

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

| 12 | 1 | 5+, 4+ | 2NT | 16+, Bal, 3-4 card support |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{s}$ | $5+, 4+\varphi$, | 3 | Limit raise |
|  |  | 8-10, Balanced | 3 | \} |
|  | 2 | Limit raise | 3 | \} Splinters, GF |
|  | 2 | \} | 3 | \} |
|  |  | \} Splinters, Inv+ | 3NT | Balanced, 12-15 no 4 card Mjr |
|  | 2 | \} | 4 bids | 4* $=$ RKC |
| 1* | $1 \mathrm{~V} /$ | $5+, 4+\downarrow$, | 3 | \} Splinter, Inv+ |
|  | 1NT | 5-8, no 4 card Mjr | 3 | Limit raise |
|  | 2 | $9+$, 4+ | 3 | \} |
|  | 2 | Limit raise | 3 | \} Splinters, GF |
|  | 2 | ) | 3NT | Balanced, 12-15 no 4 card Mjr |
|  | 2 | \} Splinters, Inv+ | 4* | RKC |
|  | 2NT | 16+, Bal, 3-4 card support | 4 Othe | 4 = Splinter, GF |
| 1-1/ | 1NT | 5-8, denies $4 \pm$ over 1 ¢ | 3 | \} |
|  | 2 | $9+4+$ | 3 | \}Mini/Maxi splinter |
|  | 2 | $9+, 4+$ | 3-14 | Limit raise, $3 \uparrow$ over $1 \pm=$ Spl |
|  | $2 \mathrm{/}$ / | Limit raise, $2 \downarrow$ over $1 \downarrow=$ Spl | 3NT | 13-15, Balanced raise --> 4<M |
|  | 2NT | 16+, Bal, 3-4 card support | 4** | Splinter raise |
| 2 |  | Positive, 7+ | 2-1 | $2 v=$ negative |
|  | other | Natural, 5-7 |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Pass/correct | 3** | Constructive |
|  | 24 | Pass/correct, 3+ $\downarrow$ | 3v/4 | Pass/Correct |
|  | 2NT | Forcing enquiry | 3NT | To play |
| 2-19 | 2NT | Forcing enquiry | 3NT | To Play |
|  | 3*/ | Pass/Correct | 4** | Pass/Correct -- preemptive |
|  | 3 $1 /$ | Preemptive, usually 4+ Cards | 4『/4 | To Play |
| 2NT | 3 | Preference | 4 | Preemptive |
|  | 3 | Preference | 4 | Preemptive |
|  | 3\% | Forcing, natural | 4 | To play |
|  | 34 | Forcing, natural | 4 | To play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

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## Additional responses to 1 NT

3/3 Invitational to 3NT based on broken 6 card minor
$3 \boldsymbol{3} / 3$ Strong, natural, slam try
4. Gerber
4. Natural, slam interest

4 To play
4. To play

Unusual NT: minors $\square$ other suits $\boxtimes \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits
other Minors over major, majors over minor
Other slam bidding $\quad$ Cue Bids $\boxtimes \quad$ Asking Bids $\quad \square$
4th Suit Forcing $\quad$ One round $\boxtimes$ Game force at 3 level Game force $\quad \square$

NT Checkback $\boxtimes$$\quad$| Priorities Secondary major, 3 card support for respond |
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| Defence to 3 NT opening |
| $X=$ values |

Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 \downarrow X=T / O, 2 N T=15-18$, at least one major stop 1,2,3 Doubles
RCO style 2-s $\quad 2 N T=15-18$, bal 1,2,3 Doubles

Other 2-s $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}=15-18$, bal 1,2,3 Doubles
Defence to strong \& $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ Minors, $X=$ Majors
Can pass strong $1+$ with goodish hands
Lebensohl
Over NT interference
Other uses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 * X=$ take-out
4 $X=$ values $4 . X=$ values

## OTHER NOTES

DOPI applies in step situations
After 2 level response, $3 \mathrm{NT}=15-16,2 \mathrm{NT}$ is stronger
Responsive and competitive doubles apply in competitive auctions over opps raises Penalty oriented doubles apply over new suits
Cue Raises after overcalls

| BASIC RESPONSES | PG AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION |
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| Jump raises - minors limit $\quad \boxtimes$ forcing $\quad \square$ other | INCORPORATED © |
| Jump raises - majors limit $\quad$ forcing $\square$ other | STANDARD SYSTEM CARD |
| Jump shifts after minor opening splinter ( single 9-12 HCP; double 13-15 HCP) |  |
| Jump shits after major opening splinter (single 9-12 HCP; double 13-15 HCP) | Names: David Mortimer George Smolanko |
| Responses to strong 2 suit opening $2 \mathrm{D}=8+\mathrm{HCP} ; 2 \mathrm{H}=<8 \mathrm{HCP}$; else $=$ nat, semi-pos | ABF Nos: April 2004 |
| Responses to 2NT opening $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ to play, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ natural, F | Basic System: Acol |
|  | OPENING BIDS |
| S |  |
| 'NT' Versus Notrump 'S' Versus Suit $\quad V=$ Both | Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning |
| Sequence leads: Overlead all $\checkmark$ All except AK x (x) | 1. 11-20 HCP, 3 1* 11-20 HCP, 4 1* 11-20 HCP, 4 1* 11-20 HCP, 5 |
| Underlead $\quad \square$ other 3rd from interior honour sequence | 1 NT 12-14 HCP, balanced may contain 5 card major $\boxtimes$ |
| Four or more with an honour $\quad$ 4th highest $\quad \square$ attitude $\quad \square$ | 2 Stayman: simple $\boxtimes$ extended $\square$ other then $3 m=$ <br> transfers $2 *$ transfer to $\downarrow$ $2 \downarrow$ transfer to 2 Baron |
| 3rd/5th $\square$ other |  |
| From 4 small 2nd highest $\square$ other | 2 NT natural, invitational other 3-suit = natural, $5+$ cards, GF |
| From 3 cards (no honour) top $\square$ middle $\quad \square$ bottom | 23+ HCP, balanced; or GF |
| Signal on partner's lead: high encourage $\quad \square$ low encourage $\quad \checkmark$ | 2. Multi; weak 2 in either Major (6cards, 6-10 HCP), or 20-22 HCP balanced |
| other Count other than on opening lead | 24 Hearts + another, 5+/4+, 6-10 HCP (then $2 \mathrm{~S}=$ pass or correct) |
| Signal on declarer's lead Count | 24. Spades + another, $5+/ 4+, 6-10 \mathrm{HCP}$ |
| Discards McKenney $\quad \square$ high encourage $\quad \square$ low encourage | 2 NT minors, $5+/ 5+,<12 \mathrm{HCP}$ |
| odd/even $\quad \checkmark$ other Count other than on 1st discard | 3 NT to play, no strict rules |
| Count natural $\quad \square$ reverse $\square$ | PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANINGIS OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE |
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| 4NT: Blackwood $\begin{aligned} & \text { R }\end{aligned}$ | After response to Stayman, $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ to play |
| 4. Gerber $\boxtimes$ when? Jump over NT |  |
| Other Conventions |  |
| Cues | COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
| Splinters by Opener or Responder | Negative doubles through 4S Responsive doubles through 4S |
| DOPI and ROPI | Jump overcalls Intermediate Unusual NT Jump $=5+/ 5+$ in opposite rank suits |
| Cue raises | 1NT overcall (immediate) $\quad 15-18 \mathrm{HCP}$, bal(re-opening) $\quad 15-18 \mathrm{HCP}$, bal |
|  | Immed cue of minor 5+/5+, minor/Major |
|  | Immed cue of major 5+/5+, Major/minor |
| CABF Marketing PO Box 397 | Over opponent's 1NT (weak) $\quad \mathrm{X}=$ penalty; $2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{H}+$ another; 2D $=\mathrm{S}+$ minor |
| Fyshwick ACT 2609 | Over opponent's 1NT (strong) $\mathrm{X}=$ penalty; $2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{H}+$ another; $2 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{S}+$ minor |
| TVT $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tel:026239 } 2265 \\ & \text { FAX:0262391816 }\end{aligned}$ | Over weak twos $\quad X=T / O$ |
| Coppyight © BCC 6.3.20 | Over opening threes $\quad X=T / 0$ |

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| 1* | 1 | 5+ HCP, 4+ cards | 2NT | 4+ card support, 16+ HCP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 $1 / 1$ | 5+ HCP, 4+ cards | 3 | 9-11 HCP, 4+ cards |
|  | 1NT | 8-10 HCP, natural | 3 | splinter, 13-15 HCP |
|  | 2 | 5-8 HCP, 4+ cards |  | splinter, 13-15 HCP |
|  | 2 | splinter, 9-12 HCP |  | splinter, 13-15 HCP |
|  | 2 | splinter, 9-12 HCP |  | 4+ card support, bal, 12-15 HC |
|  | 2 | splinter, 9-12 HCP | 4 bids | natural |
| 1 | 1 $1 /$ | 5+ HCP, 4+ cards |  | splinter, 9-12 HCP |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 HCP, natural | 3 | 9-11 HCP, 4+ cards |
|  | 2 | 9+ HCP, 4+ cards |  | splinter, 13-15 HCP |
|  | 2* | 5-8 HCP, 4+ cards | 3 | splinter, 13-15 HCP |
|  | 2 | splinter, 9-12 HCP |  | $4+$ card support, bal,12-15 HCP |
|  | 2 | splinter, 9-12 HCP |  | preemptive |
|  | 2NT | $4+$ card support, $16+$ HCP | 4 Othe | er = splinter, other = natural |
| 1 $1 /$ / | 1NT | 6-9 HCP, natural |  | splinter, 9-12 HCP |
|  | 2 | 9+ HCP, 4+ cards |  | splinter, 9-12 HCP |
|  | 2 | 9+ HCP, 4+ cards | 3\%/4 | 9-11 HCP, strong limit raise |
|  | 2v/s | 5-8 HCP, weak limit raises |  | 4+ card support, bal, 12-15 HCP |
|  | 2NT | $4+$ card support, $16+$ HCP |  | splinter, 13-15 HCP |
| 2 | 2 | positive, say 8+ HCP | 2-1* | $2 \downarrow=$ negative, say < 8 HCP |
|  | other | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ bal, 6-8 HCP; other suit = nat, semi positive, $5+$ cards, 5-7 HCP |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | correctable |  | Natural, F |
|  | 2 | correctable | 3-14 | correctable |
|  | 2NT | Enquiry | 3NT | to play |
| 2-14 | 2NT | Enquiry | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3/4 | Natural, NF | 4* | Natural, F |
|  | 3\%1 | to play | 4*/4 | to play |
| 2NT | 3 | to play |  | natural, NF |
|  | 3 | to play |  | natural, NF |
|  | 3 | natural, $5+$ cards, F |  | natural, to play |
|  | 3. | natural, 5+ cards, F |  | natural, to play |
|  | 3NT | to play | other |  |

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## Additional responses to 1NT



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\text { RCO style 2-s } \quad X=14+\text { HCP, then next } X=T / O
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Other 2-s over natural $2 \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$

Defence to strong e $\quad X=$ Majors, $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors

| Lebensohl Over NT in | Over NT interference $\square$ do not play Lebensohl |
| :---: | :---: |
| Other uses |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts | 4/4- $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ |
| $4 \vee \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ | 4. $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ |

## OTHER NOTES

Overcalls are aggressive opposite a non-passed partner, but are sound opposite a passed partner. Jump overcalls are intermediate but constructive.
Following support, new suits at the 3 level show stoppers for NT even after major suit fit.

When our 1 NT is doubled in over position, play SWINE (immed suit= lower of non tou When our 1 NT is doubled in underposition, play $\mathrm{XX}=$ bid 2 C then pass; suit=lower of


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| 1. | 1 | 6+, 4+ | 2NT | 16+, no major and fit |
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|  | 1 $1 / 1$ | $5+$, $4+$ |  | 10-11 usually 5 , no major |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 no major | 3 | Splinter ) |
|  | 2 | 6-9, 4+, no major | 3 | Splinter ) Void |
|  | 2 | Splinter ) | 31 | Splinter ) |
|  | 2 | Splinter ) Mini - singleton | 3NT | 12-15-no major |
|  | 2. | Splinter ) | 4 bids | 4C start cue, 4 major to play |
| 1* | 1 $1 / 1$ | 5+, 4+ | 3 | 11+, splinter |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, no major | 3 | 9-11, 5+ |
|  | 2 | 10+, 4+ | 3 | Splinter ) Void |
|  | 2 | 6-9, 4+, no major | 31 | Splinter ) Void |
|  | 2 | Splinter ) Singleton | 3NT | 12-15, no major |
|  | 2 | Splinter ) Singleton | 4 | Start cue |
|  | 2NT | $16+$ no major and fit | 4 Otherto play |  |
| 1 / / | 1NT | 5-8 | 3 | Splinter ) Singleton |
|  | 2 | 10+, 4+ |  | Splinter ) Singleton |
|  | 2 | 10+, 4+ | 3v/4 | 10-11, 4+ |
|  | 2v/s | 6-9, 4+ hearts/3+ spades if bid | 3NT | 12-15, agrees suit |
|  | 2NT | $16+$, agrees suit | 4** | 11+ Splinter |
| 2 | 2 | Relay | 2-1* |  |
| other |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Correctable | 3/* | Natural \& forcing |
|  | 2 | Pass if S , invite if H | 3-14 | Correctable and invitational |
|  | 2NT | Forcing | 3NT | To play |
| 2-14 | 2NT | Forcing | 3NT | To play |
|  | 3** | Forcing | 4** |  |
|  | 3 $1 /$ | Invitational | 4-14 | To play |
| 2NT | 3 | To play | 4 | Slam try |
|  | 3 | To play | 4 | Slam try |
|  | 3 | Natural \& forcing | 4 | To play |
|  | 31 | Natural \& forcing | 4 | To play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

## Additional responses to 1 NT

3/3 6 with 2 of top 3 honours, 5-9 HCP
$3 \Psi / 3$ Strong game force mild slam try
4. Gerber

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4 To play
4. To play

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

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\boxtimes$ | Asking Bids |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round $\boxtimes$ |  | Game force |
| NT Checkback | Priorities |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening |  |  |  |
| Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 \downarrow$ X $=16+$, $2 \mathrm{NT}=15-18, \mathrm{O}$ 'calls $11-15$ |  |  |  |


| RCO style 2-s | $X=16+, 2 N T=15-18$, O'calls 11-15 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Other 2-s | $X=16+, 2 N T=15-18$, O'calls 11-15 |

Defence to strong e $\quad X=$ majors, $2 \mathrm{C}=$ natural, $\mathrm{NT}=$ minors
Lebensohl Over NT interference

Other uses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 * X=$ T.O.
$4 \vee \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} .0$.
4. $X=$ penalties, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ T.O.

## OTHER NOTES

2NT enquiry over 2D-3 minor = strong major, 3H/S = weak major 1NT - 2C - can be 11 HCP with no major, or 10 HCP with 5 of running minor Kingcard - 4NT - 0/3, 1/4, 2, 2+1K etc.
5 NT asks for kings $=0 / 3,1 / 4,2$ etc.

