

FORCING PASS SYSTEM

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OPENING BIDS

RESPONSE

PASS

13+ HCP, any shape

1♣	11+ HCP, game forcing relay
1♦	0-7 HCP, any shape
1♥/♠	7-10 HCP, 4+ suit.
1NT	8-10 HCP, balanced
2♣/♦	7-10 HCP, 4+ suit
2♥	7-10 HCP, 4441 shape with short major
2♠ up	7-10 HCP, both minors, at least 5/4

1C

8-12 HCP with 4+ hearts

1♦	Game invitational relay
1♥	Game forcing relay
1♠ to 2♥	0-12 HCP, natural and not forcing
1NT	6-12 HCP, balanced
2NT	Invitational with 4+ hearts
2♠ up	0-12 HCP, pre-emptive

1D

8-12 HCP with 4+ spades

1♥	Game invitational relay
1♠	Game forcing relay
1NT	6-12 HCP, balanced
2♣ to 2♠	0-12 HCP, natural and non forcing
2NT	Invitational with 4+ spades
3♣ up	0-12 HCP, pre-emptive

1H

8-12 HCP, 6+ in either minor, or 5+/4+ in both

1♠	Game invitational relay
1NT	Game forcing relay
2♣/♦	Correctible
2♥/♠	Natural, non forcing
2NT	Pick your best minor
3♣/♦	Correctible and pre-emptive
3♥/♠	Natural with a 6+ suit, invitational

1S

0-8 HCP, any shape

1NT	15-17 HCP, balanced
2♣	18+ HCP, artificial, forcing
2♦/♥/♠	13-17 HCP, natural and non forcing
2NT	20-22 HCP, balanced
3♣	Pre-emptive

1NT

9-12 HCP, balanced with no 4 card major

2♣	Relay, at least invitational to game
2♦ to 2NT	Transfers
3♣ to 3♠	Pre-emptive

2C	8-12 HCP, 5+ hearts and 4+ in either minor
2♦	Relay, at least invitational to game
2♥	Signoff
2NT	Invitational with a fit
3♣/♦	Correctible
2D	8-12 HCP, 5+ spades and 4+ in either minor
2♥	Relay, at least invitational to game
2♠	Sign off
2NT	Invitational with a fit
3♣/♦	Correctible
2H	8-12 HCP, 5/4 hearts and spades (either way)
2♠	Signoff
2NT	Relay
3♣/♦	Natural, non forcing
2S	4-7 HCP, natural 6+ suit
2NT	Pre-empt in either minor, and denies 2 of top 3
3C/D/H/S	Pre-empt (with 2 of top 3 honours if a minor)
3NT	Gambling

Competitive Auctions

Michaels Cue Bids, either weak or strong
 Weak jump overcalls, 6+ suit, may be undisciplined
 1NT overcall is 15-18 HCP (in passout seat is 10-14 HCP)
 Double for takeout over pre-emptive bids up to and including 4♥
 Responsive doubles to 3♠
 Over weak two bids a 2NT overcall is 15-18 HCP and balanced
 Over weak two bids with an anchor suit, double is takeout
 Over weak two bids without an anchor suit, double shows 16+ HCP
 Cue raises
 DONT over 1NT openings
 Lebensohl
 Over strong 1♣ opening use CRASH

Agreements and Conventions

Roman Key Card Blackwood
 Denial cue bidding
 Long suit trial bids
 Extensive use of relays

Leads and Signals

4th highest
 Overlead sequences
 MUD
 Lead of an A to NT asks for attitude
 Lead of a K to NT ask partner to unblock, otherwise to give count
 Lead of a 10 to NT promises an honour higher than the J

When following suit we primarily give natural present count. However attitude and McKenny may be given in certain circumstances.

When discarding we give natural present count with McKenny overtones.