strong) same
Over weak twos $\quad X$ ( X of multi $2 \star$ is take-out of 4$)$
Over opening threes $X$

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| 12 |  | 0-8 | 2NT | 9-11 balanced 8-9 passed han |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/1 | $9+5$ card suit | 3 | $9+4414$ etc |
|  | 1NT | 12+ balanced 5-7 passed hand | 3 | 9+4144 etc |
|  | 24 | $9+$ natural | 3 |  |
|  | 2 | 9+ natural | 3 |  |
|  | 2 | 9+4144 etc | 3NT |  |
|  | 2 | 9+4441 etc | 4 bids |  |
| 1 | 1/1s | nat, forcing | 36 | strong natural hon and ace ask |
|  | 1NT | 6-11 | 3 | strong natural hon and ace ask |
|  | 2 | 12+ natural | 3 |  |
|  | 2 | 6-9 4 card raise | 3 |  |
|  |  | strong natural hon and ace ask | 3NT |  |
|  | 2 | strong natural hon and ace ask | 4 |  |
|  | 2NT | 10+5+ card raise | 4 Other |  |
| 1/19 | 1NT | 9+ forcing (inc 10-12 3 card raisȩ̉ |  | as above |
|  | 26 | trump ask, gamma | 3 | as above |
|  | 2 | 12+ natural | 3V15 | dbl raise-pre-empt |
|  | 2V1 | 6-9 3 card raise (poss 2 card) | 3NT |  |
|  | 2NT | 10+ 4+card raise | 4* |  |
| 24 | 2 | 12+ relay | 2V1 | nat non forcing |
|  | other |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | to play | 3* | 3C to play, 3D game try |
|  | 2 | to play | 3V15 | pre-empt |
|  | 2NT | relay | 3NT | N/A |
| 2V14 | 2NT | relay | 3NT |  |
|  | 3* | correctable non forcing | 4* |  |
|  | 3V19 | pre-emptive raise | 4/12 |  |
| 2NT | 36 | relay | 4. | correctable |
|  | 3 | correctable | 4 | correctable |
|  | 3 | correctable | 4 | correctable |
|  | 31 | correctable | 4 | correctable |
|  | 3NT | N/A | other |  |

Additional responses to 1NT

| 3 | game try |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3 | natural forcing |
| 4 | texas |
| 4 | texas |
| 4 | play |

other minor two suiter over major, major/minor two suiter

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\triangle$ | Asking Bids | M |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round |  |  | Game force |
| NT Checkback |  |  |  |  |

NT Checkback

## Priorities

Defence to 3NT opening Don. X majors 4C/D that suit + major
Defence to opening 2-s: Multi $\quad \mathrm{X}$ of 2D is take-out of diamonds
$X$ of weak two is take-out
RCO style 2-s $\quad X$ shows pair with 3 3shows pair without

Other 2-s
as above

Defence to strong overcalls are system openings

| Lebensohl Over NT | Over NT interference $\quad$ - |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other uses |  |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts | 4*4 | X majors, 4V4 plus a major |
| 4• X |  |  |

## OTHER NOTES

3RD AND 4TH HAND
1C 16+ any
1NT 10-15 (13-15 vul) balanced or semi balanced, no
1 major or 1 at least 4

After our 1\$and intervention, cue bid and up 5-8

