BASIC RESPONSES

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Basic System: ACOL
Classification: Green $\square$ Blue $\square$ Red $\square$ Yellow $\square$

## OPENING BIDS

## Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

## Canape

- 3
1* 4
1v 4

1. 5

1 NT (11+)12-14 - 15-17 in 3rd seat (5 card M) may contain 5 card major 2Stayman: simple extended $\square$ other extended over 15-17NT transfers 2 2 NT
2. Game Force or 23-24 bal

2 weak 5-9 6 card suit (If 5 card suit $=$ singleton)
2• weak-as above
2. weak-as above

2 NT 20-22 bal - may have 5 card Major
3 NT Gambling

> PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

Most competitive cues $=$ limit raise or better $\quad 15-17 \mathrm{NT}$ in 3rd seat may have any 5 card suit 2NT = limit raise after T/O $X$ of our suit openin
Fit showing jumps

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 3 Responsive doubles throug
3
Jump overcalls weak/(Int 4th) Unusual NT Lower suits
1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 11+-14
mmed cue of minor Both Majors
Immed cue of major Other Major + minor
Over opponent's 1NT (weak) 2 Majors, otherwise natural
Over opponent's 1NT (strong) $\quad X=\$=$ Majors, otherwise natural
Over weak twos $\quad X=$ t/out, 2NT = natural, strong
Over opening threes $\quad X=$ t/out

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

| 1. | 1 | 5+ hcp, 4+ * |  | 15+, 4+ denies Major |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1V/ | 5+hcp, 4+ V/ |  | $4-8 \mathrm{hcp}, 4+8$ losers |
|  | 1NT | 5-9 hcp |  | Splinter 9-13 or 18+ |
|  | 2 | inverted 9-11, 4+ |  | Splinter 9-13 or 18+ |
|  | 2 | $9+$ hcp, fit-showing |  | Splinter 9-13 or 18+ |
|  | 2 | 9+hcp fit-showing |  | 12-14 hcp 4+ denies Major |
|  | 2 | 9+hcp fit-showing | 4 bids |  |
| 1 | 1V | $5+\mathrm{hcp}, 4+\mathrm{V}$ ¢ |  | 9+ hcp, fit-showing |
|  | 1NT | 5-9 hcp |  | 4-8 hcp 8 losers |
|  | 2 | 9+hcp, 4+ |  | Splinter 9-13 or 18+ |
|  | 2 | inverted 9-11 hcp, 4+ * | 3 | Splinter 9-13 or 18+ |
|  | 2 | 9+ hcp, fit-showing | 3NT | 12-14 hcp 4+ *, denies Major |
|  | 2 | 9+ hcp, fit-showing | 4* |  |
|  | 2NT | $15+, 4+$, denies Major | 4 Other |  |
| 1V/1 | 1NT | 5-9 hcp |  | 9+ hcp, fit-showing |
|  | 2 | 9+ hcp, 4+ cards | 3 | 9+hcp, fit-showing |
|  | 2 | 9+ hcp, 4+ cards | 3V/ | 4-8 hcp 8 losers |
|  | 2V/ | 6-9 hcp, 3+ V/c | 3NT | 12-14 hcp 4 V/ |
|  | 2NT | limit or 15+ bal raise or spl 14-1 |  | splinter 9-13 or 18+ |
| 2 | 2 | negative or waiting | 2 V / | natural, positive, $3+$ controls |
|  | other | 3 = second negative after suit | rebid by | y opener |
| 2* | 2 | F1 | 3* | 3*F1, 3 obstructive |
|  | 2 | F1 | 3/4/ | F1 |
|  | 2NT | Ogust - asks about suit/pts | 3NT | To play |
| 2V/ | 2NT | Ogust - asks about suit/pts | 3NT | To play |
|  | 3* | F1 | 4* | Splinters |
|  | 3V/ | F1 (change of suit) | 4V/3 | To play |
| 2NT | 3 | 4/5 Stayman | 4 | Gerber |
|  | 3 | Transfer to $\downarrow$ | 4 | Natural |
|  | 3 | Transfer to $\uparrow$ | 4 | To play |
|  | 3. | 5 1 / 4 - | 4 | To play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

CONVENTIONS
Additional responses to 1 NT


Cue bids = 1st or 2nd round control



BASIC RESPONSES
 Jump raises - majors limit Jump shifts after minor opening

Jump shifts after major opening
Responses to strong 2 suit opening 1 = relay responses; 1 te fit show

Responses to 2NT opening Not applicable

Underlead $\quad \mathrm{S}$ other Journalist versus NT
Four or more with an honour $\quad$ 4th highest $\quad \square$ attitude $\quad \boxed{N T}$
3rd/5th
other
From 4 small 2nd highest $\quad \square$ other 3rd vs Suit; attitude vs $N T$ From 3 cards (no honour) top $\square$ middle $\square$ bottom $\quad \square$
Signal on partner's lead: high encourage $\quad \square$ low encourage $\quad \square$
other REO count (vs suit) or REO attitude (vs NT)

Other Conventions
SWINE
Lebensohl
Fit showing jumps
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| Basic System: | Transfer Canape Symmetric Relay |  |  |  |  |
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| Classification: | Green $\square$ | Blue $\square$ | Red $\square$ | Yellow | $\boxed{ }$ |

## OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning
15+ Any shape 1* 4+ , 10-14
1- 4+ 10-14

1. 10/11-14, bal

1 NT 10-14, 6+5/5 5+44or 3 suiter
may contain 5 card major 2Stayman: simple $\square$ extended $\square$ other Lavings style inquiry transfers 2 to $\downarrow$ to $2 \downarrow$ Range probe 2 NT either minor other
2. 10-14 with either $6+$ or $5+d / 4$

5-9HCP either, $6+$ or $5 / 5$ or AKQxxx in $10-14 \mathrm{HCP}$ (no A or K outside)
2v 5-9HCP either $6+$ or $5 / 5$ or AKQxxx in $\leqslant 10-14 \mathrm{HCP}$ (no A or K outside)
2. 5-9HCP either $5 / 5$ in $/ \$ 0$ or $5 / 5$ in $\$ / s$

2 NT 5 -9HCP either $5 / 5$ in $v$ or $5 / 5$ in $v$
3 NT Gambling - any solid suit with no more than a queen outside

> PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

| TRANSFER OPENINGS AT ONE LEVEL | $1 \_$OPENING IS A BALANCED HAND |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1NT OPENING NOT BALANCED HAND | 2 BIDS ARE MULTI TWOS |

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through $\quad$ Responsive doubles through
Jump overcalls Weak in $1 / 2$ seat Unusual NT Minors or lower unbid suits
1NT overcall (immediate) (re-opening) 15-18 14

Immed cue of minor $\quad 5 / 5$ Both majors
Immed cue of major Other major and a minor 5/5
Over opponent's 1NT (weak) $\quad 2=S / S ; 2=$ majors; 2 $2=\mathbb{V}$ minor; $2=\mathbb{Z}$ minor
Over opponent's 1NT (strong) As over weak NT
Over weak twos
Over opening threes
$\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ plus Lebensohl 2NT
$x=T / O$

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

| 1. |  | Negative，0－8 and or＜2 controls2NT |  | 4 5＋ヶ，shortage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1V1 | Positive transfers，8＋，2＋controß |  | 4－5＋，2－2 or 1－1 residues |
|  | 1NT | ＋ve，Vorve | 3 | $4 \stackrel{5}{4}$ |
|  | 2 | ＋ve，$\uparrow$ or minor 3 suiter | 3 |  |
|  | 2 | Positive，no other suit | 3 | 4＊7ヶ，2¢0¢ |
|  | 2 | Positive，4＊，longer | 3NT |  |
|  | 2 | Positive 5／5 minors | 4 bids | Same as 3NT，control showing |
| 1 | 1） | 1v＝forcing relay，1\＆nat，n／f | 3＊ | fit showing 4v／4＋inv |
|  | 1NT | 2 or 3 『，n／f＞invitational | 3 | fit showing 4v／4＋inv |
|  | 2 | 0－11， $5+$ cards and natural |  | 0－7 4＋r，preemptive |
|  | 2 | $0-11,5+$ cards and natural |  | splinter，4＋یspade shortage |
|  | 2 | 4 hearts，8－10，constructive |  | To play |
|  | 24 | fit showing， $4 \times 4+$ inv | 4 |  |
|  | 2NT | 5／5 both minors，n／f | 4 Other |  |
| 1V／4 | 1NT | nat，2－3 or non－forcing |  | fit showing 4／4＋inv |
|  | 2 | $0-11,5+$ cards and natural | 3 | fit showing 4－4＋inv |
|  | 2 | 0－11， $5+$ cards and natural |  | 0－5 4＋preemptive |
|  | 2V／ | 4 spades 6－9，constructive | 3NT | To play |
|  | 2NT | $5 / 5$ both minors，n／f | 4＊ | Splinters |
| 2 | 2 | $2 \star$ is relay | $2 \mathrm{~V} /$ | Natural，constructive |
|  | other | Minors are preemptive，jumps are fit－showing in clubs and suit bid |  |  |
| 2＊ | 2 | Pass or correct | 3＊ | Pass or correct |
|  | 2 | Pass or correct | 3V／4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 2NT | Positive inquiry | 3NT | To play |
| 2V／ | 2NT | Positive inquiry | 3NT | To play |
|  | 34 | Pass or correct | 4＊ | Pass or correct |
|  | 3V1 | Pass or correct | 4V／ | Pass or correct |
| 2NT | 3. | Forcing inquiry | 4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 3 | Pass or correct | 4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 3 | Pass or correct | 4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 3 | Pass or correct | 4. | Pass or correct |
|  | 3NT | To play | other | Pass or correct |

Additional responses to 1NT
3．Preemptive
3v3s Fit showing in clubs and suit bid－invitationa
4．Preemptive
4 Preemptive
4 To Play
4．To Play
Unusual NT：minors $\square$ other suits $\square$ lower 2 unbid suits $\square$
other

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

NT Checkback $\quad \square \quad$ Priorities
Defence to 3NT opening
Defence to opening 2－s：Multi Direct $\mathrm{X}=15+\mathrm{HCP}$ ；Assumed suit bid＝T／O Suit bids are natural and limited
RCO style 2－s Direct $X=15+$ HCP；$X$ on second round $=$ weak T／O Suit bids are natural and limited

Other 2－s

Defence to strong $1=$ majors， $1 \vee=\sqrt{2}$ minor， $1=1 / m i n o r, 1 N T=$ minors

Lebensohl Over NT interference $\boldsymbol{\square}$
Other uses Over Multi $2 x$ and $X$ by partner
Take out of 4 level pre－empts 4\＄4 X
4• x／4NT 4！4NT

## OTHER NOTES

Frequent relays
Over $1 \mathrm{l}, 1$ is a forcing relay， 1 NT is $0-11$ with $2-3$ spades．Other bids natural． The 1 opening is basically a balanced hand which could contain any 5 card suit． Responses to 1 opening－1NT＝to play， $2=$ Lavings style inq－forcing； $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2$ and 2NT are transfers while 2 is a range probe． 3 level suit bids are 11－12 points and invi Over 1NT， 2 is relay．Over $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ is relay．

BASIC RESPONSES
$\square$ forcing $\square$ other n/a Jump raises $\square$ forcing $\square$ other 4 card support 0-6 Jump shifts after minor opening 1- $-2 \boldsymbol{2}, 3,3=6$ cards $5-9$

Jump shifts after major opening
Fit-showing, game-invite
Responses to strong 2 suit opening
Responses to 2NT opening Overcall or rebid - Puppet Stayman, transfers


Underlead S other Journalist honours leads vs NT
Four or more with an honour $\quad$ 4th highest $\quad \square$ attitude $\quad \mathrm{NT}$

3rd/5th S othe
From 4 small 2nd highest NT other 1st highest vs NT; 3rd highest vs Suit From 3 cards (no honour) top NT middle $\square$ bottom $\square$ Signal on partner's lead: high encourage $\quad \mathrm{NT}$ low encourage $\square$ other Natural count (\& Wenceslas) vs Suit


## CONVENTIONS



Other Conventions
SWINE

Frequent false count vs NT (low-high with even number more likely)
Cooper Echoes

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Penalty doubles of overcalls of our 1マ or
higher opening bids

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through after 1 $\mathbf{1}$ * Responsive doubles through n/a Jump overcalls 6+ cards 5-9 Unusual NT 5+/5+ minor oriented 5-9 INT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 11-14 mmed cue of minor $\quad 5+/ 5+$ majors 5-9
mmed cue of major 5+/5+ other major plus minor 5-9
Over opponent's 1NT (weak) Pottage (also known as Capelletti)
Over opponent's 1NT (strong) Pottage (also known as Capelletti)
Over weak twos $\quad 15+$ double \& lebensohl; 2NT $=17-20$
Over opening threes Takeout double

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

| 14 |  | Usually 0-7 unbal or 0-8 bal | 2NT | 8+ both minors |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/4 | 8+ natural | 3 | 8+ both minors |
|  | 1NT | 9+ balanced | 3 | 8+ both minors |
|  | 2. | 8+ natural | $3 \times$ | $8+$ both minors |
|  | 2 | $8+$ natural | 3 | 8+ both minors |
|  | ${ }^{2}$ | 8+ both minors | 3NT | 8+ both minors |
|  | 2 | 8+ both minors | 4 bids | 8+ both minors |
| 1 | 1/1/ | * See "Other Notes" | 31 | 6 clubs 5-9 |
|  | 1NT | Natural, non-forcing | 3 | 6 diamonds 5-9 |
|  | 2. | Natural, game-invite | 3 | Natural, pre-empt |
|  | 2 | Natural, game-invite | 3. | Natural, pre-empt |
|  | 2 | 6 hearts 5-9 | 3NT | Contract suggestion |
|  | 2. | 6 spades 5-9 | 4* |  |
|  | 2NT | Natural, game-invite | 4 Othe | 4 $\mathbf{v}$, 4 to play |
| 1/1/ | 1NT | Artificial game-force | 36 | Fit-showing, game-invite |
|  | 2 | Natural, non-forcing | 3 | Fit-showing, game-invite |
|  | 2 | Natural, non-forcing | 3/4. |  |
|  | $2 \mathrm{~V} /$ |  | 3NT | Contract suggestion |
|  | 2NT | Balancedish raise 7-10 | 4* | Fit-showing, game-force |
| 2 | 2 other | Artificial game-force | 2V/ | Natural, game-invite |
| 2 | ${ }^{29}$ | Artificial game-force | 3* |  |
|  | 24 | Natural, game-invite | 3 ${ }^{1} /$ |  |
|  | 2NT | Natural, game-invite | 3NT | Contract suggestion |
| 2V/3 | 2NT | Forcing enquiry | 3NT | Signoff |
|  | 34 | Pass or correct | 4* | Pass or correct |
|  | 3V/3 | Pass or correct | 4/4/2 | Pass or correct |
| 2NT | 31 | Forcing enquiry | 4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 3 | Pass or correct | 4 | Pass or correct |
|  | $3 \%$ | Pass or correct | 4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 3. | Pass or correct | 4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 3NT | Signoff | other | Pass or correct |

CONVENTIONS
Additional responses to 1 NT
3\&3 3 = diamonds; $3=5+$ diamonds \& 4+ clubs game-force
3v3. Natural slam try
4. Pre-emptive transfer to hearts

4 - Pre-emptive transfer to spades
4• Signoff
4. Signoff

Unusual NT: minors $\nabla$ other suits $\square$ lower 2 unbid suits
other

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\quad \square$ | Asking Bids | $\square$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round $\quad \square \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |  | Game force | $\square$ |

Priorities n/a
Defence to 3NT opening
Defence to opening 2-s: Multi

RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s

Defence to strong e Double $=15+; 1 \geqslant=$ majors; $1 \vee / 1 \stackrel{c}{ }$ = natural plus minor; 1NT = minors; Natural jump overcall pre-empts Lebensohl Over NT interference $\boxtimes$ Over opposing 2 bids;

Other uses When removing partner's penalty double of 1NT
Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4 Takeout double
4 Takeout double 4s Takeout 4NT

## OTHER NOTES

* 1 opening then 1s response = natural, non-forcing, might be game-invite
* 1 opening the $1 \checkmark$ response = two-way, EITHER any shape game-force
* OR hearts with less than a game force

If a jump overcall breaks our game-force relay, then Pass = forcing, and Double = pen

