BASIC RESPONSES


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## Bergen Raises

Inverted Minor Raises
Multi 2.

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through $4 \downarrow$ Responsive doubles through $4 \downarrow$ Jump overcalls Weak Unusual NT Lower Unbid Suits,5/5, wk or str 1NT overcall (immediate)
15-18 pts (re-opening)

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\text { (10) } 11-14 \mathrm{pts}
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Immed cue of minor Majors, $5+15+$ weak or strong
Immed cue of major Other Major and a Minor, $5+/ 5+$, weak or strong
Over opponent's 1 NT (weak) $\quad X=s t r, 2 \boldsymbol{s}=2 \uparrow=\uparrow+2 M=5 \mathrm{M}+4 \mathrm{~m}$
Over opponent's 1 NT (strong) $\quad X=+\downarrow, 2=\mathrm{SS}, 2 \boldsymbol{*}=\uparrow, 2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}+4+\mathrm{m}$
Over weak twos $\quad X=$ takeout, Opening Hand
Over opening threes $\quad X=$ takeout, Opening Hand

| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 *$ | 1. | $4+$, $5+$ hcp | 2 NT | 10-12 balanced |
|  | $1 \mathrm{~W} /{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $4+\% /$ ¢ $5+\mathrm{hcp}$ |  | 5+ , 0-7 hcp |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, no 4 card major |  | 3-7 seven |
|  | 2 | 4+ $10+\mathrm{hcp}$ |  | 3-7 seven ${ }^{\text {- }}$ |
|  | 2 | $6+$, 3-7 hcp |  | 3-7 seven |
|  | 2 | $6+$, 3-7 hcp | 3NT | 13-15 balanced |
|  | 2. | 6+ $\downarrow$, 3 -7 hcp | 4 bids | 4 RKCB others natura, NF |
| 1 | 1v/ | $4+\boldsymbol{/}$ ¢ 4 5+ hcp |  | $6+3-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ |
|  | 1NT | 6-9, no 4 card major |  | $4+$, 0-7 hcp |
|  | 2 | 4+ 8 , $8+$ hcp |  | Splinter, 11+ hcp |
|  | 2 | $4+$, 10+ hcp |  | Splinter, 11+ hcp |
|  | 2 | $6+$, 3-7 hcp | 3NT | 13-15 balanced |
|  | 2. | $6+$. 3 -7 hcp |  | RCKB |
|  | 2NT | 10-12 balanced | 4 Other | Natural and Non Forcing |
| 1v/s | 1 NT | 6-10 hcp |  | $6-9 \mathrm{hcp}, 4$ card support |
|  | 2 | 4+10+hcp |  | Limit raise |
|  | 2 | $4+*, 10+h$ cp |  | $0-6$ hcp, 4 card support |
|  | 2v/4 | 6-9 hcp, 3 card support |  | 13-15 bal with 3 card support |
|  | 2NT | Game Force raise, 4 card supp | 4** | Splinter, 8-11, 4 card support |
| 2 | 2 | Relay | 2v/* | Pass or Correct |
|  | other | 2NT asking range and definition |  |  |
| 2* | 2 | Negative, 0-7 | 3** | Natural,(6+ card), Positive |
|  | 2. | Natural ( $5+$ card), Positive | $3 \mathrm{w} / 4$ | Natural, ( $5+$ card), Positive |
|  | 2NT | 8+ balanced | 3NT |  |
| 2v/4 | 2NT | Asking |  | To Play |
|  | 3*/4 | Pass or Correct | 4** | Correctible |
|  | $3 v / 4$ | To Play | 4//* | To Play |
| 2NT | 3 | To Play |  | Natural and Invitational |
|  | 3 | To Play | 4 | Natural and Invitational |
|  | $3 *$ | Natural and Forcing |  | To Play |
|  | 3. | Natural and Forcing |  | To Play |
|  | 3NT | To Play | other |  |

Additional responses to 1 NT
3*3 Slam Try, Suit must be solid
$3 \vee / 3 \leq$ Singleton $\vee / \pm$, interest in Minor Slam, 3 of other Major
4. Pre-emptive

4 - Pre-emptive
4• To Play
4. To Play
Unusual NT: minors $\quad \square \quad$ other suits $\quad \square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits $\quad \boxtimes$
other


| RCO style 2-s | $X=$ Suit Bid |
| :---: | :---: |
| Other 2-s |  |
| Defence to strong es Hamilton |  |


| Lebensohl | Over NT interference | 区 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other uses Over opponents' two level bids |  |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts |  | X $=$ Takeout |
|  | 4• $\mathrm{X}=$ Takeout | $X=$ Penalty, 4NT $=2$ suited Takeout |

## OTHER NOTES

1v/s-2NT.... 3 level bid = shortage, 3 Major -> Cue, 3NT flat 15-19, 4 level Natural

BASIC RESPONSES


| CONVENTIONS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4NT: | Blackwood | $\square$ | RKCB $\boxtimes$ | other |
| 46 | Gerber $\quad$ 又 | when? | After 1NT op | g and strong 2NT |
| Other Conventions |  |  |  |  |


| 4th suit forcing (to game) | Lebensohl (when overcall after 1NT |
| :--- | :--- |
| Long suit trials | opening, or partner X opps' weak 2) |
| Bergen |  |
| Checkback | TWERB (after opps open strong 2 or $/ \stackrel{\text { or }}{ }$ |
| DOPI, ROPI, DEPO |  |


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| $4=8-8.5$ playing tricks in $v / s$ | Jump overcalls $=$ intermediate if partner |
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| Bergen raises | is a passed hand, otherwise weak |

Inverted minors


RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS
CONVENTIONS

| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | 1. | $6-9 \mathrm{pts}, 4+$ | 2NT | 11-12 pts, bal, < $4 \mathrm{v} /$ / |
|  | $1 \mathrm{~W} /{ }^{\text {/ }}$ | $6-9 \mathrm{pts}, 4+$ |  | $6-9 \mathrm{pts}, 5+$ |
|  | 1 NT | $6-9 \mathrm{pts},<4 * / \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{s}$ |  | Splinter |
|  | 2 | $10+\mathrm{pts},<5+$ |  | Splinter |
|  | 2 | weak, long suit |  | Splinter |
|  | 24 | weak, long suit | 3NT | 13-15 pts, bal, < 4v/ ¢ |
|  | 2. | weak, long suit | 4 bids | 4*= to play, $4 *$ RKB |
| 1 | 1v/* | $6-9 \mathrm{pts}, 4+$ |  | weak, long suit |
|  | 1 NT | $6-9 \mathrm{pts},<4 \mathrm{~V} /$ / |  | 6-9 pts, $5+$ |
|  |  | $10+\mathrm{pts}, 5+$ |  | Splinter |
|  |  | 10+ pts, $5+$ + |  | Splinter |
|  |  | weak, long suit |  | 13-15 pts, bal, < 4v/a |
|  |  | weak, long suit |  | to play |
|  | 2NT | 11-12 pts, bal, < 4v/s | 4 Other | H $=$ RKB |
| 1/1/ | 1 NT | 6-9 pts |  | 6-9 pts, 4 trumps |
|  |  | 10+pts, $5+$ + |  | 10-12 pts, 4 trumps |
|  |  | $10+\mathrm{pts}, 5+$ |  | $0-6$ pts, 4 trumps |
|  |  | 6-9 pts, 3 trumps |  | 13-15 pts, any 4333 |
|  | 2 NT | $15+$ pts, usually 4 trumps | 4/4/4 | Splinter |
| 2 | 2. | negative response | 2v/4 | 8+ pts, natural |
|  | other |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | POC | 3*/4 | natural, denies any major fit |
|  | 2. | POC |  | POC |
|  | 2NT | enquiry | 3NT | n/a |
| 2v/4 | 2NT | enquiry | 3NT | n/a |
|  | 3*/4 | POC | 4*/4 | POC |
|  | 3v/4 | POC | 4V/4 | POC |
| 2NT | $3 *$ | POC |  | POC |
|  | 3. | enquiry | 4. | POC |
|  | $3 \%$ | POC |  | POC |
|  | 3. | POC | 4. | POC |
|  | 3NT | n/a | other |  |

Additional responses to 1NT
3 $=13$ slam try in that suit
3v/3s slam try in that suit
4. Gerber

4• n/a
4• To play
4. To play

Unusual NT: minors
other suits lower 2 unbid suits
other 2 suits of the opposite rank of the opponent's suit

| Other slam bidding <br> 4th Suit Forcing | Cue Bids $\quad$ One round | Asking Bids |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NT Checkback | $\square$ | Priorities | points, then 3-card fit with partner's suit |

Defence to 3NT opening $\quad X=$ penalty, other bids are natural
Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2 $X=16+\mathrm{pts}$, other bids are natural
$2 N T=15-18$ pts
RCO style 2-s $\quad X=16+$ pts, other bids are natural

Other 2-s

## Defence to strong * TWERB

## Lebensohl Over NT interference

Other uses After partner X opponents' weak two opening
Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4* X
4• X, 4NT 4』 4NT

## OTHER NOTES

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| Jump raises - minors limit | $\boxtimes$ | forcing $\quad \square \quad$ other |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jump raises - majors limit | $\square$ | forcing $\quad \square \quad$ other bergen or CUE (strong) |
| Jump shifts after minor opening | game force, cue |  |
| Jump shifts after major opening | bergen or CUE (strong) |  |
| Responses to strong 2 suit opening 2N forcing, other pass or correct <br> Responses to 2NT opening major: forcing |  |  |



## CONVENTIONS

| 4NT: | Blackwood $\quad \square$ | RKCB $\boxtimes$ other 3041,Q ask,MKCB,GSF |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4. | Gerber $\quad \square$ | when? | denial cues(6\|v|),exclusion cues,mod DOPI\&ROPI |

Other Conventions

| 4SF | check back |
| :--- | :--- |
| negative free bids | lebensohl |
| long suit trials | cue raises of overcalls |
| DAB (2nd cue) | balancing X |
| michaels (not 1 level) | baron (not 1 level NT bid/overcall) |


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Additional responses to 1 NT

| 3 | slam try |
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| 3 | slam try |
| 4 | texas=H |
| 4 | texas=S |
| 4 | to play |
| 4 | to play |

Unusual NT: minors $\qquad$ other suits

# lower 2 unbid suits 

other 2 suiter (weak or strong): cue: 2 up, NT: 2 down, JS: 2 around

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids | $\boxtimes \quad$ Asking Bids | 区 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round |  | Game force | 区 |
| NT Checkback $\triangle$ | Priorities | 1.fit,2.other major,3 | trength |  |

## Defence to 3NT opening

Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 \downarrow \mathrm{H}=5+\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{S}=5+\mathrm{H}$

RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s over 2N minors:C=good H, D=good S

## Defence to strong \& over $2 \mathrm{C}: \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{clubs}, 2 \mathrm{~N}=$ minors, $3 \mathrm{C}=$ majors

Lebensohl | Over NT interference |
| :---: |
| Other uses |
| over weak 2 opener |

Take out of 4 level pre-empts if suit, shows artificilal, p/c suit
$4 \vee X$

## OTHER NOTES

without interference: change of suit forcing (opener or responder)
minor suit slam tries ( $\mathrm{D}=$ =either, $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{S}=\mathrm{D}$ ) after extended stayman response
1N overcall (no 5 c major) or opps 2 c overcall: system on (also opps x , but simple stayman) 2D opening cannot have 5 card major, has all suits stopped if minimum
$2 \mathrm{~N}+$ : baron, transfers D/H/S/C
NT rebid does not deny 4 card majo

