### 4. BASIC RESPONSES Jump raises - minors Inverted Jump raises - Majors Limit 10-12 majors = natural strong, minors = raises Jump shifts after minor opening natural strong Jump shifts after Major opening 2♦ = waiting, 2♥/2\$/3\$/3♦ = good 5+ card suit with 8+ HCP Responses to strong 2 suit open. Responses to 2NT opening Stayman, Transfers to Majors 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS **Show priorities** Versus Suit (or both) Versus **NoTrump** (if different) Sequences: Overlead all except AK stiff Leads Four or more with an honour 4th highest 2nd highest From 4 small Top Middle From 3 cards (no honour) In partner's suit Overlead; 4th; Xx Low Encourage Discards Low-High = Even Count Signal on partner's lead: Low Encourage Signal on declarer's lead: Reverse Count **Notes** 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS **RKCB 3041** 4♣ Gerber Blackwood when? 4NT: **Slam Notes** Cue Bids 1st and 2nd Round Controls Asking Bids 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS 4th Suit Forcing **Splinters** Cue Raise / Cue Bid / Unassuming Cue Bid Ogust Jacoby 2NT Support Xs / XXs Lebensohl www.abf.com.au PDF Form Rev. 15F06 by RoL MyRev. 20/05/2016 Copyright © ABF 2015



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### STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

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| Basic System:  |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brown Sticker  |                    | ification: Green | X Blue                            | Red Yellow               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. OPENING BIDS  |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning  Canape   |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1♣ 11+, 2+   |                    |                  | 1♥ 11+, 5+                        | 1♥ 11+, 5+               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 <b>♦</b> 11+, 4+   |                    |                  | 1♠ 11+, 5+                        | 1♠ 11+, 5+               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>1NT</b> (14) 15-1   | 17                 |                  |                                   | may contain 5 card Major |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT Responses 2♣ Simple Stayman  |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2♦ TRF   | <b>y</b>           |                  | 2♠ TRF ♣                          |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2♥ TRF 9   |                    |                  | 2NT TRF ♦                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| other super-accepts  |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2♣ 23+ BAL or any game force   |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Weak, 6-10 HCP, both majors (4-4, 5-4, 4-5 or 5-5)   |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2♥ Weak, 6-10 HCP, 6♥  |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2♠ Weak, 6-  | 10 HCP, 6 <b>♠</b> |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>2NT</b> 20-22 ba  | alanced            |                  | 3NT No Agreement                  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| other  |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                    |                  | ALERTS                            |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | & 2NT respor       | nder bid)        | 1 <b>♥</b> /1♠: 1NT = 7+, forcing |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inverted mine  | ors                |                  | Transfer responses to 1♣          |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                    | OMPETITIVE       |                                   | RCALLS                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Negative doubles the   | •                  |                  | weak                              | 9-                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Responsive double  | · ·                | 01100001111      | Lower 2 unbid s                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT overcall - imm   |                    |                  | nediate cue of minor              | •                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT overcall - re-op   | ŭ                  |                  | nediate cue of Major              | •                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Over weak twos X=T/O, 2NT=15-17, O/C=NF Over opening threes X=T/O, 3NT=NAT   |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Over opponent's 1NT X = penalty, 2♣ = both majors, 2♦ = single major, 2♥ = ♥ & a minor 2♠ = ♠ & a minor, 2NT = both minors |                    |                  |                                   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

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|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 4+ ♥, 6+                           | 2   | ♣ limit raise (9-11)   | 3◆  | splinter raise  |
| 4+ ♠, 6+                           | 2   | natural game force   | 3 <b>Y</b>  | splinter raise  |
| no major, 6+                       | 2   | natural game force   | 3♠  | splinter raise  |
| 7-10 balanced                      | 2NT   | 11-12 balanced   | 3NT   | 13-15 balanced  |
| game force, 4+ 💠                   | 3♣  | weak raise   | 4   | No Agreement  |
|                                    |   |  |   |   |
| 4+ ♥, 6+                           | 2   | natural game force   | 3 <b>Y</b>  | splinter raise  |
| 4+ ♠, 6+                           | 2   | natural game force   | <b>3♠</b>   | splinter raise  |
| 7-10 balanced                      | 2NT   | 11-12 balanced   | 3NT   | 13-15 balanced  |
| natural game force                 | 3♣  | ♦ limit raise (9-11)   | 4 <b>♣</b>  | splinter raise  |
| game force, 4+ ♦                   | 3   | weak raise   | 4   | No Agreement  |
|                                    |   |  |   |   |
| 4+ ♠, 6+                           | 2   | 3+ ♥, 6-9  | 3   | natural GF (good suit)  |
| 7+ forcing                         | 2   | natural GF (good suit)   | 3 <b>Y</b>  | 4+ card raise (10-12)   |
| natural (3+) GF                    | 2NT   | 13+, 4 card support  | 3 <b>♠</b>  | splinter, 4+ ♥  |
| natural (3+) GF                    | 3 <b>♣</b>  | natural GF (good suit)   | 3NT   | 13-15 balanced  |
| 4♣/4♦ = splinter, 4+ ♥             |   |  |   |   |
| 7+ forcing                         | 2   | 3+ ♠, 6-9  | 3   | natural GF (good suit)  |
| natural (3+) GF                    | 2NT   | 13+, 4 card support  | 3 <b>♠</b>  | 4+ card raise (10-12)   |
| natural (3+) GF                    | 3 <b>♣</b>  | natural GF (good suit)   | 3NT   | 13-15 balanced  |
| natural (5+) GF                    | 3   | natural GF (good suit)   | 4 <b>♣</b>  | splinter, 4+ ♠  |
| 4♦/4♥ = splinter, 4+ ♠             |   |  |   |   |
| puppet stayman                     | 3   | 1♠ & 3♥, game force  | 4   | No Agreement  |
| 5-5 minors, GF                     | 3NT   | to play  | <b>4</b>  | to play   |
| 1♥ & 3♠, game force                | 4   | No Agreement   | 4   | to play   |
| -                                  |   |  |   |   |
| waiting bid                        | 2NT   | No Agreement   | 3 💙   | No Agreement  |
| 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit               | 3 <b>♣</b>  | 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit   | 3 <b>♠</b>  | No Agreement  |
| 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit               | 3   | 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit   | 3NT   | No Agreement  |
| -                                  |   |  |   | -   |
| to play                            | 3♣  | to play  | 3 <b>♠</b>  | to play   |
|                                    |   |  |   |   |
| to play                            | 3   | INV 3-3 majors   | 3N I  | to play   |
| to play<br>forcing, 16+, artifical | 3 <b>♦</b><br>3 <b>♥</b>  | to play  | 3NT<br>4♣   | to play<br>No Agreement   |
|                                    | 4+ ♥, 6+ 4+ ♠, 6+ no major, 6+ 7-10 balanced game force, 4+ ♠  4+ ♥, 6+ 4+ ♠, 6+ 7-10 balanced natural game force game force, 4+ ♦  4+ ♠, 6+ 7+ forcing natural (3+) GF natural (3+) GF 1 ♣ A ← Forcing natural (3+) GF natural (5+) GF 1 ♣ A ♠ A ← Forcing natural (5+) GF 1 ♣ A ♠ A ← Forcing natural (5+) GF 1 ♣ A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ♠ A ← A ← | 4+ ♥, 6+  4+ ♠, 6+  7-10 balanced game force, 4+ ♠  4+ ♥, 6+  7-10 balanced natural game force game force, 4+ ♦  4+ ♠, 6+  7-10 balanced natural game force game force, 4+ ♦  4+ ♠, 6+  7+ forcing natural (3+) GF natural (3+) GF  1 ♣ A♣ A♣ SPIINTER, 4+ ♥  7+ forcing natural (3+) GF natural (3+) GF natural (3+) GF natural (3+) GF  1 ♣ A♣ A♣ SPIINTER, 4+ ♠  puppet stayman 5-5 minors, GF  1 ♥ & 3♠, game force  waiting bid 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit 3♠ | 4+ ♥, 6+ 4+ ♠, 6+ 2♥ natural game force no major, 6+ 7-10 balanced game force, 4+ ♠ 3♣ weak raise  4+ ♥, 6+ 4+ ♠, 6+ 2♥ natural game force natural game force natural game force natural game force 11-12 balanced weak raise  4+ ♠, 6+ 2♠ natural game force  3♣ limit raise (9-11) weak raise  4+ ♠, 6+ 2♥ 3+ ♥, 6-9 natural GF (good suit) natural (3+) GF natural GF (good suit) natural GF (good suit)  4♠/4♥ = splinter, 4+ ♠  puppet stayman 3♠ 1♠ & 3♥, game force 5-5 minors, GF No Agreement  waiting bid 2NT No Agreement 8+ HCP, good 5+ suit | 4+ ♥, 6+ 4+ ♠, 6+ 2 ♦ limit raise (9-11) 3 ♦ 4+ ♠, 6+ 2 ♦ natural game force 3 ♦ 7-10 balanced 2NT 11-12 balanced 3NT game force, 4+ ♠ 3 ♦ weak raise  4 ♦ 4 ♦, 6+ 2 ♦ natural game force 3 ♦ 4 ↑ ↑ 6+ 2 ♦ natural game force 3 ♦ 7-10 balanced 2NT 11-12 balanced 3NT natural game force 3 ♦ limit raise (9-11) 4 ♦ 3 ♦ limit raise (9-11) 4 ♦ 4 ♠, 6+ 7-10 balanced 2NT 11-12 balanced 3NT natural game force 3 ♦ limit raise (9-11) 4 ♦ 7-10 balanced 2NT 11-12 balanced 3NT natural game force 3 ♦ limit raise (9-11) 4 ♦ 4 ♦ ↑ 6-9 7 + forcing 1 ↑ ↑ ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← ← |

**Notes** Responses to 2NT Ogust: 3♣ = Minimum, bad suit, 3♦ = Minimum, good suit 3♥ = Maximum, bad suit, 3♠ = Maximum, Good suit, 3NT=AKQxxx

| 2♥ 2♠                                   | 5+ suit, forcing                              | 3◆         | 5+ suit, forcing | 3NT        | to play      |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|------------|------------------|------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| 2NT                                     | Ogust   |            | pre-emptive      | 4 <b>♣</b> | No Agreement |  |  |  |  |
| 3♣                                      | 5+ suit, forcing                              |            | No Agreement     | <b>4</b>   | to play      |  |  |  |  |
| other                                   | other   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 2 <b>♠</b> 2NT                          | Ogust   |            | 5+ suit, forcing | 4 <b>♣</b> | No Agreement |  |  |  |  |
| 3♣                                      | 5+ suit, forcing                              |            | pre-emptive      | <b>4</b>   | No Agreement |  |  |  |  |
| 3◆                                      | 5+ suit, forcing                              |            | to play          | 4          | to play      |  |  |  |  |
| other                                   |   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT 3♣                                  | puppet stayman                                | 3 <b>^</b> | minor stayman    | 4          | No Agreement |  |  |  |  |
| 3◆                                      | transfer to ♥'s                               | 3NT        | to play          | <b>4</b>   | to play      |  |  |  |  |
| 3♥                                      | transfer to ♠'s                               | 4          | No Agreement     | 4          | to play      |  |  |  |  |
| other                                   |   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 9. CONVENTIONS                          |   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits         |   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| 4th Suit Forcing One round Game force X |   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| NT Checkback Priorities:                |   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening No Agreement     |   |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |
| Dofonoo                                 | Person to Opening Twee Y-T/O 2NT-15-17 O/C-NE |            |                  |            |              |  |  |  |  |

# Ath Suit Forcing One round Game force X NT Checkback Priorities: Defence to 3NT opening No Agreement Defence to Opening Twos X=T/O, 2NT=15-17, O/C=NF Multi 2 X=12-14 bal / strong 1 suit / 18+ bal; 2NT=15-17; O/C=NF; XXX - Points, T/O, Pen RCO style 2-s refer to Multi 2 defence Other 2-s refer to Multi 2 defence Defence 1 : X = both majors, NT = both minors, suits bids are natural to strong 2 : X = both majors, NT = both minors, suits bids are natural

Over 1NT Interference lebensohl

Lebensohl - other uses

### **10. OTHER NOTES**

Lebensohl: X = Penalties, 2 level = natural and sign off, 3 level = natural and forcing,

Cue bid = major suit interest (stayman) but no stopper, 3NT = to play but denies a stopper

2NT = partner to rebid 3♣

2NT replies for 2♦ open: 3♣ any min, 3♦ 5-5 min or max, 3♥ 4-5 max, 3♠ 5-4 max,

3NT 4-4 max