

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	Pre-empt 0-5 hcp, 5+ suit (♣s), 4+ suit (♦s)
Jump raises - Majors	Pre-empt 0-5 hcp, 4+ suit
Jump shifts after minor opening	2 major is 6 card suit, 3-6 hcp. Jump other minor is limit raise
Jump shifts after Major opening	Splinter, 4+ support, mini mega maxi style
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	Control responses, 2♦ = 0-1 2♥ = 2 etc
Responses to 2NT opening	Puppet Stayman, transfers, minor suit Stayman

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities

	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
Leads Sequences:	Second highest	
Four or more with an honour	4th highest	
From 4 small	2nd highest	
From 3 cards (no honour)	Middle	
In partner's suit	Low from 3 if suit not supported	
Discards	Odd=Enc., Even=McKenney	
Count	Low-High = Even	
Signal on partner's lead:	Count	
Signal on declarer's lead:	Count	
Notes	Odds & evens applies on 1st discard only, thereafter reverse count	
	Count is always present count	

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood ☐ RKCB 3041 4♣ Gerber ☐ when?

Slam Notes

Cue Bids ☒ 1st round control then 2nd round control

Asking Bids ☐

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Support Xs & redoubles	Blackout after reverse
Leaping Michaels over weak 2 openings	2 way checkback after 1NT rebid (15-18)
PODI & PORI	Long suit trials (may be done on 3)

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1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape ☐

1♣ 10+ hcp, 3+♣s 1♥ 10+ hcp, 4+♥s

1♦ 10+ hcp, 4+♦s 1♠ 10+ hcp, 5+♠s

1NT 11-14 hcp balanced may contain 5 card Major ☒

1NT Responses 2♣ Simple Stayman (does not guarantee a major)

2♦ Transfer to♥s 2♠ Transfer to♣s

2♥ Transfer to♠s 2NT Transfer to♦s

other Transfers may be weak, invit or strong. Super accepts used. See Other Notes

2♣ 23+ Balanced or any game force or Acol 2

2♦ 4+♦s & 4+♠s, less than 10hcp (1st & 2nd seat), Weak 2 in♦s (3rd & 4th)

2♥ 4+♥s & 4+♠s, less than 10hcp (1st & 2nd seat), Weak 2 in♥s (3rd & 4th)

2♠ 4+♣s & 4+♠s, less than 10hcp (1st & 2nd seat), Weak 2 in♠s (3rd & 4th)

2NT 20-22 balanced 3NT Gambling, solid minor, no side A or K

other

2. PRE-ALERTS

2 openings may be very weak 2 openings change in 3rd & 4th seats

Jump bids are splinters if suit below forcing 3♣ o/call -v- suit (except 1♦) = 2 highest

Pre-emptive raises

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through 4♥ Jump overcalls Weak

Responsive doubles through 4♥ Unusual NT 2 lowest unbid suits

1NT overcall - immediate 15-18 balanced Immediate cue of minor ♠s & other minor

1NT overcall - re-opening 11-14 balanced Immediate cue of Major Other major & ♠s

Over weak twos 2NT= 16-18, T/O X with leb Over opening threes X for takeout

Over opponent's 1NT 2♣ =♥s & any, 2♦ =♠s & minor, 2NT = minors

After 2♣, 2♦ is non forcing enquiry. 2NT is forcing enquiry after 2♣ or 2♦.

Double of strong NT shows a single suited minor hand.

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 6+ hcp, 4+♦s 1♥ 6+ hcp, 4+♥s 1♠ 6+ hcp, 4+♠s 1NT 8-10 hcp bal, no major 2♣ 6-9 hcp, 5 ♣s, no major other Other 4 level to play	2♦ Limit raise, 5+ ♣s 2♥ 6 ♥s, 3-6 hcp 2♠ 6 ♠s, 3-6 hcp 2NT 16+ with fit, balanced 3♣ 0-5 hcp, 5+ ♣s	3♦ Splinter, FG 3♥ Splinter, FG 3♠ Splinter, FG 3NT 13-15 bal, no major 4♣ Pre-emptive
1♦ 1♥ 6+ hcp, 4+♥s 1♠ 6+ hcp, 4+♠s 1NT 6-9 hcp, no major 2♣ 4+ ♣s, 9+ hcp 2♦ 6-9 hcp, 4+ ♦s, no major other Other 4 level to play	2♥ 6 ♥s, 3-6 hcp 2♠ 6 ♠s, 3-6 hcp 2NT 16+ with fit, balanced 3♣ Limit raise 4+ ♦s 3♦ 0-5 hcp, 4+ ♦s	3♥ Splinter, FG 3♠ Splinter, FG 3NT 13-15 bal, no major 4♣ Splinter, FG 4♦ Pre-emptive
1♥ 1♠ 6+ hcp, 4+♠s 1NT 6-9 hcp, not 4 ♠s 2♣ 4+ ♣s, 9+ hcp 2♦ 4+ ♦s, 9+ hcp other 4♣, 4♦ are splinters, 10-12 hcp, 4♠ to play	2♥ 5-9 hcp, 3 or 4 ♥s 2♠ Splinter, 6-9 or 13+ 2NT Bal raise, limit or 16+ 3♣ Splinter, 6-9 or 13+ 3♦ Splinter, 6-9 or 13+	3♦ Splinter, 6-9 or 13+ 3♥ 0-5 hcp, 4+ support 3♠ Splinter, 10-12 hcp 3NT Balanced raise 13-15
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1NT 3♣ (45) minors, 3 ♥s, FG 3♦ (45) minors, 3 ♠s, FG 3♥ Invitational, 6 card suit other 4NT is quantative	3♠ Invitational, 6 card suit 3NT To play 4♣ Sets suit, demands cue	4♦ Sets suit, demands cue 4♥ To play 4♠ To play
2♣ 2♦ 0-1 controls 2♥ 2 controls 2♠ 3 controls other	2NT 4 controls 3♣ 5 controls 3♦ 6+ controls	3♥ 0-1 control, 7 card suit 3♠ 0-1 control, 7 card suit 3NT N/A
2♦ 2♥ Natural, non forcing 2♠ To play 2NT Enquiry - see notes other 4NT = RKCB in ♦s, 2NT followed by 4NT = RKCB in ♠s	3♣ Natural, non forcing 3♦ To play 3♥ Natural, forcing	3♠ To play 3NT To play 4♣ N/A

Notes After 2NT enquiry (2♦ to 2♠ openings) 3♣ = poor hand, then 3♦ is further ask.
Responses with non-poor hands or after further enquiry show in steps:
Lower suit longer, 4/4, ♠s longer, 5/5, 5/6, 6/5, 6/6

2♥ 2♠ To play 2NT Enquiry - see notes 3♣ Natural, non forcing other 4NT = RKCB in ♥s, 2NT followed by 4NT = RKCB in ♠s	3♦ Natural, non forcing 3♥ To play 3♠ To play	3NT To play 4♣ N/A 4♥ To play
2♠ 2NT Enquiry - see notes 3♣ To play 3♦ Natural, non forcing other 4NT = RKCB in ♣s, 2NT followed by 4NT = RKCB in ♠s	3♥ Natural, non forcing 3♠ To play 3NT To play	4♣ To play 4♥ To play 4♠ To play
2NT 3♣ Puppet Stayman 3♦ Transfer to ♥s 3♥ Transfer to ♠s other 4NT is quantative	3♠ Minor suit Stayman 3NT To play 4♣ Sets suit, demands cue	4♦ Sets suit, demands cue 4♥ To play 4♠ To play

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits

4th Suit Forcing One round ☐ Game force ☒

NT Checkback ☒ Priorities: 2 way checkback, length & strength

Defence to 3NT opening X with values, otherwise natural

Defence to Opening Twos 2NT = 16-18, X for takeout

Multi 2♦ Immediate X = 16+, 2NT = 16-18 bal, otherwise natural

RCO style 2-s 2NT = 16-18 bal, X = values, otherwise natural

Other 2-s As above

Defence	1♣ : TWERB at all levels including after 1♣ - 1♦
to	(bid shows suit immediately above or next 2, NT bids show non-touching suits)
strong	Strong 2♣ : As against strong 1♣
♣	

Over 1NT Interference Lebensohl

Lebensohl - other uses After X of weak 2

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ Double

4♥ Double 4♠ 4NT

10. OTHER NOTES

Splinters, pre-emptive raises and balanced raises continue to apply in competition

Further Notes on 1NT Opening:

New suit after transfer & no super accept is natural & GF

Major transfer is super accepted by bidding 3 of suit (min) or 2M+1 (max). After latter responder can re-transfer (3M-1) or show shortage in steps (low, mid, high).

Minor transfer super accepted by bidding step after which new suit is shortage.

3 of minor after Stayman & response shows 6 card suit + 4 card major, FG