### 4. BASIC RESPONSES Inverted over 1♦: 5-9 HCP, 4+ cards. Refer over 1♣ opening Jump raises - minors Weak (1-5), 4+ Jump raises - Majors See Over for responses Jump shifts after minor opening Jump shifts after Major opening See Over for responses Some Unusual 2 Openings, refer bids. See Over for responses Responses to strong 2 suit open. Unusual, refer bids. See Over for responses Responses to 2NT opening 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS Show priorities Versus NoTrump (if different) Versus Suit (or both) Overlead All Overlead all, except unblock<sup>(1)</sup> Leads Sequences: Four or more with an honour 3rd/Low 4th highest 3rd highest 2nd highest From 4 small Middle **Bottom** From 3 cards (no honour) In partner's suit as above as above 1st Disc Odd=Enc., Even=McK **Discards** Low-High = Even Count Low Encourage **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: Count Notes (1) Lead promises next or wants to see it. e.g. AKJT(etc) for unblock Q 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS RKCB 1430 exc.♣ 4♣ Gerber when? Often asks partner to RKCB Blackwood 4NT: Slam Notes RKCB often below 4NT in (R) may include min/max step 1430 X Cue Bids Rarely used. If used cue 1st & 2nd together Asking Bids X Relay asks including for RKCB and suit control after RKCB 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS 2 Step reverses. Revolving mini splinters Support DBL and RDBL. Good/Bad 2NT Transfer Cue raises. Splinter (relay style) 5th Suit Forcing some auctions, Checkback variants, 1st step +ve Relays after strong raises RCKB & Voidwood in many "relay" auctions www.abf.com.au (a)(b) DBL are not penalty (except after single suited PRE)

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Often TRF at lower levels. Please ask! (c) Defence to WK NT (<15 pts in range) If OPPT is NV as per STR NT except X=16+: 2♥=4+♥ & 4+♠.



# **AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE** FEDERATION INC.



STANDARD SYSTEM CARD			
ABF Nos. 117714 David Appleton			
& Names: 176109 Peter Reynolds			
Basic System: Standard Openings, Lots of Tranfers in Response			
Brown Sticker Classification: Green X Blue Red Yellow			
1. OPENING BIDS			
Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape			
1♣ 2+ (only 2 if 4432 11-14), 11+ Pts 1♥ 5+, (10) 11+			
1♦ 4+ (not 3343, (23)44), 11+pts 1♠ 5+, (10) 11+			
1NT 15-17 may contain 5 card Major X			
1NT Responses 2♣ Stayman then Opener bids ♠ first with both			
2♦ TRF to ♥, or Range Probe 2♠ TRF to ♣ then 1st step NEG			
2♥ TRF to ♠. Super Accept with 4+ 2NT TRF to ♦ then 1st step NEG			
other 3♣=PUP Stayman: 3♦=10 cards m's,:3♥=13(45): 3♠=31(45): 4♠/♦=TRF to ♥/♠			
2♣ 18-19 BAL may contain 5 card amy Suit			
2♦ Multi : a) WK 2 in 1 M; b) 22-23 BAL or; c) Unbalanced GF with 4+♠			
2♥ Always STR : a) 20-21 BAL; b) 24+ BAL or; c) Umbalanced GF without 4♠			
2♠ 5 card WK 2, denies 4♥ or 5m, (7-10) Pts			
2NT STR Single Suited headed by Ace, F1+ 3NT 4 level m preempt suit headed by 2H's			
other 4♣/♦/♥/♠= NAT PRE. 4NT= Good minor preempt			
2. PRE-ALERTS			
Transfer responses in lots of positions  Often Transfer responses in Competion			
Trf after some other preempts. that may include X, XX, & cues as TRF.			
1♥/♠ - 2♠ = Art GF denies 3 card SUPP. 2♠, 2♦, 2♥, 2NT opening refer card			
3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS			
Negative doubles through 4♠ <sup>(a)</sup> Jump overcalls Weak			
Responsive doubles through 7 <sup>(b)</sup> Unusual NT Jump to 2NT= STR single suited			
1NT overcall - immediate (15)-18 Immediate cue of minor 4♠ & Longer lower suit			
1NT overcall - re-opening (15)-18 Immediate cue of Major 4OM & Longer lower suit			
Over weak twos X, leaping Michaels Over opening threes X, non-leaping Michaels			
Over opponent's 1NT STR NT (range includes 15 PTS) Dbl=5M & 4 other: 2♣= ♦ or 4M & 5+m			
2♦=♥: 2♥=♥&♠ equal length: 2♠=♠: 2NT=♠, 3♣=♣&♦: 3♦=GF 2 suits: 3NT=GF m's.			

Over WK NT (12 pts or fewer in range) If OPPT is V as per STR NT. Other See Note (c)

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1♦ 4+ <b>∀</b> 's	2♦ Good 6+♥(7-9)/(13-16)	3♦ 5+♣ & 5+♥ 7-10
1 <b>♥</b> 4+ <b>♠</b> 's	2♥ Good 6+♠(7-9)/(13-16)	3♥ 5+♣ & 5+♠ 7-10
1♠ TRF NT	2♠ GF 6+♦ (13-16)	3♠ 5+♣ & 5+♦ 6-8
1NT TRF ♣	2NT 6♣ & 4♥ 7-10	3NT 3334 13-14
2♣ TRF ♦	3♣ 6♣ & 4♠ 7-10	4♣ Pre-emptive raise
other		
1 <b>♦</b> 1 <b>♥</b> 4+ <b>♥</b> 's	2♥ Good 6+♠(7-9)/(13-16)	3♥ 5+♦ & 5+♥ 7-10
1 <b>♠</b> 4+ <b>♠</b> 's	2♠ GF 6+♣ (13-16)	3♠ 5+♦ & 5+♠ 7-10
1NT (6-11)	2NT 4+♦ 15-17	3NT 3343 13-14
2♣ Acol style 4+♣ 10+	3♣ GF 6+♥ (13-16)	4♣ Weak 4♦ & 6♣
2♦ 4+♦ 10-14/18+	3♦ 4+♦ 6-9	4♦ Pre-emptive raise
other		
1 <b>♥</b> 1♠ 4+ ♠'s	2♥ 5-9, 3♥/some 3433	3♦ 4♥ 6-7 rarely 3433
1NT NF 5-12	2♠ 10+, 4+♥ then relays	3♥ WK 4+♥
2♣ ART GF <3♥'s	2NT GF 6+♣	3♠ ♥'s any SPL 5-9 ENCRG
2♦ TRF ♥, 8-9 4♥/10+ 3♥	3♣ GF 6+◆	3NT WK ♣ SPL unsuitable
other 4♣=WK ♦ SPL unsuitab	ole. 4♦=WK ♠ SPL unsuitable	e. 4♥=WK <1 KC equivalent
1♠ 1NT NF 5-12	2♠ 5-9, 3♠/some 4333	3♥ 4♠ 6-7 rarely 4333
2♣ ART GF mostly <3♠'s	2NT 10+, 4+♠ then relays	3♠ WK 4+♠
2♦ 5+♥, NEG Freebid +	3♣ GF 6+♣	3NT ♠'s any SPL 5-9 ENCRG
2♥ TRF ♠, 8-9 4♠/10+ 3♠	3♦ GF 6+♦	4♣ WK ♣ SPL unsuitable
other 4♦= WK ♦ SPL unsuital	ole. 4♥= WK ♥ SPL unsuitab	le. 4♠= WK no <1 Keycard
1NT 3♣ PUP Stayman 10-14	3♠ 31(45) GF	4♦ TRF ♠
3♦ 10 cards ♣ & ♦ GF	3NT to play	4♥ to play
3 <b>♥</b> 13(45) GF	4♣ TRF♥	4♠ to play
other		
2♣ 2♦ TRF to 4+♥	2NT 5+♥ & 5+♠	3♥ TRF good 6+♠
2 <b>♥</b> TRF to 4+♠	3♣ 6+ ♣/♦	3♠ Orders 3NT
2♠ TRF to NT	3♦ TRF good 6+♥	3NT (64) M's
other 4♣=TRF ♥. 4♦=TRF ♠.	4♥= to play. 4♠= to play. 4N	T= Blackwood
2♦ 2♥ Pass- Correct	3♣ INV asks for TRF to suit	3♠ GF ♣ & ♦
2♠ Pass- Correct	3♦ GF♥	3NT to play
2NT Ask	3♥ Pass- Correct	4♣ ask to TRF to suit
other 4♦= bid suit. 4♥= to play	y. 4 <b>♠</b> = to play	
letes		

**Notes** 

	3	4♠ & 4+♥	3NT	Slam Try 💙
-	3 <b>Y</b>	4♠ (may have 5+ other)	4 <b>♣</b>	Slam Try <b>♠</b>
-	3 <b>^</b>	Minor Stayman	<b>4</b>	Slam Try ♦
= Slam Try ♣				
or GF 💠 & another	3 <b>Y</b>	INV or better ♠	4	
or GF ♦ & ♥/♠	3 <b>^</b>	to play	<b>4</b>	
	3NT	to play	4	to play
ass- Correct	3 <b>^</b>	GF <b>♠</b>	4	5♥/♠ & 6♦
RT GF	3NT	to play	<b>4</b>	
F♥	4 <b>♣</b>	5+♣ & 5+♦	4	
	T=(16			
		er. 3♣= T/O 2 suits not ♣		
	HOUN	C1. 54= 1/0 2 30113 1101 4		
	rard	suit or anchor M		
X= T/O of weak 6			6/5	or hetter)
X= T/O of weak 6 of 1♣ : X= STR. 1NT= a	ny 2	suits. 2NT= any 2 suits (	6/5	or better)
X= T/O of weak 6 of the	ny 2	suits. 2NT= any 2 suits (	6/5	or better)
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	or GF & & another or GF & & V/A  ass- Correct RT GF F V  T: (1x): 2NT= STR sin orcing One round Coack X Priorities: 0 3NT opening See W 0 Opening Twos 2NT	or GF & & another or GF & & \( \bigsim \) & \( \bigsim \) & \( \bigsim \) A  3NT  ass-Correct  AT GF  ST GF  T: (1x): 2NT= STR single orcing One round  pack  Priorities: Step of SNT opening See Weak Opening Twos  2NT=(16)	or GF ♣ & another or GF ♣ & another or GF ♠ & ♥/♠  3♠ to play 3NT to play  ass- Correct 3♠ GF ♠ 3NT to play  4♣ 5+♣ & 5+♠  T: (1x): 2NT= STR single suited.  orcing One round =TRF. 5th suit is GF  back  X Priorities: Step = all Maximums. Others of SNT opening See Weak NT Opening Twos 2NT=(16-18) BAL	or GF ♣ & another or GF ♣ & another or GF ♠ & ♥/♠  3♠ to play 3NT to play  4♠  ass-Correct 3♠ GF ♠ 3NT to play  4♠  F ♥   9. CONVENTIONS  T: (1x): 2NT= STR single suited.  orcing One round  =TRF. 5th suit is GF  back  X Priorities: Step = all Maximums. Others be a 3NT opening See Weak NT  Opening Twos  2NT=(16-18) BAL

4♥ X T/O. 4NT = 2 places to play 4♠ X T/O. 4NT = 2 places to play

## **10. OTHER NOTES**