BASIC RESPONSES


## Other Conventions



Baron
Trump probes
5NT grand slamtry
Leaping Michaels
Double of strong $1 \mathrm{NT}=5+\downarrow \mathrm{s}$
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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD



## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through
Jump overcalls Weak
1 NT overcall (immediate)
Immed cue of minor
Immed cue of major
Over opponent's 1 NT (weak)
Over opponent's 1 NT (strong)
Over weak twos
Over opening threes

Responsive doubles through
49
Unusual NT Lowest suits
15-18 (re-opening)
15-18
majors 5+/5+
other major + minor $5+/ 5+$
$2 s=\downarrow+$ another; $2=+$ minor; $2 N T=$ minors
as above
Double $=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$
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RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS
Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

| 16 | 1 | 4+ cards 5+hcp | 2NT | 4 cards, balanced, 11-12 hcp |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19/4 | 4+ cards 5+ hcp | 30 | 5+ card support, 5-8 hcp |
|  | 1NT | no major 6-10 | 3 | splinter 12-14 hcp |
|  | 20 | 4+cards, 13+hcp | 3 | splinter 12-14 hcp |
|  | 2 | 5+ card support, 9-11 hcp | 34 | splinter 12-14 hcp |
|  | 24 | splinter 9-12 hcp | 3NT | 4 card support, bal, 13-14 hcp |
|  | 2. | splinter 9-12 hcp | 4 bids | 40 = key card enquiry |
| 1* | 19/4 | 4+ cards 5+hcp | 3 | 5+ card support, 9-11 hcp |
|  | 1NT | no major 6-10 | 3 | 5+ card support, 5-8 hcp |
|  | 20 | 10+ natural | 37 | splinter 12-14 hcp |
|  | 2 | 4+ cards, 13+ hcp | 34 | splinter 12-14 hcp |
|  | $2{ }^{*}$ | splinter 9-12 hcp | 3NT | 4 card support, bal, 13-14 hcp |
|  | 21 | splinter 9-12 hcp | 4 | pre-emptive |
|  | 2NT | 4 cards, balanced, 11-12 hcp | 4 Other | $4 \checkmark$ key card enquiry |
| 19/4 | 1NT | 6-10 | 3\% | 4 card support, 6-9 hcp |
|  | 23 | 10+ natural | 3 | 4 card support, 9-11 hcp |
|  | 2 | 10+ natural | 3\%/4 | weak: $2 ¢ / 3 \geqslant=3$ card sup 11-12 |
|  | 2\%/4 | 5-10 with 3 card support | 3NT | Bal 12-14 with 4+ card support |
|  | 2NT | 15+ with 4+ card support | 4*/4000 | splinter 11-13 hcp |
| 20 | 2 | artificial positive, say 8+ HCP | 2\%/4 | $2^{*}$ artificial negative, say $<8 \mathrm{HCP}$ |
|  | other | 24 and up = nat, 5+ cards to Q or better, say 4-7 HCP. $2 \mathrm{NT}=\uparrow$ suit |  |  |
| 2 | 24 | enquiry, game interest | 3\%/4 | natural, NF |
|  | 2. | natural, NF | 3\%/4 | natural, GF |
|  | 2NT | $5+\bullet, \mathrm{F} 1$ | 3NT | to play |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | enquiry, game interest | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3\%/4 | Natural NF | 4*/4000 | Natural GF |
|  | 3V/4 | to play | 4V/4 | to play |
| 2NT | 3 | puppet Stayman | 4 | Gerber |
|  | 3 | $\Rightarrow$ - | 4 | natural, sets suit,slamtry |
|  | 34 | $\Rightarrow$ \$ | 4 | natural, sets suit, slammish |
|  | 34 | minor suit Stayman | 42 | natural, sets suit, slammish |
|  | 3 NT | to play | other | $4 N T=$ quantitative |

CONVENTIONS

## Additional responses to $\mathbf{1 N T}$

 other unlimited


RCO style 2-s
$X=15+$ whenever there is no anchor suit, or if the bid is a transfer etc. even though suit known

Other 2-s $\quad X=$ TO only over natural bids

Defence to strong \& $\quad X=$ hearts \& another, $1 \vee=$ spades \& minor, $1 N T=$ minors
Lebensohl Over NT interference $\square$ Not used

## Other uses

Take out of 4 level pre-empts

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4*4}
4. \(X\)
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4 $\times$

## OTHER NOTES

## Support doubles \& redoubles

Following suit support (except 9 card $M$ fit), new suits at the 3 level show features for $N T$.
Raise with honour $x x$ of partner's 1 Major response, unless 4-3-3-3


Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

| 1. | 1 | 5+, 4+ | 2NT | 16+ Bal, 3+ card support |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19/4 | 5+, 4+ | 3 | 10-11, 5+ |
|  | 1NT | 8-10 and balanced | 3 | --- |
|  | 2 | 5-9, 4/5+ | 34 | --- |
|  | 2 | 16+, 6+ | 34 | --- |
|  | 24 | 16+, 6+ | 3NT | 3-3-4-3 or 3-3-3-4, 13-15 |
|  | 2. | 16+, 6+ | 4 bids |  |
| 1* | 1 $1 /$ / | 5+, 4+ | 3 | 16+, 6+ |
|  | 1 NT | 5-9, no four card Mir | 3 | 10-11, $4+$ |
|  | 24 | 9+, 4+ | $3 \%$ | --- |
|  | 2 | 6-9, 4+ | 34 | --- |
|  | 2 | 16+, 6+ | 3NT | 3-3-4-3 or 3-3-3-4, 13-15 |
|  | 2 | 16+, 6+ | 4. |  |
|  | 2 NT | 16+ Bal, 3+ card support | 4 Other |  |
| 1 $1 /$ / | 1NT | 5-9 | 3 | Mini/Maxi Splinter |
|  | 2 | 9+, 4+ | 3 | Mini/Maxi Splinter |
|  | 2 | 9+, 4+ | 3\%/4 | 10-11, no shortage, 4+,3+ |
|  | $2 \mathrm{~W} /{ }^{\text {c }}$ | 5-9, 4+ (3+) (24over 1\% Spl) | 3NT | Value raise to 4<Mir> |
|  | 2 NT | 16+ Bal, 3+ card support | 4** | Splinter Raise |
| 2. | 2 other | Negative, 0-1 Control | 2\%/4 | Steps ( $2 \bullet=2$ kings or 1 A ) |
| 2* | 24 | Pass/Correct | 3/4 | Natural, forcing |
|  | 2. | Pass/Correct, 3+ ${ }^{\text {+ }}$ | $37 / 4$ | Pass/Correct |
|  | 2 NT | Forcing enquiry | 3NT | To play |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | Forcing enquiry | 3NT | To play |
|  | 3*/4 | Pass/Correct | 4*/ | Pass/Correct, preemptive |
|  | 3\%/4 | Preemptive | 4Y/4 | To play. |
| 2NT | 3 | Stayman over natural 2NT | 4 | Gerber over natural 2NT |
|  | 3 | Transfer --> ${ }^{\text {c over nat }} \mathbf{2 N T}$ | 4 | Preemptive over direct 2NT |
|  | 34 | Transfer --> over nat 2NT | 4 | To play |
|  | 3. | $5-4$ in \& over nat 2NT | 4. | To play |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

Additional responses to $\mathbf{1 N T}$

| $34 / 3$ | Invitational to $3 N T$, based on broken 6 card minor |
| :--- | :--- |
| $34 / 3$ | Strong Slam Try |
| 44 | Gerber |
| 44 |  |
| 44 | To play |
| 4 | To play |

other Minors over a major; Majors over a minor


| RCO style 2-s | First $2 \mathrm{Xs}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=15=18$ |
| :---: | :--- |
| All subsequent doubles are penalties |  |
| O-s | First $2 \mathrm{Xs}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=15=18$ |
|  | All subsequent doubles are penalties |
| nce to strong e | Twerb |
|  | up to but not including 3NT |
| Over NT interference |  |

Other uses After a weak two opening is doubled by our side for take-out

| Take out of 4 level pre-empts | $4 \$ / 4 \checkmark \quad \times$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $4 \vee \times / 4 N T$ | $4 \uparrow \quad 4 N T$ |

## OTHER NOTES

DOPI applies in step situations
After 2 level response, $3 N T=15-16,2 N T$ is stronger
Responsive and competitive doubles apply in competitive auctions over opponents' raises and
Penalty oriented doubles apply over new-suit bids
Cue Raises after overcalls

BASIC RESPONSES

| Jump raises - minors | limit $\square$ | forcing $\square$ | Other: weak |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jump raises - majors | limit $\square$ | forcing $\square$ | Other: weak |


| Jump shifts after minor opening | G/F splinter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Jump shifts after major opening | G/F splinter |
| Responses to strong 2 suit opening |  |
| Responses to 2NT opening | 3C = stayman, 3 , 3\% transfers, 34 Baron |



| RKC, 5 | $=0$ or 3 key cards |
| ---: | :--- |
| 5 | $=1$ or 4 key cards |
| $5 \uparrow=2$ key cards no queen of trumps |  |
| $5 \&=2$ key cards \& queen of trumps |  |
| $5 N T=2$ key cards \& a void |  |


| $\mid 5 N T=$ trump ask |  |
| ---: | :--- |
| responce 6 | $=0$ top honours |
| $6 \downarrow$ | $=1$ top honours |
| $6 v$ | $=2$ top honours |
| 64 | $=3$ top honours |


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Please refer 2 level openings


RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS
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| 19 | 1 | 6+pts 4+ | 2NT | 10+pts 4+e no void |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19/4 | 6+pts 4+ suit | 3 | $4+$ weak \& distrubutional |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 no 4 card major | 3 | G/F splinter void |
|  | 20 | 6-9 4+ clubs | 37 | G/F splinter void ${ }^{\text {V }}$ |
|  | 2 | G/F splinter | 34 | G/F splinter void |
|  | 2 | G/F splinter | 3NT | to play |
|  | 2. | G/F splinter | 4 bids |  |
| 1 | 1 $1 /$ / | 6+4+suit | 3 | G/F splinter |
|  | 1 NT | 6-9 no 4 card major | 3 | $4+$ weak \& distrubutional |
|  | 26 | 10+ [8+] pts 5+ suit | 37 | G/F splinter void ${ }^{\text {P }}$ |
|  | 2 | 6-94+ | 34 | G/F splinter void |
|  | 2 | G/F splinter | 3 NT | to play |
|  | 21 | G/F splinter | 4 | no interference, demands cues |
|  | 2NT | 10+pts 4+ no void | 4 Other |  |
| 17/4 | 1NT | 6-9 | 3 | G/F splinter |
|  | 26 | 10+ [8+] pts 4+suit | 3 | G/F splinter |
|  | 2* | 10+ [8+] pts 4+ suit | 3\%/4 | weak |
|  | 2\%/1 | 6-93+ support | 3 NT | to play |
|  | 2NT | 10+pts 4+ supp, no single or void | 4*/ | G/F splinter void |
| 26 | 2 | $<2$ controls | 2\%/4 | natural 5+, 2+ controls |
|  |  | $2 \mathrm{NT}=5+2$, 3 ¢ $=5+\downarrow$; 3 $=5-8$ with 4 cd major; $3 \uparrow=5-8$ no major, $3 ¢=9+$ bal |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | to play | 3/1 | natural to play |
|  | 21 | to play | 3\%/4 | to play |
|  | 2NT | ask | 3NT | to play |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | ask | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3m/4 | to play | 4*/ | splinter slamtry |
|  | 3\%/4 | to play | 4Y/ | to play |
| 2NT | 3 | stayman | 40 | natural sets suit \& demands cues |
|  | 3 | transfer to ${ }^{*}$ | 4* | natural sets suit \& demands cues |
|  | 37 | transfer to | 4 | to play |
|  | 3. | baron | 4. | to play |
|  | 3 NT | to play | other |  |

Additional responses to $\mathbf{1 N T}$

| 3 $/ 3$ | $6+$ suit with 2 of the top 3 honours, invite to 3 NT if opener has other honour |
| :---: | :---: |
| 39/34 | 6+ suit slamtry, if opener has 3 card support he should cue |
| 40 | 6+ suit ask opener to cue |
| 4 | 6+ suit ask opener to cue |
| 49 | to play |
| $4{ }^{4}$ | to play |
| Unusual NT: | minors $\square$ other suits $\square$ lower 2 unbid suits |
| other | jors or minors |


| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids $\square$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round $\square$ at 1 level only |
| NT Checkback | $\square$ |
| Defence to 3NT opening Bids |  |
| Defence to opening Two's: | Prities |

RCO style 2-s as above
Other 2-s $\quad \mathrm{X}=$ take out
defence to specific 2 s ; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$ of highest rank, all suit bids are natura
Defence to strong \$ 1 level, suit = that suit \& another, 2 level = that suit \& higher suit, $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ single suited hand, 3 level bids, weak jump o/calls

## Lebensoh

Over NT interference
Other uses after t/o $x$ of opponents weak 2 opening
Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4 $\quad$ x
4 $x$
4. $x ;$ \& $4 N T$ for 2 suited takeout

## OTHER NOTES

| 2 2nt; | $30=\min 4-4$ | 2 cc 2 nt | 3 = 4 card suit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $3 \checkmark$ max $4-4$ |  | $3 \leqslant=4$ card suit |
|  | $3 \vee=5+\bullet 4$ |  | $3 \vee=5332$ |
|  | 3s = 5 + 4 4 |  | 3t = 6+ major |
|  | $3 \mathrm{NT}=5+\bullet$, 5 |  |  |

note if opposition overcall our $2 \downarrow \mathbb{\$}$ opening $-x=$ penalties, new suit $=$ natural $\&$ forcing

