AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE 4. BASIC RESPONSES FEDERATION LTD. Jump raises - minors 3-7 weak jump shift (6+) STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Jump raises - Majors Preempt 0-6 HCP, 5+ cards ABF Nos. 265195 Tony Leibowitz Natural, weak at 2 level, 1♣ 2♦ mixed raise, 1♦ 3♣ nat inv Jump shifts after minor opening & Names: Paul Gosney 600393 Jump shifts after Major opening 3♣ 7-11 4 card R, 3♦ 10-11 3 card R, OM natural Basic System: 2 over 1, transfers over 1♣ Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2♦ negative or waiting Classification: Green X Blue Brown Sticker Red Yellow 3♣ simple stayman, 3♦/3♥ transfers, 3♠ minors, smolen Responses to 2NT opening 1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS 1♣ 11+ HCP, 1♥ 11-15 HCP 2+♣ 5+\ Versus Suit Versus **NoTrump** (if different) **Show priorities** (or both) 1♦ 11+ HCP, ↑ 11-20 HCP, 5+♠ **Leads** Sequences: Overlead All Overlead All **1NT** (14) 15-17 may contain 5 card Major Four or more with an honour 4th highest 4th highest 1NT Responses 2♣ Simple Stayman (4♣/4♦ = Texas Transfers) 2nd highest 2nd highest/highest From 4 small 2♠ Invite or ♣'s (2NT min) 2 → -> 2 ♥ Middle Top From 3 cards (no honour) 2NT -> 3♦ 2♥ -> 2♠ Middle Lowest In partner's suit (Dbl) System on other Retransfers, smolen Low Encourage Low Encourage Discards Reverse Count Reverse Count 2 GF or 22+ bal Count Reverse Attitude 2 Both Major 4+4+ 5-10 (44 only at non vul) **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: Reverse Count 2 6-10 6 (occasionally 5 at suitable vulnerabilities) (9-12 4th seat) 2♠ 6-10 6 ♠ (occassionally 5 at suitable vulnerabilities) (9-12 4th seat) Notes - Suit preference when attitude/count known irrelevant 3NT Gambling, 1st or 2nd, to play 3rd or 4th - Suit preference in trump suit **2NT** 20-21 Bal other 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 44 Gerber 2. PRE-ALERTS Transfers over 1♣ 4NT: Blackwood RKCB 2 over 1 Cue Bids X Asking Bids Light action in 3rd at equal NV or fav V Exclusion Key card 0,1,11/2 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Negative DBL thru Doubles FSJ in competition only Support Xs XXs Responsive DBL thru Drury 2♣ 3/4 card support Unusual NT Lower 2 unbid suits Jump overcalls weak 3nt non serious slam try 1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18 BAL (re-opening) 12-15 (system on) (Major) 5 other Major & 5 minor Smolen Immediate cue: (minor) Michaels 5/5 Majors Blackout Over: Weak Twos 2NT 16-18, T/O X with La Opening Threes X T/O www.abf.com.au Opponent's transfers Bidding implied suit = t/o Opponent's 1NT 2♣ Majors, 2♦ 1 long major, 2♥/2♠ 5 Major + 4+ minor, X = points PDF Form Rev. 21E29 by RoL MyRev. X after pass = 5 min/4 maj Copyright © ABF 2021

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8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1 ♦	4+ ♥ (transfer)	2	6-9 5+ ♣	3◆	Splinter
1♥	4+ ♠ (transfer)	2	3-7 6 ♥	3 Y	Splinter
1♠	No major, unless rever	2♠	3-7 6 ♠	3♠	Splinter
1NT	11-12 Invitational	2NT	0-5 both minors	3NT	
2♣	5+ ♣ 10+	3♣	6-9 5+ ♣	4♣	
other					
1♦ 1♥	4+ ♥	2	3-7 6 ♥	3♥	Splinter
1♠	4+ ♠	2♠	3-7 6 ♠	3♠	Splinter
1NT	6-10	2NT	Natural invitational	3NT	
2♣	GF with ♣	3♣	6+ ♣ 10-11 hcp	4♣	
2	4+ ♦ 10+	3◆	6-9 4+ ◆	4	
other					
1♥ 1♠	4+ ♠	2	6-9 3♥	3 🄷	10-11 3 💙
1NT	6-11	2♠	0-5 6 ♠	3 Y	0-5 4+ 💙
2♣	GF 2+ ♣	2NT	GF 4+ ♥	3♠	Singleton
2	GF 5+ ◆	3♣	7-11 4 💙	3NT	Void splinter
other	4 ♣ / ♦ = Singletons				
1 ♠ 1NT	6-11	2♠	6-9 3 ♠	3♥	6+ ♥ 10-11 hcp
2♣	GF 2+ ♣	2NT	GF 4+ ♠	3♠	0-5 4+ ♠
2	GF 5+ ◆	3♣	7-11 4 🛧	3NT	Void splinter
2	GF 5+ ♥	3◆	10-11 3 ♠	4♣	♣ Singleton
other	4♦/4♥ = Singletons				
1NT 3♣	Puppet Stayman	3♠	Shortage denies 4♥	4	trf ♦'s
3◆	5+5+ minors FG	3NT	to play	4	to play
3♥	shortage can have 4♠	4 ♣	trf ♥'s	4	to play
other	1NT-2 ♠ -2NT(min); 3 ♣ (max) (Note: Super Acc = 2N	T or	3 ♣ 's [for ♦ 's]
2♣ 2♦	Neg/waiting	2NT	balanced 8+hcp	3♥	
2	7+hcp 5+♥	3♣	8+ hcp 5+ ♣	3♠	
2♠	7+hcp 5+♠	3♦	8+ hcp 5+ ◆	3NT	
other					
2♦ 2♥	To play	3♣	To play	3♠	Preemptive
2♠	To play	3◆	Natural forcing	3NT	To play
2NT	Strong inquiry	3 \	Preemptive	4♣	
other					
otos 1	B lyl opening - change of	suit	all F		

Notes 3 lvl opening - change of suit, all F

Over preempts, 4♣ = catch all slam try, except over 3♣, then 4♦

2♥	2♠	Natural forcing	3◆	Natural forcing	3NT	To play
	2NT	Strong enquiry	3 Y	To play	4♣	Splinter
	3♣	Natural forcing	3♠	Splinter	4♥	Splinter
	other					
2♠	2NT	Strong enquiry	3 Y	Natural forcing	4♣	Splinter
	3♣	Natural forcing	3♠	To play	4♥	To play
	3◆	Natural forcing	3NT	To play	4♠	To play
	other					
2NT	3♣	Simple Stayman	3♠	Minors	4	Slam try spades
	3◆	Transfer	3NT	To play	4	
	3 Y	Transfer	4♣	Slam try hearts	4	
	other					

9. CONVENTIONS Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits

4th Suit Forcing One round										
NT Checkback										
Defence to 3NT opening										
Defence to Opening Twos										
Multi 2◆	x 12-15 semi bal or 19+, 2M natural, 2nt 16-18									
RCO style 2-s	x 12-15 semi bal or 19+, 2M natural, 2nt 16-18									
Other 2-s	x 12-15 semi bal or 19+, 2M natural, 2nt 16-18									
Defence (1♣) : X=majors, 1nt=minors, 2NT=♦s + ♥s									
to										
strong (2	trong (2♣) : Same as over Strong ♣									
14/24										

Over 1NT Interference Lebensohl, X values

Lebensohl - other uses Weak 2's

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ T/O

4♥ T/O 4♠ X Values, 4nt takeout

10. OTHER NOTES

1m (1nt) 2♣ majors - (INT) x (any) X = t/o (CTP) 1x - 1y - 2NT, then all bids transfers - (INT) x (any) P

Defence to trf responses - bid of implied suit = t/o (P) x = t/o (CTP)

Uncontested Short suit and contested Long suit trial bids

1M - 1NT - 2NT = GF

INT (X) - System on; XX forces 2♣ and is weak hand with long minor

IM (X) 2 any = forcing R1, NOT GF