### 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 2nd highest 3rd highest From 4 small Middle Bottom From 3 cards (no honour) 2nd & 4th in suit shown 2nd & 4th in suit shown In partner's suit 1st Disc Odd=Enc., Even=McK **Discards** Low-High = Even Count Low Encourage **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: Count (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, Relays after strong raises Checkback variants, 1st step +ve OPPT 1 suit opening: 4♣= ♥+♠, 4♦= M+m RCKB & Voidwood in many "relay" auctions

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(a)(b) DBL are not penalty (except after single suited PRE) 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 Transfers 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 any 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) Unbalanced 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♥(b) 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, Modified leaping Michaels Over opening threes X, 4♣= ♥+♠, 4♦= M+m				
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 Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

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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 unsuitat	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	ole. 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♥ 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	IT= 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 pla	y. 4 <b>♠</b> = to play	
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2♥ 2♠ most hands not GF ♠	• •	3NT Slam Try ♥
	3♥ 4♠ (may have 5+ other)	•
3♣ 5+♠ single suited	3♠ Minor Stayman	4♥ Slam Try ♦
other 4♦= Slam Try ♣		
2♠ 2NT ♣ or GF ♣ & another	3♥ INV or better ♠	4.
	3♠ to play	4
3♦ ♥	3NT to play	4♠ to play
other		
2NT 3♣ Pass- Correct	3 <b>♠</b> GF <b>♠</b>	4♦ 5♥/♠ & 6♦
3♦ ART GF	3NT to play	<b>4♥</b>
3♥ GF ♥	4♣ 5+♣ & 5+♦	4♠
other		
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