

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	preempt
Jump raises - Majors	preempt
Jump shifts after minor opening	minors criss cross, 2 H or S weak
Jump shifts after Major opening	minors bergen raises, majors splinters
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	see 2 C otherwise n/a
Responses to 2NT opening	3C inquiry - shortage steps

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities

	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
Leads Sequences:	ace= S/P King ask rev att.	
Four or more with an honour	attitude	
From 4 small	2nd highest	
From 3 cards (no honour)	least confusing	
In partner's suit	standard	
Discards	low encourage	suit preference
Count	reverse	
Signal on partner's lead:	rev att or count if appropriate	
Signal on declarer's lead:	rev count	
Notes		

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood ☐	RKCB 1430	4♣ Gerber ☐ when?
Slam Notes	RKCB in last natural bid suit	
Cue Bids ☒	firsts	
Asking Bids ☐		

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Lebensohl	minorwood 1430
Modified Jacoby 2NT	Kokish Relay
Modified Michaels	Criss Cross
Checkback	

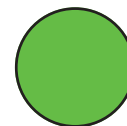
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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

ABF Nos.	213640	John Bailey
& Names:	161756	Hilton Francis
Basic System:	Weak NT 5 Card majors	
Brown Sticker ☐	Classification:	Green ☒ Blue ☐ Red ☐ Yellow ☐

1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape ☐

1♣ 3 11+	1♥ 5 11+
1♦ 3 11+	1♠ 5 11+
1NT 12-14	may contain 5 card Major ☒

1NT Responses	2♣ Stayman
2♦ TRF H	2♠ Range or TFR C correctable to D
2♥ TFR S	2NT Asks longest minor
other	1NT - 2C - 2H - 2S = weak 4 cd S and long minor

2♣	23+ NT or GF /near GF	
2♦	Multi - weak H or S	or 21-22 bal
2♥	Weak - H and minor	
2♠	Weak - S and minor	
2NT	Weak both Majors	3NT
other		

2. PRE-ALERTS

Support X and XX	Modified Michaels
Swine style run outs	Leaping Michaels
Cappelletti cue bids	

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through	4H	Jump overcalls	Weak
Responsive doubles through	4H	Unusual NT	Lower 2 unbid
1NT overcall - immediate	15 - 18	Immediate cue of minor	S plus other
1NT overcall - re-opening	11-14	Immediate cue of Major	other M plus minor
Over weak twos	Nat 11-14 or X with Leb 15+	Over opening threes	Nat or X
Over opponent's 1NT	x=single suit, 2C=minors, 2D = Majors, 2 H/S= that suit plus minor		

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 4cd 5+ hcp	2♦ limit raise	3♦ splinter
1♥ 4cd 5+ hcp	2♥ weak	3♥ splinter
1♠ 4cd 5+ hcp	2♠ weak	3♠
1NT 4cd C 5-10	2NT Jacoby GF	3NT 13-15 flat no Maj
2♣ 4cd <5 hcp	3♣ preempt	4♣ minorwood 1430
other		
1♦ 1♥ 4cd 5+ hcp	2♥ weak	3♥ splinter
1♠ 4cd 5+ hcp	2♠ weak	3♠ splinter
1NT 5-10 hcp	2NT Jacoby GF	3NT 13-15 flat no Maj
2♣ 4cd+ 10+ hcp	3♣ 4cd 5+ hcp	4♣ splinter
2♦ weak	3♦ preempt	4♦ minorwood 1430
other		
1♥ 1♠ 4cd 5+ hcp	2♥ weak	3♦ Bergen 8-9
1NT 5-10	2♠ weak	3♥ preempt
2♣ 4cd+ 10+ hcp	2NT Limit raise +	3♠ splinter
2♦	3♣ Bergen 5-7	3NT 13-15 flat no Maj
other		
1♠ 1NT 5-10	2♠ weak	3♥ splinter
2♣ 4cd+ 10+ hcp	2NT limit raise +	3♠ preempt
2♦ 4cd+ 10+ hcp	3♣ Bergen 5-7	3NT 13-15 flat no Maj
2♥ 5cd+ 10+ hcp	3♦ Bergen 8-9	4♣ splinter
other		
1NT 3♣ 3NT try no other entry	3♠ 4cd S & 5cd H	4♦ minorwood 1430
3♦ 3NT try no other entry	3NT play	4♥ play
3♥ 4cd H & 5cd S	4♣ minorwood 1430	4♠ play
other		
2♣ 2♦ relay	2NT n/a	3♥ n/a
2♥ very weak	3♣ very weak	3♠ n/a
2♠ very weak	3♦ very weak	3NT n/a
other		
2♦ 2♥ P/C	3♣ play	3♠ P/C
2♠ P/C H tol	3♦ play	3NT play
2NT inquiry	3♥ P/C	4♣ n/a
other		

Notes

2♥ 2♠ play	3♦ play	3NT play
2NT inquiry	3♥ raise	4♣ P/C minors
3♣ P/C minors	3♠ play	4♥ play
other		
2♠ 2NT inquiry	3♥ play	4♣ P/C minors
3♣ P/C minors	3♠ raise	4♥ play
3♦ play	3NT play	4♠ play
other		
2NT 3♣ inquiry	3♠ play	4♦ n/a
3♦ play	3NT play	4♥ play
3♥ play	4♣ n/a	4♠ play
other		

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: lower 2 unbid suits

4th Suit Forcing

One round ☐

Game force ☒

NT Checkback

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Priorities: other Major

Defence to 3NT opening

X = T/O 4C = T/O Majors

Defence to Opening Twos

Multi 2♦ Suits nat 2NT 13-15 flat X = 15+any

RCO style 2-s Suits nat 2NT 13-15 flat X = 15+any

Other 2-s

Defence (1♣) : 1NT=C 2C other suit 2D Maj 2M= that M + minor

to

strong (2♣) : natural. X=C

1♣/2♣

Over 1NT Interference modified Lebensohl

Lebensohl - other uses

x of weak 2

Take out of 4 level pre-empts

4♣/4♦ X

4♥ X

4♠ 4NT

10. OTHER NOTES