## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

## Jump raises - minors Preempt

Other:
Jump raises - Majors Preempt
Other:
Jump shifts after minor opening See inside; $2 \mathrm{M}=3-76+\mathrm{M} ; 3 \mathrm{M}=$ void splinter
Jump shifts after Major opening See inside; 3m=nat inv; single jump oM=mixed raise 4+ support
Responses to strong 2 suit open.
Responses to $2 N$ T opening $\quad 3 \%=$ puppet stayman; $3 \backslash / \mathcal{N}=1 \mathbf{4}$; $3 \boldsymbol{2}=54+$ minors

|  | 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS |  | Show priorities |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Versus Suit (or both) | Versus | NoTrump | (if different) |
| Leads Sequences: | Overlead, A-Attitude K-Count |  |  |  |
| Four or more with an honour | 3rd/5th | 4th highest |  |  |
| From 4 small | 3rd highest | 2nd highest |  |  |
| From 3 cards (no honour) | Bottom | Middle |  |  |
| In partner's suit | High from 3+ small if raised |  |  |  |
| Discards | Low Encourage |  |  |  |
| Count | Low-High = Even |  |  |  |
| Signal on partner's lead: | Reverse count (attitude on A lead) |  |  |  |
| Signal on declarer's lead: | Reverse count \& natural suit preference (context-dependent) |  |  |  |
| Notes Overlead hole for unblock |  |  |  |  |
| Reverse present count |  |  |  |  |

Reverse present count

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood $\qquad$ RKCB 1430

4\% Gerber $\square$ when?
Slam Notes 3NT non-serious with major agreed; ROPI/DOPI; 01122 exclusion kc
Cue Bids $\mathbf{X}$ Cue 1st/2nd equally
Asking Bids $\qquad$
7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Reverse Gazzilli
Support X \& XX (if we can still play 2 M )
Blackout
XYZ (incl after 1s-1 / /
Leaping \& non-leaping Michaels
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cheapest minor after our $3 X$ opening $=$ artificial slam try
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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD



Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning
1\& 2+
1 - $5+$
1 (4) $5+$

1 1 $5+$
may contain 5 card Major X

| 1NT $15-17$ |
| :--- |
| 1NT Responses $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ Simple Stayman |
| 2 |

other Superaccept M with any 4+ support; Accept $m$ with support
2\% GF or 20-21 bal
2 Non-Vul: 3-7 5-6 or $\mathbf{~}$; Vul: 8-11 6+
2 8-11 (5) 6 -
24 8-11 (5)64
2NT 22-24 3NT Gambling no side A
other $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ extreme minors hand
Transfers after 10, opening (inc comp to $1 \boldsymbol{*}$ )

## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through
4 Jump overcalls
Weak
Responsive doubles through 4e Unusual NT 2 lowest unbid
1NT overcall - immediate 15-18
1NT overcall - re-opening 11-14
Over weak twos T/OX
Immediate cue of minor $1 \mathrm{~m}-2=\mathrm{MM} ; 12-2=54+\mathrm{M}$ ok Immediate cue of Major Other major + minor

Over opening threes T/OX
Over opponent's 1NT $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ majors (then 2 asks for longer); $2 \boldsymbol{=}$ single suiter
$2 / \mathbb{C}=5+M \& 4+m ; 2 N T=$ minors; Passed hand $X \&$ of strong $N T=4 M 5 m$

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1\% 1 - $5+4+$ - | 2 inv+ $5+$ \% | 3-13-15 try to rightside 3 N |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - $5+, 4+$ + | 2 - 3-7 6+ | 30 void splinter |
| 14 5-11(12) no major | 24 3-76+4 | 3^ void splinter |
| 1NT 10-12, no major | 2NT very weak raise | 3NT to play, $\sim 12-15$ |
| 2\% weak or gf with | 3\% (5)6-9 5+\% | 4\% preemptive |
| other $4 \mathrm{M} / 5 \mathrm{~m}$ to play |  |  |
| 1 1-5+,4+ | 2- 3-76+ | $3 \checkmark$ void splinter |
| 11 $5+4+4$ | 24 3-76+4 | 34 void splinter |
| 1NT 5-11 nat semiforcing | 2NT very weak raise | 3NT to play, $\sim 12-15$ |
| 2\% GF nat | 3\% nat inv | 4\% void splinter |
| 2 inv+ raise | 3 (5)6-9 5+ | 4 preemptive |
| other $4 \mathrm{M} / 5 \mathrm{~m}$ to play |  |  |
| 1-1去 $5+, 4+$ | 2v 5-9 nat | 3- nat inv |
| 1NT Semi forcing | 24. mixed raise $4+\boldsymbol{\square}$ | 34 preemptive |
| 2\% Nat/Bal GF or INV 3 ${ }^{\text {² }}$ | 2NT 4+ raise, INV+ | 34 void splinter |
| 2. GF nat | 3\% nat inv | 3NT 12-14 3-433 |
| other 4M/5m to play |  |  |
| 14 1NT Semiforcing | 24. 5-9 nat | 34 mixed raise 4+ |
| 20\% Nat/Bal GF or INV 3s | 2NT 4+ raise, INV+ | 3^ preemptive |
| 2. GF nat | 3\% nat inv | 3NT 12-14 3-433 |
| $2 \sim$ GF nat | 3 nat inv | 4\%\% void splinter |
| other $4 \mathrm{M} / 5 \mathrm{~m}$ to play |  |  |
| 1NT 3\% puppet stayman | 3^31(54) gf (4V next=5 ${ }_{\text {c }}$ ) | 4 (then $4 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{rkc}$ ) |
| 3 gf 55 \% | 3NT to play | 4 to play |
| 3 13(54) gf (3 next=5 ${ }^{\text {- }}$ ) | 4\% ${ }^{\circ}$ (then $4 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{rkc}$ ) | 44 to play |
| other |  |  |
| 2\% 2 neg or waiting (Kokish) | 2NT sound +ve, 55 m | 30 asking for trouble |
| $2 \boldsymbol{}$ to play opp 20-21 bal | 3\% +ve, HHxxxx+ | 34 asking for more trouble |
| 24 to play opp 20-21 bal | $3{ }^{\text {a }}$ +ve, $\mathrm{HHxxxx}+$ | 3NT really asking for it |
| other |  |  |
| 2 - P/C | 3\% nat nf | 34 P/C |
| $24 \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}$ | 3 nat forcing | 3NT to play |
| 2NT ask | 3 P/C | 4\% transfer me to your M |
| other 4 =bid your M |  |  |

Notes Single jump splinters are inv to game or slam; double jumps are normally gf only
After 2NT jump rebid: 3\% = checkback; $3 \mathrm{X}=$ nat gf
Bid shortage after 1NT-2/NT-bid

| 2 2 nat forcing | 3 nat forcing | 3NT to play |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT shortage ask | 34 weak | 4\% splinter |
| 3\% nat forcing | 3A nat forcing | 4V to play |
| other |  |  |
| 2^ 2NT shortage ask | 34 nat forcing | 4\% splinter |
| 3\% nat forcing | 34 weak | 4V to play |
| 3 nat forcing | 3NT to play | 4* to play |
| other |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% muppet stayman | 34. gf 54+m | 4 (then $4 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{rkc}$ ) |
| $3 \vee$ (3NT=no support) | 3NT To play | $4 \sqrt{\text { rkc in }}$ |
| 3 ( (3NT=no support) | 4\% (then $4 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{rkc}$ ) | 44. rkc in |
| other 4NT=quant (nb play 3NT=no support after 2\%-2-2NT-3-/V also) |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits
4th Suit Forcing $\quad$ One round $\square$ we play xyz; gf if not an xyz situation Game force $\square$
NT Checkback X Priorities: 2 =force 2 then nat inv; 2 $=$ gf; 2NT=force 30 then long m
Defence to 3NT opening 1-2-3; non-leaping michaels
Defence to Opening Twos 1-2-3 of art 2 s ; t/o x of (mostly) nat 2 s

| Multi 2 | $1-2-3$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| RCO style 2-s | t/o $x$ |
| Other 2-s | $1-2-3$ if art; t/o $x$ if (usually) nat |



## 10. OTHER NOTES

In competition, if partner has shown a major, 2 NT is a good 4+ raise and cue is a good 3+ raise In auctions like (1) $\times(2)$ : 2NT is 2 places to play OR weakish with $\downarrow$ (inv with $\downarrow$ bids direct) After $1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \boldsymbol{2}=\mathrm{min}$; $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ extras no spl; 2NT/3/3-=extras short L/M/H
After 1M-2 2 =art accept; $2 \mathrm{M}=$ reject inv; $12-2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ sound opener \& nat; else nat+accept inv
 1X-1Y-1NT-2NT-32-3Y=5-5 $\mathrm{Y}+2$
After 1X-2M-2NT/wk 2-2NT:3X=shortage; repeat suit = weak no shortage; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ good no shortage

