BASIC RESPONSES


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Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning
1* $2(11-23)$
1 NT $\quad 15-18$

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2. Stayman: simple $\square$ extended $\square$ other LAVINGS transfers 2 to 2 to 2 to e 2 NT to other
2. 23-24 Bal; GF any suit
2. 6-10, 6+ or $6+$; 21-22 Bal

2- 6-10, $5+\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{ }$ and $5+$ minor
2. 6-10, $5+$ and $5+$ minor

2 NT 5-5 Minors (7-12 NV; 9-14 V) 3/6 honours
3 NT Minor Pre-empt
PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED
MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

## Bergen raises

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 3 Responsive doubles throug 3

Jump overcalls 10-15, 6+suit Unusual NT with Michaels
1 NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 11-14

Immed cue of minor Michaels - other minor \& a major (5/5)
Immed cue of major Michaels - other major \& a minor (5/5)
Over opponent's 1NT (weak) RIPSTRA - modified
Over opponent's 1NT (strong) RIPSTRA - modified
Over weak twos $\quad X=T / O(16+)$; Re-opening (9+)
Over opening threes $\quad X=T / O$

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS
CONVENTIONS

| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | 1. | 5-, 4+ | ${ }^{2 N T}$ | 11-12, no major |
|  | $1 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{*}$ | $5-4+\mathrm{v} / \stackrel{1}{ }$ |  | 8-9, $5+$ |
|  | 1NT | 5-10, no major |  | Splinter, $6+$ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 5+ |  | Splinter, $6+$ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ |  | Splinter, $6+$ |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 3NT | 13-15 balanced, no major |
|  | 2. | 4-7, 6+ | 4 bids |  |
| 1 | $1 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{*}$ | 5-, 4+ / / |  | Splinter |
|  | 1NT | 5-10, no major |  | 8-9, 4+ |
|  | 2 | 10-. $4+$, forcing to 2 NT | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 4+ |  | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ |  | 13-15 balanced, no major |
|  | 2 | 4-7, 6+ | 4 |  |
|  | 2NT | 11-12, no major | 4 Other |  |
| 1/1/ | 1 NT | 5-10 |  | 8-11, $4+\boldsymbol{V} /$ ¢ |
|  | 2 | 10-, 4+ forcing to 2 NT |  | 6-7, $4+\boldsymbol{v} /$ ¢ |
|  | 2 | 10-, 4* forcing to 2 NT | 3 ${ }^{1}$ / | 4-5, 4+ / / |
|  | 2v/4 | 5-9, 3 card support (See Notes |  | 13-15 balanced |
|  | 2NT | 10-12, 3 card support | 4** | 8-12, splinter, $4+\boldsymbol{\text { / }}$ ¢ |
| 2 | 2 | Negative | $2 \boldsymbol{/} / 4$ | Positive with $\boldsymbol{\Psi} / \mathbf{4}$ |
|  | other | $3 ¢ 3 ¢$ Positive with $\uparrow$ |  |  |
| 2 | ${ }^{2}$ | Correctable | 3** | $6+/$, invitational |
|  | 2. | Correctable | $3 \mathrm{~W} / 4$ | 3 correctable, 3ntural |
|  | 2 NT | Enquiry | 3NT | To play |
| 2v/4 | 2NT | Enquiry | 3NT | To play |
|  | 3*/4 | Correctable | 4** | Correctable, invitational |
|  | $3 v / 4$ | To play/ Natural | 4//4 | Correctable, Natural |
| 2NT | 3 | To play |  | Invitational |
|  | 3 | To play | 4 | Invitational |
|  | $3 \times$ | Ask |  | To play |
|  | 3. | $6+$ * |  | To play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

## Additional responses to 1NT

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\begin{array}{ll}
3<3 & 6+\text { suit, } 2 / 3 \text { honours } \\
3 / 3 & 6+\text { suit, } 2 / 3 \text { honours } \\
4 & 6+\text { suit, slam try } \\
4 & 6+\text { suit, slam try } \\
4 & \text { To play } \\
4 & \text { To play }
\end{array}
$$

Unusual NT: mins $\qquad$ other suits $\quad$ lower 2 unbid suits
other Michaels for one of same rank plus other

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\triangle$ | Asking Bids | Game force |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th Suit Forcing O | One round $\square$ |  |  | $\boxtimes$ |
| NT Checkback $\square$ | Priorities |  |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening | g $\quad X=$ penalties |  |  |  |
| Defence to opening Two | o's: Multi 2 $X=16$ | O; 4th seat |  |  |

Response to $X$ in direct seat, next suit up $=0-7$, all other bids FG, $8+$
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 e $\quad X=$ Majors; $1 N T=$ 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 $4 * \quad X=T / O$
$4-X=T / O$
4. $X=T / O$

## OTHER NOTES

| *1 - $2 \pm=4-7,6+$ s | Inverted Modified RIPSTRA: (over Opp 1NT) |
| :---: | :---: |
| * 1 - $-2 \downarrow=10+$ ¢ | 2e: 3 suiter, short $\mathbf{2}$ 2 suiter not ${ }^{\text {a }}$ / long |
|  | 2*: 3 suiter, short $\leqslant / 2$ suiter with ${ }^{\text {d }}$ long |

Cue bids -1sts \& 2nds indiscriminately $2 \downarrow, 2 \_$: Natural
2NT: Strong two suiter - any

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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Adrienne Stephens ABF Nos: 420727 259411
Basic System: Standard American
Classification: Green $\boxtimes$ Blue $\qquad$ $\square$

## OPENING BIDS

## Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

2 ${ }^{2}$ 23+ HCP, game force
2ヶ 6-10 HCP, 6v
2. 6-10 HCP, 6

2 NT 5/5 in minors, less than opening hand
3 NT Gambling

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED } \\
& \text { MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE }
\end{aligned}
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Bergen raises (of major opening)

| COMPETITIVE BIDDING |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Negative doubles through | 3. | Responsive doubles through | 31 |
| Jump overcalls weak | Unusual NT 5/5 in minors |  |  |
| 1NT overcall (immediate) | 15-18, 2 stops (re-opening) 11-14 |  |  |
| Immed cue of minor bot | oth majors, $5 / 5$ |  |  |
| Immed cue of major oth | other major and a minor, 5/5 |  |  |
| Over opponent's 1NT (weak) | )Modified Capeletti..2C majors; 2D single suit.. |  |  |
| Over opponent's 1NT (strong) | ).. $2 \mathrm{H} \mathrm{H}+$ minor; $2 \mathrm{~S} \mathrm{~S} \mathrm{+} \mathrm{minor;} \mathrm{2NT} \mathrm{minors}$ |  |  |
| Over weak twos | natural; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ (Lebensohl responses) |  |  |
| Over opening threes | X $=$ T/O |  |  |

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

| 14 | 1. | $4+$ * $6+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 2NT | 10-12 balanced, no 4-card majo |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1 / 1$ | $4+\boldsymbol{\varphi}, 4+$ ¢ $6+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 3 | 5+ ${ }^{\text {c }}$ 10+ HCP, no 4-card major |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, no 4-card major | 3 |  |
|  | 2 | 5+ , 6-9 HCP, no 4-card major |  |  |
|  | 2 | 6+ *, 2-7 HCP | 34 |  |
|  | 2 | $6+$ - 2-7 HCP |  | 13-15 HCP, balanced |
|  | 2 | 6+ + 2-7 HCP | 4 bids |  |
| $1 *$ | $1 \mathrm{~N} / 1$ | $4+\boldsymbol{\vee}, 4+$ ¢ $6+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 3 | 7+ 2-7 HCP |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, no 4-card major | 3 | $5+$ - 10+ HCP, no 4-card major |
|  | 2. | 4+ 10+HCP, no 4-card major 3 |  |  |
|  | 2 | $5+$ *, 6-9 HCP, no 4-card major 3 * |  |  |
|  | 2 | $6+$ - 2-7 HCP | 3NT | 13-15 HCP, balanced |
|  | 2. | 6+ + 2-7 HCP | 4 |  |
|  | 2NT | 10-12 balanced, no 4-card majo\# Other |  |  |
| 1 / / | 1NT | 6-9, no 3-card support | 3 | 7-9 HCP, 4-card support |
|  | 2 | $4+10+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 3 | 10-12 HCP, 4-card support |
|  | 2 | 4+ *, 10+ HCP | 3\%/4 | 0-6 HCP. 4-card support |
|  | 2-1/ | 6-9 HCP, 3-card support | 3NT | to play |
|  | 2NT | 13+, game force, 4-card support* |  | never |
| 2 | 2 | waiting | $2 \boldsymbol{/}$ |  |
|  | other |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | waiting | 3** |  |
|  | 2 |  | 3v/4 |  |
|  | 2NT |  | 3NT |  |
| 2v/4 | 2NT | 14+ HCP, Ogust | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3** | long, solid, no support | 4** |  |
|  | $3 \mathrm{~V} / 4$ | preemptive | 4\%/4 | to play |
| 2NT | 3 | better minor | 4* | strong hand in suit |
|  | 3 | better minor | 4 | strong hand in suit |
|  | 3 | natural, forcing | 4 | to play |
|  | 3. | natural, forcing | 4 | to play |
|  | 3NT | good majors, to play | other |  |

CONVENTIONS

## Additional responses to 1NT

3*/3. 6-card suit, $2 / 3$ honours, invitational
$3 \hookleftarrow / 3$-card suit, $2 / 3$ honours, invitational
4. Gerber, ace ask
4. not used

4v to play
4. to play

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


2NT $=16-18$, balanced (Puppet Stayman applies)
RCO style 2-s As for multi openings (see above)
Other 2-s As for multi openings (see above)

| Defence to strong ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | $\mathrm{X}=$ both majors (can be 4/4); $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Other = natural |
| Lebensohl | Over NT interference $\quad$ Rubinsohl |
| Other uses after X of 2 level for T/O |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts | e-empts 4* double |
|  | 4 double 4* double |

## OTHER NOTES

Michaels (majors)
Cue bid for good raise in response to overcall
Puppet Stayman after strong 2NT rebid or 2NT overcall of 2-level openings

 Underlead $\quad \square$ other (A lead asks for count, K asks for attitude)


| CONVENTIONS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4NT: | Blackwood $\quad \square$ | RKCB $\quad \square$ | other 30,41 |  |  |
| 4e | Gerber $\quad \square$ | when? $\quad$ NT only |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Other Conventions

| Jacoby raises | Baron |
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| Cue raises | Long suit trials |
| OGUST | Namyats (4 opening = xer to $4 \checkmark$ etc) |

lebensohl
4th suit forcing

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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD



3rd seat opening bids can be light ( $9+\mathrm{hcp}$ )
Pre-emptive bids may be light (esp 3rd seat

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING



| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 120 | 1 | 4+ ${ }_{\text {, }}$ 6+hcp | 2NT | 10-12 Bal, not 4 v/ |
|  | 1\%/1 | 4+v/s, 6+hcp | 3 | Limit raise |
|  | 1NT | 6-9(10) hcp, not 4 v/s | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | 5+ \%, 6-9 (10) hcp, not 4 - | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | $6+\diamond$, 5 or less hcp | 31 | splinter |
|  | 2 | $6+$ - 5 or less hcp | 3NT | (12)13-15 hcp Semi/Bal |
|  | 2 | $6+$ ¢, 5 or less hcp | 4 bids | 4e invitational, other for play |
| 1 | 1 1 | $4+\sim / s, 6+h c p$ | 3! | splinter |
|  | 1NT | 6-9(10) hcp, not 4 | 3 | Limit raise |
|  | 24 | 5+e, (9)10+hcp | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | $5+$ *, 6-9 (10) hcp, not 4 - | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | $6+$ + 5 or less hcp | 3NT | (12)13-15 hcp Semi/Bal |
|  | 2 | 6+ +5 or less hcp | 4 | invitational |
|  | 2NT | 10-12 Bal, not 4 v/s | 4 Other | For play |
| 1 1 | 1NT | 6-9(10) hcp, not 4 |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | 5+e, (9)10+hcp |  | splinter |
|  | 2 | $5+$, (9)10+ hcp | 3 | Limit raise |
|  | 2-1 | $3+$ /s, 6-9 hcp | 3NT | (12)13-15 hcp Semi/Bal |
|  | 2NT | 4+ $\uparrow / \pm$ GF, 13+ hcp | 4* | Cue |
| 26 | 2 | Relay (waiting) | 2-1宛 | natural and forcing |
|  | other | natural and forcing |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Relay (waiting) | 30/ | natural and forcing |
|  | 2 | natural and forcing | 3 $/$ ¢ |  |
|  | 2NT | natural and forcing | 3NT |  |
| 2v/4 | 2NT | OGUST | 3NT | For play |
|  | 30/ | natural nf | 40/ | For play |
|  | 3 $/ 4$ | Invitational | 4 1 | For play |
| 2NT | 3 | For play | 4 | invitational to game |
|  | 3 | For play | 4 | invitational to game |
|  | 3 | natural \& non-forcing | 4 | For play |
|  |  | natural \& non-forcing | 4 | For play |
|  | 3NT | For play | other |  |

## Additional responses to 1NT

3 natural, slam interest
$3 \bullet / 3$ \& natural, slam interest
4
4
4• For play
4. For play
Unusual NT: minors $\quad$ other suits $\quad \square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits $\quad \boxtimes$
other

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\triangle$ | Asking Bids |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round $\boxtimes$ |  | Game force |
| NT Checkback | Priorities |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening |  |  |  |
| Defence to opening T | o's: Multi 2 X to, |  |  |

RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s

## Defence to strong

## Lebensohl Over NT interference

Other uses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 * X$
4• X, 4NT 4 $\mathrm{X}, 4 \mathrm{NT}$

## OTHER NOTES

