## **AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE** 4. BASIC RESPONSES Jump raises - minors Preempt Other: FEDERATION INC. Jump raises - Majors Preempt Other: STANDARD SYSTEM CARD 2M=Weak with 6 card suit 0-5 HCP Jump shifts after minor opening ABF Nos. Leigh Blizzard 162787 Jump shifts after Major opening All artificial; see inside & Names: 186309 Julie Rhodes 2♦=waiting promises A/K/QQ, 2♥=Art Neg, others=5+cards 2 of AKQ Responses to strong 2 suit open. Basic System: 2/1 with transfer responses over 1 • 3♣=Stayman, 3♦/♥=TRF, 3♠=minor Stayman, 4♣=Gerber, 4♦/♥ TRF Responses to 2NT opening Red X Brown Sticker Blue Yellow Classification: Green 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS Show priorities 1. OPENING BIDS Versus **NoTrump** (if different) Versus Suit (or both) Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape Leads Sequences: Overlead All 1♣ 10-21 (or max 7 LTC), all 11-14 BAL,1+♣ 1♥ 10-21 (or max 7 LTC), 5+♥ Four or more with an honour 4th highest 1♦ 10-21 (or max 7 LTC), all 18-19 BAL, 2+♦ 1♠ 10-21 (or max 7 LTC), 5+♠ 2nd highest From 4 small may contain 5 card Major **1NT** 15-17 Middle From 3 cards (no honour) 1NT Responses 2 Simple Stayman Other: As above In partner's suit 2♦ TRF to ♥ 2 TRF to Odd=Enc., Even=McKenney **Discards** 2♥ TRF to ♠ 2NT TRF to ♦ High-Low = Even Count High enc., High-Low = even other **Signal** on partner's lead: 2 Strong, 22+ BAL or UNBAL GF Low-high odd **Signal** on declarer's lead: 2 6+ Major (3-7) **Notes** Suit preference in trump suit 2 6 Hearts (8-10) 2 6 Spades (8-10) 2NT 20-21 BAL **3NT** At least 6:5 Major 2 suiter, 9-13 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS other 4NT Specific Ace Ask (5♣=None, 5♦/♥/♠=A, 5NT=2A, 6♣=A) Blackwood X 4♣ Gerber X when? after NT RKCB 1430 2. PRE-ALERTS Slam Notes Minorwood Transfer responses to 1 • 1M resp to 1♦ may be weak and is shorter M Cue Bids 1st & 2nd round indiscriminately TRF responses over opp's t/o X of 1 level opening All BAL 11-14 without 5M, open 1 • Asking Bids TRF responses in competition All BAL 18-19 without 5M, open 1♦ 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS Support X mandatory to 2♠ (optional after that) 2 way reverse Drury by PH no competition ΑII Negative doubles through Jump overcalls weak Gazzilli responses after 1M-1NT Transfer lebensohl 4 5-5 Minors Responsive doubles through Unusual NT 2 way checkback in most 1X-1Y-1Z auctions 1m-(1NT)-2♣ = both Majors 1NT overcall - immediate 15-18 (Sys. on) Immediate cue of minor 5-5 Majors 3rd suit forcing (F1) after 1m-1X-2m **Smolen Transfers** Immediate cue of Major 5-5 other Major & a minor 1NT overcall - re-opening 11-14 (Sys. on) Kokish game tries over 1 level raise Non-serious 3NT slam try in Major GF auctions Over weak twos X+TFR leb., Leaping Michaels Over opening threes X, Non-leaping Michaels www.abf.com.au 4♣ after partner preempts=Keycard ask (4♦ after 3♣) PDF Form Rev. 13F21 by RoL Void Key Card Ask MyRev. Kokish relay after 2C opening Over strong NT (16 in range) X=4M&5m,or long minor: over weak NT (16 not in range) X=penalty Copyright © ABF 2013

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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| 1♣   | 1 🄷        | 4+♥, 5+                          | 2          | 5+♣, 6-9                    | 3          | Pre-empt               |  |  |  |
|  | 1♥         | 4+♠, 5+                          | 2          | 6+♥, 3-5                    | 3 <b>Y</b> | Pre-empt               |  |  |  |
|  | 1♠         | BAL no 4M or 5+♦, 6+             | 2          | 6+♠, 3-5                    | 3 <b>♠</b> | Pre-empt               |  |  |  |
|  | 1NT        | 11-12 BAL, no 4M                 | 2NT        | 5+♣, 10-12, no 4M           | 3NT        | 13-15 BAL no 4M        |  |  |  |
|  | 2♣         | 5+ <b>♣</b> , GF                 | 3 <b>-</b> | 5+♣, Pre-empt (2-5)         | 4          | Pre-empt               |  |  |  |
| (  | other      | 4♥/4♠ to play: 4NT RKCE          | 3          |                             |            |                        |  |  |  |
| 1 🔷  | 1 💙        | 3+ ♠, 0+                         | 2          | 6+♥, 0-5                    | 3 💙        | 5+♦, Spl. 10-14        |  |  |  |
|  | 1♠         | 3+♥, 0+                          | 2          | 6+♠, 0-5                    | 3 <b>♠</b> | 5+♦, Spl. 10-14        |  |  |  |
|  | 1NT        | 6+, no 4M                        | 2NT        | 4+♦, 10-12, no 4M           | 3NT        | 13-15 BAL no 4M        |  |  |  |
|  | 2♣         | 5+♣, GF no 4M                    | 3 <b>-</b> | 4+♦, 6 - 9, no 4M           | 4          | 5+♦, Spl. 10-12        |  |  |  |
|  | 2          | 4+♦, GF, no 4M                   | 3◆         | 5+♦, Pre-empt               | 4          | Pre-empt               |  |  |  |
| other 4♥/4♠ to play: 4NT RKCB  |            |                                  |            |                             |            |                        |  |  |  |
| 1 💙  | 1♠         | 4+♠, 5+                          | 2          | 3♥, 6-9                     | 3          | 3♥, 10-12, no shortage |  |  |  |
|  | 1NT        | Semi-forcing 6-12                | 2          | 4+♥, 6-9/13+, any Spl.      | 3 <b>Y</b> | 4+♥, 3-5 pre-empt      |  |  |  |
|  | 2♣         | 3+ <b>♣</b> , GF                 | 2NT        | 4+♥, 10+, no shortage       | 3 <b>♠</b> | 4+♥, 10-12, any Spl.   |  |  |  |
|  | 2          | 5+♦, GF                          | 3 <b>-</b> | 4+♥, 6-9, no shortage       | 3NT        | 4+♥, 10-12,void ♠      |  |  |  |
| other 4♣/♦=4+♥, void Spl., 10-12: 4♥=preempt, 4NT=RKCB                 |            |                                  |            |                             |            |                        |  |  |  |
| 1 🛧  | 1NT        | Semi-forcing 6-12                | 2          | 3♠, 6-9                     | 3          | 3♠, 10-12, no shortage |  |  |  |
|  | 2♣         | 3 +♣, GF                         | 2NT        | 4+♠, 6-9/13+ any Spl.       | 3 <b>♠</b> | 4+♠, 3-5 pre-empt      |  |  |  |
|  | 2          | 5+♦, GF                          | 3 <b>-</b> | 4+♠, 10+, no shortage       | 3NT        | 4+♠, 10-12, any Spl.   |  |  |  |
|  | 2          | 5+ <b>♥</b> , GF                 | 3◆         | 4+♠, 6-9, no shortage       | 4 <b>♣</b> | 4+♠, 10-12, void ♣     |  |  |  |
| other 4♦=4+♠, void♦, 10-12: 4♥=4+♠, void♥, 10-12: 4♠=preempt, 4NT=RKCB |            |                                  |            |                             |            |                        |  |  |  |
| 1NT  | 3 <b>♣</b> | 5+ <b>♣</b> & 5+ <b>♦</b> , weak | 3 <b>♠</b> | 1-3-(5-4), GF               | 4          | Transfer to 4♥         |  |  |  |
|  | 3          | 5+ <b>♣</b> & 5+ <b>♦</b> , GF   | 3NT        | to play                     | <b>4</b>   | Transfer to 4♠         |  |  |  |
|  | 3 <b>Y</b> | 3-1-(5-4), GF                    | 4          | Gerber                      | 4          | 4/4 minors             |  |  |  |
| (  | other      | 4NT quantitative                 |            |                             |            |                        |  |  |  |
| 2♣   | 2          | Waiting GF (A,K or QQ)           | 2NT        | 5+♥ 2+ of AKQ               | 3 💙        | 6+♥, not 2 of AKQ      |  |  |  |
|  | 2          | ART NEG (no A/K/QQ)              | 3 <b>-</b> | 5+♣ 2+ of AKQ               | 3 <b>♠</b> | 6+♠, not 2 of AKQ      |  |  |  |
|  | 2          | 5+♠ 2+ of AKQ                    | 3◆         | 5+♦ 2+ of AKQ               | 3NT        | Any AKQxxx             |  |  |  |
| other 2♣-2♦-2♥-forces 2♠ response, then 2NT=24+ HCP Balanced, Kokish   |            |                                  |            |                             |            |                        |  |  |  |
| 2  | 2          | Pass or correct                  | 3♣         | NAT, NF                     | 3          | Pass or correct        |  |  |  |
|  | 2          | Pass or correct                  | 3          | NAT, NF                     | 3NT        | to play                |  |  |  |
|  | TIAC       | *Forcing enquiry                 |            | Pass or correct             |            | TRF me to your major   |  |  |  |
|  |            | 5 1 7                            |            |                             |            |                        |  |  |  |

| 2♥ 2♠                   | NAT, NF                         | 3                 | NAT, NF   | 3NT      | to play                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2N                      | *Forcing enquiry                | 3♥                | To play   | 4        | **Keycard ask           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3♣                      | NAT, NF                         | 3♠                | NAT, F1   | <b>4</b> | to play                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| othe                    | r *2 <b>♥</b> -2NT:Swedish resp | onses.*           | :*2 <b>♥-</b> 4 <b>♠</b> : 4 <b>♦</b> =0, 0+Q, 4 <b>♥</b> = | 1, 4     | =1+Q, 4NT=2, 5♣=2+Q     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2♠ 2N                   | *Forcing enquiry                | 3♥                | NAT, NF   | 4        | **Keycard ask           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3♣                      | NAT, NF                         | 3♠                | Preempt   | <b>4</b> | To Play                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                       | NAT, NF                         | 3NT               | to play   | 4        | To Play                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| othe                    | r *2 <b>♠</b> -2NT:Swedish resp | onses *           | *2 <b>♠</b> -4 <b>♣</b> : 4 <b>♦</b> =0, 0+Q, 4 <b>♥</b> =  | 1, 4     | e=1+Q, 4NT=2, 5♣=2+Q    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT 3♣                  | Simple Stayman                  | 3♠                | Minor suit Stayman  | 4        | TRF to ♥                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                       | TRF to 💙                        | 3NT               | To Play   | <b>4</b> | TRF to ♠                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                       | TRF to 🛧                        | 4♣                | Gerber  | 4        | 4/4 minors Quantitative |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| othe                    | r 2NT-3♣-3♦-then bid o          | of 3 <b>♥</b> /3₫ | shows 5 <b>♠</b> 4♥/4 <b>♠</b> 5♥ resp                      | ectiv    | ely. 4NT=Quantitative.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. CONVENTIONS          |                                 |                   |   |          |                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unusual NT: Both Minors |                                 |                   |   |          |                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4th Sui                 | it Forcing One round            |                   |   |          | Game force X            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## NT Checkback | X Priorities: 2♣ forces 2♦: and 2♦=GF **Defence to 3NT opening** 4♣= 5-5+ Majors, 15+HCP: X=penalty **Defence to Opening Twos** X=T/O with transfer Lebensohl, Leaping Michaels Multi 2 Direct seat:X=13-15 BAL or strong, T/O, 2NT=15-18 BAL, Suit Bid = NAT, NF. RCO style 2-s X=15+; bids are natural. Other 2-s **Defence** 1♣: Suit bids at all levels show either next suit, or the other two suits. NT bids are ♣ & ♥ or ♦ & ♠. X=♦ or Majors. strong 2 : As above

Over 1NT Interference TRF lebensohl 3 level bids are TRF **Lebensohl - other uses** Over X of weak 2 bid (3 level in response to X = TRF) 4♣/4♦ X=T/O Take out of 4 level pre-empts

4♠ X=3 suited, 4NT= 2 suited

4♥ X=3 suited, 4NT=2 suited

## **10. OTHER NOTES**

2/1 GF responses (in competition F1)

'Swedish' structure applies after 1m-2m, 1♥-2NT, 1♠-3♠, 2M-2NT

'Swedish' steps after 1m-2m: Step 1 = 11-13, Step 2 = 14-16, Step 3 = 17-19 no shortage,

Steps 4-6 = 17-19 with shortage (L,M,H)

'Swedish' steps after 1♥-2NT or 1 \$\daggeq\$-3\$\dagge, or 2M-2NT: Step 1 = min, Step 2 = max, no shortage Steps 3-5 = maximum with shortage (L,M,H)