

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

| 14 | 1 | 5-, 4+ |  | 11-12, no major |
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|  | $1 / 1 /$ | 5-, 4+ V/ |  | $8-9,5+$ |
|  | 1NT | 5-10, no major |  | Splinter, 6+ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 5+ |  | Splinter, 6+ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ |  | Splinter, 6+ |
|  | 24 | 4-7, 6+ |  | 13-15 balanced, no major |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 4 bids |  |
| 1 | $1 \mathrm{~V} /$ | $5-, 4+1 / 1$ |  | Splinter |
|  | 1NT | 5-10, no major |  | 8-9, 4+ |
|  | 2 | 10-. 4+ forcing to 2 NT |  | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 4+ | 3. | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+■ |  | 13-15 balanced, no major |
|  | 2. | 4-7, 6+ | 4 |  |
|  | 2NT | 11-12, no major | 4 Other |  |
| 1V/ | 1NT | 5-10 | 3. | $8-11,4+$ V/ |
|  | 2 | 10-, 4+ forcing to 2 NT | 3 | 6-7, $4+\sqrt{1 / 2}$ |
|  | 2 | 10-, $4+$, forcing to 2 NT | 3\% | 4-5, 4+V/1 |
|  | 2\%/ | 5-9, 3 card support (See Notes | *3NT | 13-15 balanced |
|  | 2NT | 10-12, 3 card support | 4* | 8-12, splinter, $4+1 /$ |
| 2 | 2 | To play if weak 2 | $2 \mathrm{~W} / 4$ | 2 Ogust |
|  | other | 2, 2NT, 3 6+suit, invitational |  |  |
| 2* | ${ }^{29}$ | To play if weak $2 \downarrow$ | 34 | 6+ ${ }^{\text {d }}$, invitational |
|  | 2. | Ogust | 3V/4 | 3vsupport, 3 splinter |
|  | 2NT | $6+$ invitational | 3NT | To play if weak 2¢ |
| 2V/4 | 2NT | over 2マonly , Ogust (Notes**) | 3NT | To play if weak 2 . |
|  | 3* | 6+suit, invitational | 4* | 6+suit /Splinter |
|  | 3/4 | 6+suit, invitational / Support | 4V/ | To play if weak 2 |
| 2NT | 3. | To play | 4 | Invitational |
|  | 3 | To play | 4 | Invitational |
|  | 3 | Ask | 4 | To play |
|  | $3{ }^{\text {3 }}$ | 6+ | 4 | To play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

Additional responses to 1 NT
3 3 3 suit, $2 / 3$ honours
34/3. 6+ suit, $2 / 3$ honours
4. 6+ suit, slam try
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4• To play
4. To play

Unusual NT: minorsother suits
other Michaels for one of same rank plus other

Defence to opening 2-s: Multi $\quad X=16+\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$; 4th seat $9+=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$

RCO style 2-s $\quad X=16+\mathrm{T} / 0$ - responses as for multi; $9+$ in fourth seat

Other 2-s $\quad X=16+T / O$ responses as for multi, $9+$ in fourth seat

Defence to strong $\quad X=$ Majors; 1NT = Minors; weak jump overcalls

Lebensohl Over NT interference $\quad \square$
Other uses After weak 2 openings; Fast arrival = no stop
Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4* $4=T / O$

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4 \checkmark \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O} \quad 4 . \quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}
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## OTHER NOTES

*1 $\mathbf{~}-2 \boldsymbol{*}=4-7,6+$

* $1 \mathbf{~}-2 \boldsymbol{\varphi}=10+5$
**2-2NT = neg no support
Cue bids -1sts \& 2nds indiscriminately
suler, shor 22 suiter
2*. 3 suiter, short $\$ 2$ suiter with long

2NT: Strong two suiter - any
lower 2 unbid suits


Response to $X$ in direct seat, next suit up $=0-7$, all other bids


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| 16 | 1 | 4+ 6+hcp | 2NT | GF raise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/1 | 4+6+hcp | 31 | limit |
|  | 1NT | 4+8-10 | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | $4+6-9$ | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 3NT | GF raise 12-14 |
|  | 2 | weak | 4 bids | splinters |
| 1 | 1V19 | 4+ 6+hcp | 36 | weak |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 | 3 | limit |
|  | 2 | \$10+ | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | 6-9 | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 3NT | GF raise |
|  | 2 | weak | 4 | preemptive |
|  | 2NT | GF raise | 4 Other | void raise |
| 1/19 | 1NT | 6-9 | 30 | weak |
|  | 2 | \$10+ | 3 | weak |
|  | 2 | -10+ | 3v1 | limit |
|  | 2v | 6-9 |  | GF raise |
|  | 2NT | GF raise 15+ | 4* | splinter |
| 26 | $2$ <br> other | neg or waiting | 2V1 | V/s natural GF |
| 2 | 2 | pass or correct | 3* | pass or correct |
|  | 2 | pass or correct | 3V4 | pass or correct |
|  | 2NT | strong enquiry | 3NT | to play |
| 219 | 2NT | strong enquiry | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3* | pass or correct | 4* | pass or correct |
|  | 3) | pass or correct | 4V19 | pass or correct |
| 2NT | 31 | strong enquiry | 4 | pass or correct |
|  | 3 | pass or correct | 4 | pass or correct |
|  | 31 | pass or correct | 4 | pass or correct |
|  | 31 | pass or correct |  | pass or correct |
|  | 3NT | to play | other |  |

CONVENTIONS
Additional responses to 1NT

| 3*3* GF natural |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3V/3. GF natural |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. strong $\uparrow$, no singleton |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4* strong no singleton |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4v to play |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. to play |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unusual NT: $\quad$ minors $\quad \square \quad$ other suits $\quad \square$other |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other slam bidding $\quad$ Cue Bids $\downarrow$ Asking Bids $\square$4th Suit Forcing $\quad$ One round |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NT Checkback Priorities range and shape |  |  |  |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening longer minor for majors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Defence to opening 2-s: Multi $\mathrm{x}=16+, 2 \mathrm{NT}=2$ suited, others natural |  |  |  |  |  |
| RCO style 2-s $\quad x=16+, 2 N T=2$ suited, others natural |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other 2-s |  |  |  |  |  |
| Defence to strong * Pottage |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lebensohl Over NT interference $\square$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other uses over natural weak 2 bids |  |  |  |  |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4* |  |  |  |  |  |
| $4 \checkmark \times$ 4* 4NT |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 14 | 1 | 3+ D, 5+ hcp | 2NT | $5+C, 10-12$ or $16+$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/1/ | 4+ H/S, $5+\mathrm{hcp}$ | 31 | $5+\mathrm{C}, 8-9$ |
|  | 1NT | 3/3/3/4 clubs, 6-9 hcp | 3 | splinter -5+ C, 9-12 hcp, singleton |
|  | 2. | $5+$ clubs, 3-7 hcp | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | 6+ D, 0-6 hcp | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{H}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ | 3NT | 5+C, 13-15 hcp |
|  | 2. | $5+\mathrm{S}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ | 4 bids | Super splinters = VOIDS |
| 1* | 1/1/ | 4+ suit, 5+hcp | 3 | $6+\mathrm{C}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, no 4-card major, not 5 D | 3 | 5+ D, 8/9 hcp |
|  | 2 | 3+C, 10+ hcp | 3 | splinter (9-12) |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{D}, 3-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ | 3. | splinter (9-12) |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{H}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ | 3NT | 5+ D, 13-15 hcp |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{S}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ | 4 | 8/9, 6 diamonds |
|  | 2NT | 5+ D, 10-12 or 16+ | 4 Othe | r Super splinters = VOIDS |
| 1V/ | 1NT | 5-9, not 4 S (over 1H) | 3. | $6+\mathrm{C}, 0-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ |
|  | 2 | 10+hcp, 4+C | 3 | Splinter \& "Super" splinters |
|  | 2 | $10+h c p, 4+$ D | 3V/ | $3+$ support, $8 / 9 \mathrm{hcp}$ |
|  | 2V/ | $3+$ support, 3-7 hcp | 3NT | $3+$ support, 13-15 hcp |
|  | 2NT | $3+$ support, 10-12 or 16+ hcp | 44* | splinter (9-12) |
| 2 | 2 | Waiting bid - not AKQxxx | 2V/ | AKQxxx or better suit |
|  | other |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Pass or Correct | 3 | Pass or correct |
|  | 2. | Pass or Correct | 3/4. | Pass or correct |
|  | 2NT | Strong enquiry (12+) | 3NT | to play |
| 2V/ | 2NT | Strong Enquiry | 3NT | To play |
|  | 3 | Pass or Correct | 4* | Pass or correct |
|  | 3V19 | Pass or Correct | 4V/3 | Pass or Correct |
| 2NT | 3 | Strong Enquiry | 4 | Pass or Correct |
|  | 3 | Pass or Correct | 4 | Pass or Correct |
|  | $3 \times$ | 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 1 NT

3 6-card suit with 2 of top 3 honours
$3 / 3$ - 6 -card suit with 2 of top 3 honours
4. Texas Transfer ( to H); (more defence than 4H)

4 Texas Transfer (to S); (more defence than 4S)
$4-\quad$ To play
4. To play

Unusual NT: minos

other suits $\quad \square$
lower 2 unbid suits
other Michaels (2 suits of different rank to opener's)

| Other slam bidding 4th Suit Forcing | Cue Bids <br> One round | Asking Bids | Game force |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NT Checkback $\downarrow$ | Priorities lowest feature (incl 3-cd supprt, extra length, etc) |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening | x=penalty, 4C - majors (better H), 4D - majors (better S) |  |  |
| Defence to opening 2-s: | Multi X show | suit + open | $2 \mathrm{NT}=15-1$ |
| Immediate overcall is good hand with 6-card suit |  |  |  |
| RCO style 2-s | As above -x shows the suit + opening values, etc |  |  |
| Other 2-s | $X$ for take-out if suit bid is natural or anchor suit (with LEB) |  |  |

Defence to strong e "TOXIC" - X= D or the Majors; 1D= H or Blacks; 1H=S or minors; $1 \mathrm{~S}=$ non-touching suits; $\quad 1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{C}$ or the reds
Lebensoh Over NT interference $\square$
Other uses after partner's $X$ of a Opps' natural weak 2 opening
Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4 4NT
4NT

## OTHER NOTES

1NT overcall after opps have bid 2 suits= weak takeout for unbid suits $X$ of artificial bid shows the suit
Declarer Can raise responder on 3-card support; Major-oriented take-out x's; Doubles are mostly for takeout, but are for penalties when:(1) 3 suits have been bid,
(2) when partner has openedor bid NT ; (3) when they refer to a conventional bid by opps
(4) when Pard has opened a weak 2; (5) when auction has reached game or above.

