BASIC RESPONSES


## PLAY CONVENTIONS

| 'NT' Versus Notrump | 'S' Versus Suit | $V=$ Both |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sequence leads: | Overlead all $\quad \mathrm{S}$ | All except AK x (x) | $\boxed{N T}$ |
| Underlead | $\square$ other K from AKx $(\mathrm{x})$ in NT; |  |  |



|  | CONVENTIONS |  |  |  |  |
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| 4NT: | Blackwood $\quad \square$ | RKCB $\quad \square$ | other | 30/41 |  |
| 4. | Gerber $\square$ | when? | NEVER |  |  |

## Other Conventions

| Crowhurst | Relay("pivot") Cues |
| :--- | :---: |
| Puppet Stayman | Swine rescue after X of 1NT opening \& overcall |
| Lebensohl | 4NT Direct $=$ Specific Ace Ask |
| Cue Raises \& Truscott Raises | Double of Artificial Bid shows that suit |
| Reverse Blackout | Grand Slam Force |

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| RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | $3+D, 5+h c p$ | 2NT | $5+C, 10-12$ or 16+ |
|  | 1 $1 / 1$ | 4+ H/S, 5+ hcp |  | $5+C, 8-9$ |
|  | 1NT | 3/3/3/4 clubs, 6-9 hcp |  | splinter - $5+\mathrm{C}, 9-12 \mathrm{hcp}$, singleton D |
|  | 2 | 5+ clubs, 3-7 hcp |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | 6+ D, 0-6 hcp |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{H}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ |  | 5+ C, 13-15 hcp |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{S}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ | 4 bids | Super splinters = VOIDS |
| 1 | 1 $1 / 1$ | 4+ suit, $5+$ hcp |  | $6+C, 0-8 \mathrm{hcp}$ |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, no 4-card major, not 5 D |  | $5+\mathrm{D}, 8 / 9 \mathrm{hcp}$ |
|  | 2. | $3+C, 10+h c p$ |  | splinter (9-12) |
|  | 2 | 5+ D, 3-7 hcp |  | splinter (9-12) |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{H}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ |  | 5+ D, 13-15 hcp |
|  | 2 | $5+\mathrm{S}, 0-6 \mathrm{hcp}$ |  | 8/9, 6 diamonds |
|  | 2NT | $5+$ D, 10-12 or 16+ | 4 Othei | ISuper splinters = VOIDS |
| 1 $1 / 1$ | 1NT | 5-9, not 4 S (over 1H) |  | $6+\mathrm{C}, 0-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ |
|  | 2* | 10+hcp, 4+ C |  | Splinter \& "Super" splinters |
|  | 2 | 10+hcp, 4+ D |  | $3+$ support, 8/9 hcp |
|  | $2 \mathrm{~V} /$ | $3+$ support, 3-7 hcp |  | $3+$ support, 13-15 hcp |
|  | 2NT | $3+$ support, 10-12 or 16+ hcp | 4** | splinter (9-12) |
| 2. | other | Waiting bid - not AKQxxx | 2-1 | AKQxxx or better suit |
| 2 | 2 | Pass or Correct | 3** | Pass or correct |
|  | 24 | Pass or Correct |  | Pass or correct |
|  | 2NT | Strong enquiry (12+) |  | to play |
| 2-14 | 2NT | Strong Enquiry |  | To play |
|  | 3* | Pass or Correct | 4** | Pass or correct |
|  | 3/1 | Pass or Correct | 4*/ | Pass or Correct |
| 2NT | 3 | Strong Enquiry |  | Pass or Correct |
|  | 3 | Pass or Correct | 4* | Pass or Correct |
|  | 3 | Pass or Correct | 4 | Pass or Correct |
|  | 34 | Pass or Correct | 4 | Pass or Correct |
|  | 3NT | To Play | other | Pass or correct |

## Additional responses to 1 NT

3/3 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 To play
4. To play

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

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

NT Checkback $\quad$ Priorities lowest feature (incl 3-cd supprt, extra length,
Defence to 3NT opening $\quad \mathrm{x}=$ penalty, 4 C - majors (better H ), 4 D - majors (better S )
Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 \triangleleft X$ shows the suit + opening values; $2 N T=15-18$ 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 $\quad X$ 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; $1 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{S}$ or mi $1 S=$ non-touching suits; $\quad 1 N T=C$ or the reds;
Lebensohl Over NT interference
Other uses after partner's $X$ of Opps' natural weak 2 opening
Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4
4 4 4NT
4. 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 either partner has opened or bid NT; (3) when they refer to a conventional b (4) when Pard has opened a weak 2; (5) when auction has reached game or above.


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

| 14 | 1 | 5-, 4+ | 2NT | 11-12, no major |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1-1/ | $5-, 4+\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{L}$ |  | 8-9, 5+ |
|  | 1NT | 5-10, no major |  | Splinter, 6+ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 5+ | 3 | Splinter, 6+ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 3 | Splinter, 6+ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 3NT | 13-15 balanced, no major |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 4 bids |  |
| 1 | 1 1 | $5-, 4+\mathrm{P} /$ ¢ | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 1NT | 5-10, no major | 3 | 8-9, 4+ |
|  | 2 | 10-. $4+$, forcing to 2 NT | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 4+ | 34 | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 3NT | 13-15 balanced, no major |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 4 |  |
|  | 2NT | 11-12, no major | 4 Other |  |
| 1 $1 / 1$ | 1NT | 5-10 | 3 | 8-11, 4+ - / |
|  | 2* | 10-, 4+ , forcing to 2 NT | 3 | 6-7, $4+\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{s}$ |
|  | 2 | 10-, $4+\star$, forcing to 2 NT | 3\%/4 | $4-5,4+$ / 4 |
|  | 2-14 | 5-9, 3 card support (See Notes | * $\mathrm{NNT}^{\text {T }}$ | 13-15 balanced |
|  | 2NT | 10-12, 3 card support | 4** | 8-12, splinter, $4+$ / ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| 2. | 2 | Negative | 2ヶ/4 | Positive with $\boldsymbol{\nabla} / \stackrel{\downarrow}{\text { a }}$ |
|  | other | $3 *$ Positive with |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Correctable | 3** | 6+ |
|  | 2 | Correctable | 3\%/4 | 3 correctable, 3¢ natural |
|  | 2NT | Enquiry | 3NT | To play |
| 2-1/ | 2NT | Enquiry | 3NT | To play |
|  | 3** | Correctable | 4***********) | Correctable, invitational |
|  | 3-1 | To play/ Natural | 4\%/3 | Correctable, Natural |
| 2NT | 3 | To play | 4 | Invitational |
|  | 3 | To play | 4 | Invitational |
|  | 3 | Ask | 4 | To play |
|  | 34 | 6+ | 4 | To play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

## Additional responses to 1 NT

3*/3-6+suit, $2 / 3$ honours
$3 \vee / 3$. $6+$ suit, $2 / 3$ honours
4* 6+ suit, slam try
4 6+ suit, slam try
4 To play
4. To play

Unusual NT: minors $\square$ other suits $\square$ lower 2 unbid suits
other Michaels for one of same rank plus other


Response to $X$ in direct seat, next suit up $=0-7$, all other bids
RCO style 2-s $\quad X=16+T / O$ - 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
Other uses After weak 2 openings; Fast arrival $=$ no stop
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 * X=T / 0$
$4 \vee \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$
4. $X=T / O$

## OTHER NOTES



Inverted Modified RIPSTRA: (over Opp 1NT)
2 3 suiter, short 2 suiter not long
$2 \leqslant: 3$ suiter, short $\downarrow / 2$ suiter with $\$$ long
Cue bids -1sts \& 2nds indiscriminately $2 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}, 2 \boldsymbol{4}$ : Natural
2NT: Strong two suiter - any

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit Jump raises - majors limitforcing $\square$ other pre-emptive Jump shifts after minor opening Major = weak take-out; minor = fit showing
Jump shifts after major opening Responses to strong 2 suit opening \& to $\downarrow=$ weak take-out; others $=$ fit showing Responses to 2NT opening 2 weak/waiting; else nat, good suit; 2NT nat

| PLAY CONVENTIONS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 'NT' Versus Notrump | 'S' Versus Suit |  | $V=$ Both |
| Sequence leads: | Overlead all $\quad \boxed{S}$ | All except AK x (x) $\quad \square$ |  |
| Underlead | $\square$ other | against $\mathrm{NT}, \mathrm{A}$ asks for rev attitude, K for nat count |  |

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| OPENING BIDS |  |  |



|  | CONVENTIONS |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4NT: | Blackwood $\square$ | RKCB $\square$ | other 1430 |  |  |
| 4s | Gerber $\square$ | when? | never |  |  |

Other Conventions

Support doubles and redoubles
Long suit trial bids
Blackout (responding to reverse)
Spades oriented Michaels
Fit showing jumps - good 5+ suit
SWINE over their penalty dbl of our 1NT
Splinters \& mini splinters
Extended Stayman over 1NT overcall
Puppet Stayman over our strong 2NT rebid
Negative free bids (2 level only)

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may contain 5 card major

| 2. Stayman: simple transfers 2 $\vee$ | extended $\square$ other |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 |  |  |
| 2 NT other |  |  |  |
| 2. Game Force or 21-22 balanced |  |  |  |
| 2 Weak 2 or $23-24$ balanced or weak $5 / 5(+) \&$ or 8 playing tricks in |  |  |  |
| 2. Weak 2 or $25-26$ balanced or weak $5 / 5(+) \&$ or 8 playing tricks in $\downarrow$ |  |  |  |
| 2 Weak $5 / 5(+) \&$ or $5 / 5(+) \&$ or 8 playing tricks in or $27-28$ balanced |  |  |  |
| 2 NT Weak $5 / 5(+)$ \& or $5 / 5(+) \downarrow$ \& or 29-30 balanced |  |  |  |
| 3 NT 4 level minor pre-empt |  |  |  |

## PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED

 MEANINGIS OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCEDbl over a strong $1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{or} *$ \&
Namyats ( $4 \& 4 \diamond$ openings $=\vee \&$

| COMPETITIVE BIDDING |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Negative doubles through | 4 | Responsive doubles through | 4* |
| Jump overcalls weak | Unusual NT 2 unbid suits, without |  |  |
| 1NT overcall (immediate) | 15-18 | (re-opening) 10-14 |  |
| Immed cue of minor \& a another unbid suit |  |  |  |
| Immed cue of major Over $\boldsymbol{\text { V }}$ : \& another unbid suit; else $\downarrow$ \& a minor |  |  |  |
| Over opponent's 1NT (weak) | Dbl $=$ penalty; $2 \mathrm{x}=$ TOXIC i.e. suit above or next 2 suits |  |  |
| Over opponent's 1NT (strong) | as above but Dbl $=$ or $\bullet$ \& |  |  |
| Over weak twos | Dbl = take-out |  |  |
| Over opening threes | Dbl = take-out |  |  |

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

| 1. | $1 *$ | 5+hcp; 4+ | 2NT | Limit raise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1\%/ | $5+\mathrm{hcp} ; 4+\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{s}$ |  | Pre-emptive, 5+ |
|  | 1NT | 6-10 hcp |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | Inverted, strong raise |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | fit showing, limit raise + |  | splinter |
|  | 2- | $6+$ - , 0-7 hcp |  | 13-15 (denies a major) |
|  | 2 | 6+ | 4 bids | - = raise; $4 \mathrm{M}=$ to play |
| $1 *$ | 1\%/ | $5+\mathrm{hcp} ; 4+\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{s}$ |  | fit showing, limit raise + |
|  | 1NT | 5-10 hcp |  | Pre-emptive, 4+ * |
|  | 2. | natural, forcing to 2NT |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | Inverted, strong raise |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | $6+$ - , 0-7 hcp |  | 13-15 (denies a major) |
|  | 2 | $6+ \pm, 0-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ |  | raise |
|  | 2NT | Limit raise | 4 Othe | = splinter; 4M to play |
| 1 $1 / 1$ | 1NT | 5-10 hcp |  | fit showing, limit raise + |
|  | 2. | natural, forcing to 2NT |  | fit showing, limit raise + |
|  | 2 | natural, forcing to 2NT |  | pre-emptive raise or splinter |
|  | 2-1/ | as above or 6-9 raise |  |  |
|  | 2NT | Limit raise or 16+ raise |  | splinter; ditto 14:4-1 |
| 2 | 2 | weak or waiting | 2 T | Nat 5+ good suit, 3+ controls |
|  | other | $2 \mathrm{NT}=8-12 \mathrm{hcp} ; \max 2$ contro | s. 3 m | = natural, $5+$ good suit, $3+$ con |
| 2* | 24 | pass or correct (to Myxo 2s) | 3** | 3* pass or correct; 3* nat |
|  | 21 | pass or correct | 3-1/4 | pass or correct |
|  | 2NT | strong enquiry (game interest | )3NT | to play |
| 2V/\$ | 2NT | strong enquiry (game interest | )3NT | to play |
|  | 3/4 | pass or correct | 4** | pass or correct |
|  | 3\%/4 | 3 nat; 3 pass or correct | $4 \mathrm{~T} /$ | 4 nat; 4 pass or correct |
| 2NT | 3 | strong enquiry (game interest | )4 | natural |
|  | 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 |  |

CONVENTIONS

## Additional responses to 1 NT

$3 / 3$ natural $6+$ suit with slam interest
$3 \boldsymbol{3} / 3$ s natural $6+$ suit with slam interest
4* (Namyats)
4- (Namyats)
4 natural
4. natural

Unusual NT: minors $\quad \square \quad$ other suits $\quad \square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits
other non-spades Michaels. Over a minor, will be the other minor $+\boldsymbol{\bullet}$. Over $=$ both minors. Over 1s, = both minors
Other slam bidding Cue Bids $\square$ Asking Bids
4th Suit Forcing One round $\square \quad$ Game force
NT Checkback Priorities show shape \& strength up the line
Defence to 3NT opening Dbl = penalties; suit bids natural
Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 \checkmark$ Immediate position: $\mathrm{Dbl}=16+$ t/o of $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{ } ; 2 \downarrow=16$
t/o of $\boldsymbol{\imath} ; 2 \boldsymbol{\imath}=$ nat. Re-opening as above but can be weaker.
RCO style 2-s $\quad$ Similar style - immediate $\mathrm{dbl}=16+$; re-opening can be weake Also play exclusion doubles (see notes).

Other 2-s Similar approach.
2NT overcall over weak opening $2 s=16-19$, Lavings style
Defence to strong Wonder bids @ 1 level; TOXIC @ 2 level (suit bid is either the next suit or the next 2 suits).
Over NT interference
$\square$
Other uses when responding to partner's take-out double of weak twos
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \Leftarrow / 4$ Dbl
4• Dbl
4. Dbl

## OTHER NOTES

(1) Exclusion doubles apply after we have doubled to show strength \& partner has als shown values. $\mathrm{Dbl}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$ and pass is forcing, until the 3 level, when Dbl is penalties. (2) Over a transfer to a major: Accepting the transfer at the 3 level shows a minimum with 4 trumps. A maximum with 4 trumps is shown by bidding a weakness at the
3 level; or 2NT with no weakness.
(3) Minor suit Stayman over strong 2NT/3NT rebids after a Myxo 2 opening.

