BASIC RESPONSES


## PLAY CONVENTIONS

| 'NT' Versus Notrump | 'S' Versus Suit | $V=$ Both |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sequence leads: | Overlead all $\quad \square$ | All except AK x (x) $\quad \square$ |
| Underlead | $\square$ other | A lead usually asks for count or unblock |


other also count, McKenney \& odds/evens in special circumstances
Signal on declarer's lead count


| CONVENTIONS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4NT: | Blackwood $\square$ | RKCB $\square$ | other Exclusion RKB |
| 4* | Gerber when? | after 1NT op | and RKCG after 1m 4m | Other Conventions


| Crowhurst enquiry | Puppet Stayman over strong 2NT bids |
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| Inverted minors | Long-suit trials |
| Unassuming cue raise | Swine over 1NTX |
| Lebensohl | Negative freebids to 2S |
| Jacoby 2NT and Bergen over 1M | Splinters, cues and Dopi |


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

| 16 | 1 | 6+hcp; 4+carder | 2NT | 10-12, bal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 $1 / 4$ | ditto | 36 | 0-9hcp; 5+carder |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, bal | 3 | splinter |
|  | 20 | 9+hcp, 4+carder | 3 | ditto |
|  | 2 | fit-showing - invite to g. or slam3 |  | ditto |
|  | 2 | ditto | 3NT | 13-15, bal |
|  | 2 | ditto | 4 bids | 4C Gerber; others to play |
| 1 | 1 1 | 6+hcp, 4+carder | 3 | fit-showing |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 | 3 | 0-9 hcp; 5+carder |
|  | 20 | 10+hcp; 4+carder | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | 9+hcp, 4+carder | 34 | ditto |
|  | 2 | fit-showing | 3NT | 13-15, bal |
|  | 2 | ditto |  | Gerber |
|  | 2NT | 10-12, bal | 4 Other 4 M to play |  |
| 1/19 | 1NT | 6-9 | 30 | 5-7hcp; 4-card support |
|  | 20 | 10+hcp, 4+carder | 3 | 8-10hcp; 4-card support |
|  | 2 | ditto | 3 $/ 1$ | 0-4 hcp; 4-card support |
|  | 2v/ | 5-9hcp; 3-card support | 3NT | 13-15hcp;4M and 4-3-3-3 |
|  | 2NT | game force; 4+card support | 4 | splinter |
| 26 |  | 0-5hcp | $2 \mathrm{~V} /$ | 2 H is $6+$; 2 S is 3 controls |
|  | other 2 NT is 4 controls; 3 C is $5+$ |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | pass-or-correct +"Ogust" | 3/1 | natural; forcing |
|  | 2 | ditto | 3-14 | pass-or-correct |
|  | 2NT | enquiry | 3NT | to play |
| 2v/4 | 2NT | enquiry | 3NT | to play |
|  | 30/ | pass-or-correct | 4* | pass-or-correct |
|  | 3-1 | ditto | 4 $/ 1$ | ditto |
| 2NT | 3 | enquiry | 40 | pass-or-correct |
|  | 3 | pass-or-correct | 4 | ditto |
|  | 3 | ditto | 4 | ditto |
|  | 31 | ditto | 4 | ditto |
|  | 3NT | to play | other |  |

## Additional responses to 1 NT

3 6-carder with 2 of top 3 honours
3v/3s slam invite
4 Gerber
4
4• to play
4. ditto

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

other minor-oriented, weak or strong


2H is take-out of H's

| RCO style 2-s | 2NT 15-18; X is other $15+$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Other 2-s | 2NT 15-18; X for takeout |
| Defence to strong | Natural suit bid at 1\&3 levels; mod.Pottage at 2-level, 5-10hcp |
|  | NT for minors |
| Lebensohl | er NT interference $\quad \square$ except over artificial 2C |

Other uses after our double of 1 NT or a weak 2
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \leqslant 14$
4• X
4. X

## OTHER NOTES



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| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | 1 | 4+6+hcp | 2NT | 12-14 bal |
|  | 1v/ | 4+6+hcp | 3* | GF |
|  | 1NT | 6-10 | 3 | splinter |
|  | 29 | 6-10 | $3 \vee$ | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 31 | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 3NT | 15-16 |
|  | 2 | weak | 4 bids | 4 M to play |
| 1 | 1 1 / | 4+6+hcp | 30 | weak |
|  | 1NT | 6-10 | 3 | GF |
|  | 23 | 4+10+hcp | $3 \vee$ | splinter |
|  | 2 | 6-10 | 34 | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 3NT | 15-16 bal |
|  | 21 | weak | 4 |  |
|  | 2NT | 12-14 bal | 4 Othe | 4 M to play |
| 1\%/4 | 1NT | 6-10 |  | weak |
|  | 2. | 4+10+hcp | 3 | weak |
|  | 2 | 4+10+hcp | 3-19 | GF |
|  | 2v/ | 6-10 | 3NT | 15-16 bal |
|  | 2NT | 12-14 bal | 4* | splinter $1 \mathrm{~h}-4$ s to play |
| $2$ | $2$ other | neg or waiting | 2 | 5+ positive |
| 2 | $2 \downarrow$ | neg or waiting |  | 5+ positive |
|  | 2 | 5+ positive | 3v/4 | positive |
|  | 2NT | positive | 3NT |  |
| 2v/ | 2NT | Ogust | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3* | Natural focing | 4* | splinters |
|  | 3 14 | Premptive | 4 $/ 1$ | to play |
| 2NT | 30 | Baron | 4- | natural and strong |
|  | 3 | transfer to $\downarrow$ | $4$ | natural and strong |
|  | 3 | transfer to | $4 \vee$ | to play |
|  | 34 | 5¢and 4 |  | to play |
|  | 3NT | to play | other |  |

## Additional responses to 1 NT

3*/3 singleton
$3 v / 3$ s singleton
4* transfer to $\nabla$
4* transfer to $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$
4• to play
4. to play

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other



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Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

| 1 | $1 *$ | 4+ suit, 5+ HCP | 2NT | 10-12 or 16+, club support |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1 / 1$ | 4+ suit, 5+ HCP | 3 | 8-9 HCP, 5+, 4+ clubs |
|  | 1NT | 5-9 (10) HCP, denies 4H/S |  | Splinter. Not A or K |
|  | 2 | 5-8 HCP, denies 4H/S |  | Splinter, as above |
|  | 2 | $3-7,6+$ card suit |  | Splinter, as above |
|  | 2 | $3-7,6+$ card suit |  | 13-15 HCP, C support |
|  | 2 | $3-7,6+$ card suit | 4 bids | 4C preemptive, 4H/S to play |
| 1 | 1/1 | 4+ suit, 5+ HCP |  | $3-7,6+$ card suit |
|  | 1NT | 5-9 (10), denies 4H/S |  | 8-9 HCP, 4+D support |
|  | 2. | 4+ suit, 10+ HCP |  | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 5-8 HCP, denies 4H/S |  | Splinter |
|  | 2 | $3-7,6+$ card suit |  | 13-15 HCP, 4+ D |
|  | 2 | 3-7, 6+ card suit |  | Preemptive |
|  | 2NT | 10-12 or 16+, 4+ D | 4 Othe | 4C Splinter, 4H/S to play |
| 1 $1 / 1$ | 1NT | 5-9 (10), No primary support |  | $3-7,6+$ card suit |
|  | 2. | 4+ suit, 10+ HCP |  | 3-7, 6+ card suit |
|  | 2 | $4+$ suit, $10+$ HCP |  | 8-9, H/S support |
|  | $2 \mathrm{~V} / 4$ | 5-8, 3+ support |  | 13-15, H/S support |
|  | 2NT | 10-12 or 16+, primary support |  | Splinter |
| 2. | 2 | Negative | 2『/ | 5+ suit, Positive response |
|  | other 2NT. Positive, No 5+ suit, Unlimited HCP. 3D 5+ suit Positive |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | To play |  | 3C, P/C. [3D Not defined] |
|  | 2 | Forcing | 3/4 | 3H invitational |
|  | 2NT | Not defined |  | To play |
| 2-1/ | 2NT | Forcing clarification |  | To play |
|  | 3** | 3C Pass or Correct [3D, nd] | 4* | Not defined |
|  | 3\%/4 | 3S Invitational | $4 \times 1$ | To play |
| 2NT | 3* | Forcing clarification |  | Not defined |
|  | 3 | Not defined |  | Not defined |
|  | $3 \times$ | To play |  | To Play |
|  | 3. | To play |  | To Play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

CONVENTIONS

## Additional responses to 1NT

3/3 $3 C$ transfer to 3D. 3D $=6$ card suit with $2 / 3$ top honours
3 3/3 6 card suit, about 10 HCP, $2 / 3$ top honours
4. Transfer to 4H

4* Transfer to 4S
4 $\quad$ To Play
4. To Play

Unusual NT: minors $\quad \square \quad$ other suits $\quad \square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits
other Modified Michaels in conjunction with cue.

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

NT Checkback $\square$ Priorities
Defence to 3NT opening T/OX
Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 \star 2 \mathrm{NT}(15-18)$ balanced, $X=16+$ unbalanced

RCO style 2-s $2 N T$ (15-18) balanced, $X=16+$ unbalanced

Other 2-s

## Discussed at Table

Defence to strong © Canape Transfers

Lebensohl Over NT interference
Other uses In response to T/OX of OPP weak 2 bids
Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4 T/O X
4 T/O oriented 4 T/OX oriented

## OTHER NOTES

Wide range (15-18) 1NT rebid, with Crowhurst extensions
Herbert Negatives (next suit <8HCP) in response to first round T/O X
Lavings 2C continuations after 1NT overcall
Puppet Stayman continuations after 2NT overcalls, or 21+NT rebids
McCance Trump cues
Canape defence to OPP 1NT openings

