

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

| 10 | 1 | 5+pts, 4D | 2NT | 11-12 pts, exactly 3334 |
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|  | 19/4 | 5+pts, 4M | 36 | 4-9 pts 5C (rarely 9pts) |
|  | 1 NT | 6-10pts, denies 4M | 3 | GF splinter 6C denies |
|  | 20 | $10+\mathrm{pts}, 5 \mathrm{C}$ (can be | pt3) | GF splinter 5C denies a |
|  | 2 | 4-7 pts, 6D | 34 | GF splinter 5C denies a |
|  | 24 | $4-7 \mathrm{pts}, 6 \mathrm{H}$ | 3NT | 13-15 pts exactly 3334 |
|  | 2 | 4-7 pts, 6S | 4 bids | natural weak to play |

1. 1 T / $5+\mathrm{pts}, 4 \mathrm{M}$ GF splinter, 4D denies a 4 card

25
2
24
2
2NT 11-12 pts, exactly 3334
3. GF splinter, 4D denies a 4 card M
3. 4-9 pts, 5D (rarely 9pts)

3ヶ GF splinter, 4D denies a 4 card S GF splinter, 4D denies a 4 card H

3NT 13-15 pts, exactly 3334
4 natural weak to play
4 Other natural weak to play

| 1\%/4 | 1NT | Forcing 5-11 pts (incl weak raise) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | mini splinter or better |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 26 | GF, 3(4)C | 3 | mini splinter or better |
|  | 2) | GF, 4D | 3\%/4. | 4-6 pts 4M |
|  | 2\%/4 | $7-9 \mathrm{pts}$, constructive raise 3 M | 3NT | Bal raise, 11-13 pts, 4M |
|  | 2NT | GF raise 4M, asks for shortage 4/ |  | GF splinter |
| 20 | 2 | -ve (0-4 w/o Ace, or any+ ve 8+2v/4 |  | Semi positive 4(5) -7 pts |
|  | other | Semi positive 4(5) -7 pts |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Pass or correct | 34/* | GF natural |
|  | 24 | Pass or correct (invite to 4H) | 3\%/4 | p/c |
|  | 2NT | Strong enquiry | 3NT | To play |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | Strong enquiry | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3/4 | pass or correct | 49/* | pass or correct |
|  | 3\%/4 | pass or correct | 4Y/ | pass or correct |
| 2NT | 30 | pass or correct | 40 | pass or correct |
|  | 3 | Strong enquiry | 4 | pass or correct |
|  | 34 | pass or correct | 4 | pass or correct |
|  | 34 | pass or correct | $4{ }^{4}$ | pass or correct |
|  | 3NT | To play | other | 5 C is pass or correct 5D |



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1* 1
1 $1 / 4$GF over 1H, 15-18 bal over 1 s 3corr. over $1 \mathrm{H}, 18+$ any over 15corr. over 1H, 12-17 nat. over $13 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{s}$nat. nf over $1 \mathrm{H}, 12-17$ nat over 13NT
to play
pick minor over $1 \mathrm{H} ; 20-22$ bal $\qquad$ corr. over 1 H , pre-empt over 1
20
relay, at least inv to game
$2 \mathrm{H}=$ signoff, $2 \mathrm{~S}=$ natural nf other inv to game with a heart fit

| 2 | 24 | relay, at least inv to game | 3/4 | correctible |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 24 | signoff | 3\%/4 | pre-emptive |
|  | 2NT | inv to game with a spade fit | 3NT | to play |

$2 \Psi / 42 N T$ relay, at least inv to game $3 N T$ to playnat nf over 2 H ;nat forcing over $2 \mathbb{3} / *$ pre-emptive
3 91
signoff over 2 H ; nat forcing ov 2 se\%
to play

| 2NT | 30 | correctible | 40 | correctible |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 | correctible | 4 | correctible |
|  | 3 | natural and forcing | 49 | to play |
|  | 3 | natural and forcing | 4 | to play |
|  | 3NT | to play | other | $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ bid minor |

CONVENTIONS

## Additional responses to 1 NT

| 3 | $3 / 3$ |
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| 3 | pre-emptive |
| 4 | pre-emptive |
| 4 | pre-emptive |
| 4 | pre-emptive |
| 4 | to play or pre-emptive |

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

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

## NT Checkback $\square$ Priorities

Defence to $3 N T$ opening $\quad x=$ penalty
Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 x=16+$ any shape,
suit bid $=10-15$ natural

|  | suit bid $=10-15$ natural |
| :---: | :---: |
| RCO style 2-sOther 2-s | as above |
|  | as above |
| Defence to strong ${ }_{\text {e }}$ | CRASH starting at 1NT |
| Lebensohl | Over NT interferenc® |
| Other uses |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts | empts $40 / 4 * x=$ takeout |
| 4 | $\mathrm{x}=$ takeout 4 4 $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ takeout |

## OTHER NOTES

Symmetric Relay after Pass, 1C, 1D, 1H, and 1NT openings Denial Cue Bidding

## FORCING PASS SYSTEM

(played by Trevor Fuller and Don Allen)

## OPENING BIDS RESPONSE

| PASS | 13+ HCP, any shape |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1* | 11+ HCP, game forcing relay |
|  | 1 | 0-7 HCP, any shape |
|  | 1 V | 7-10 HCP, 4+ suit. |
|  | 1NT | 8-10 HCP, balanced |
|  | 2*/* | 7-10 HCP, 4+ suit |
|  | 2 - | 7-10 HCP, 4441 shape with short m |
|  | 2^up | 7-10 HCP, both minors, at least 5/4 |
| 1C | 8-12 HCP with 4+ hearts |  |
|  | 1 | Game invitational relay |
|  | $1 \vee$ | Game forcing relay |
|  | 14 to $2 v$ | 0-12 HCP, natural and not forcing |
|  | 1NT | 8-12 HCP, balanced |
|  | 2NT | Invitational with 4+ hearts |
|  | 2^ up | 0-12 HCP, pre-emptive |

1D 8-12 HCP with 4+ spades

| $1 \vee$ | Game invitational relay |
| :---: | :---: |
| 14 | Game forcing relay |
| 1NT | 8-12 HCP, balanced |
| 2* to 2A | 0-12 HCP, natural and non forcing |
| 2NT | Invitational with 4+ spades |
| 3\% up | 0-12 HCP, pre-emptive |

8-12 HCP, 6+ in either minor, or 5+/4+ in both

| $1 \uparrow$ | Game invitational relay |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 NT | Game forcing relay |
| $2 \oplus / \star$ | Correctible |
| $2 \bullet / \uparrow$ | Natural, non forcing |
| 2 NT | Pick your best minor |
| $3 \bullet / \star$ | Correctible and pre-emptive |
| $3 \bullet / \uparrow$ | Natural with a 6+ suit, invitational |

0-8 HCP, any shape

| 1 NT | $15-17$ HCP, balanced |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2 *$ | $18+$ HCP, artificial, forcing |
| $2 \star / \downarrow / \uparrow$ | $12-17$ HCP, natural and non forcing |
| 2 NT | $20-22$ HCP, balanced |
| $3 *$ | Pre-emptive |

1NT
9-12 HCP, balanced with no 4 card major
2. $\quad$ Relay, at least invitational to game

2* to 2NT Transfers
3* to $3 \boldsymbol{\sim} \quad$ Pre-emptive
3NT To play

## Competitive Auctions

Michaels Cue Bids, either weak or strong
Weak jump overcalls, 6+ suit, may be undisciplined
1 NT overcall is $15-18 \mathrm{HCP}$ (in passout seat is $10-14 \mathrm{HCP}$ )
Double for takeout over pre-emptive bids up to and including $4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}$
Responsive doubles to $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$
Over weak two bids a 2 NT overcall is $15-18 \mathrm{HCP}$ and balanced
Over weak two bids with an anchor suit, double is takeout
Over weak two bids without an anchor suit, double shows 16+ HCP
Cue raises
DONT over 1NT openings
Lebensohl
Over strong $1 *$ opening use CRASH

## Agreements and Conventions

Roman Key Card Blackwood
Denial cue bidding
Long suit trial bids
Extensive use of relays

## Leads and Signals

$4^{\text {th }}$ highest
Overlead sequences
MUD
Lead of an A to NT asks for attitude
Lead of a K to NT ask partner to unblock, otherwise to give count
Lead of a 10 to NT promises an honour higher than the J
When following suit we primarily give natural present count. However attitude and McKenny may be given in certain circumstances.

When discarding we give natural present count with McKenny overtones.


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1. 1* $6+$ HCP, 4+ HEARTS $2 \mathrm{NT} 12 \mathrm{M}-14$ HCP, 4+ CLUBS, BAL 1NT 9+ HCP 5+ DIAMONDS


2
$2 \downarrow$
2
1*
1NT
2
2
24


SPADES / 6-11 HCP $<3$ SPADE
12+ HCP 4+ CLUBS
12+ HCP 4+ DIAMONDS
6-9 HCP, 3 CARD RAISE
MODIFIEDBERGEN
NEGATIVE (LESS THAN A + KR $/$ / 2 SUITED SEM +VEOR BETTER

Additional responses to $1 \mathbf{N T}$
3/3* GF: SINGLE SUITED MINOR: SHORTAGE IN MAJOR/OTHER MINOR
3Y/3. GF: 4 IN BID SUIT, DENIES 4 IN OTHER MAJOR
4* PUPPETTO4H
4. PUPPETTO4S

4\% TOPLAY
4. TOPLAY

Unusual NT: minors $\square \quad$ other suits $\square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits
other INTERMEDIATE OR BETTER


2* $2 \downarrow$ TOPLAY: CORRECTABLE $3 * / *$ DIST ASK/ GI RASE: CORRECTABLE Other uses T/ODOUBLE AT THE 2 LEVEL
2 TOPLAY: CORRECTABLE $3 \geqslant / \uparrow$ NON-INMTATIONAL: CORRECTABIake out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \mathbf{2} / 4 \quad \times=T / O$
PUPPETTO3C. GIRELAY 3NT TOPLAY
2ข/2 2NT PUPPETTO3C 3NT TOPLAY

3 $/$ NAT, FORCING: CORRECTABLE/ SPLINIER: CORRECTABIE
$3 \geqslant / 2$ NON INMT: CORRECTABLE $4 \geqslant / 1$ TOPLAY: CORRECTABLE

| PUPPET STAYMAN | 4 | PUPPET TO 4H |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TRANSFER TO HEARTS | 4 | PUPPET TO 4S |
| TRANSFER TO SPADES | 4 | TOPLAY |
| TRANSFER TO CLUBS | 4 | TOPLAY |
| TRANSFER TO DIAMONDS | other |  |

4* $\times=T / O$
4. $X=$ VALUES

## OTHER NOTES

DISTURB UGLY PARTNER OVER NO TRUMP
X = PENALTIES, THEN SHORTAGE OR LENGTH DOUBLES OVER 2C, 2D
2C = MAJOR + MINOR, 5+/4+ EITHER WAY (IF CLUBS WLL BE 5+)
$2 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{MAJORS}, 5+/ 4+$ EITHER WAY
2H2S = NATURAL
$2 N T=5+/ 5+$ HEARTS AND MINOR

