

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	6-9, no 4M
Jump raises - Majors	Preempt 3 level = 4+ support
Jump shifts after minor opening	2♥/♠ = 4-7, 6 card suit; criss cross raise or splinter
Jump shifts after Major opening	Modified Bergen Raises
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	
Responses to 2NT opening	see inside

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities

	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
Leads Sequences:	Overlead, A-Attitude K-Count	Overlead, A-Attitude K-Count
Four or more with an honour	4th highest	4th highest
From 4 small	2nd highest	2nd highest
From 3 cards (no honour)	Middle	Top
In partner's suit	Overlead; 4th; Xx	Overlead; 4th; Xx
Discards	Odd/Even (first discard)	Odd/Even (first discard)
Count	Low-High = Even	Low-High = Even
Signal on partner's lead:	Low Encourage	
Signal on declarer's lead:	Reverse Count	
Notes	Lead of 9 or T promises 0 or 2 higher (against NT)	

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood ☒ RKCB 3041 4♣ Gerber ☒ when? after natural NT bid

Slam Notes minorwood

Cue Bids ☒ 1st or 2nd below game

Asking Bids ☒ Below 3NT opener asks and responder shows

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Blackout after a Reverse by Opener	1m-1M-2M-2NT(ART) now:
Transfer Lebensol after interference of 1NT	3♣/3♦=3 card support (min/max)
	3♥/3♠=4 card support (min/max)

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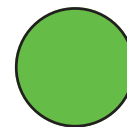
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Abbreviation: ART = Artificial



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1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape ☐

1♣ 3+ 11+	1♥ 5+ 11+
1♦ 3+ 11+	1♠ 5+ 11+
1NT 15-17	may contain 5 card Major <input type="checkbox"/>

1NT Responses	2♣ Simple Stayman	3♣ = 5/5 minors invitational
2♦ TRF ♥ or Range Probe	2♠ TRF ♣	
2♥ TRF ♠	2NT TRF ♦	
other 3♦ = 5/5 minor FG; 31(54); 3♠ = 13(54)		

2♣ 23+ Balanced or FG	
2♦ 6, 5-10; 2NT response = Shortage Ask	
2♥ 6, 5-10; 2NT response = Shortage Ask	
2♠ 6, 5-10; 2NT response = Shortage Ask	
2NT 20-22	3NT Specific Ace Ask - See Other Notes
other 4NT = ♣/♦	

2. PRE-ALERTS

3 level responses to 1NT	Modified Bergen responses to 1M opening
Leaping Michaels	1m (1H) X denies 4 spades
3♣ jump overcall = 5/5 top+bottom unbid	

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through	4♥	Jump overcalls	6(7) Weak; 11-14 Vul; 3♣ = 5/5 top+bottom unbid
Responsive doubles through	4♥	Unusual NT	5/5 - 2 lower unbid suits, unlimited
1NT overcall - immediate	15-18	Immediate cue of minor	♥/♠ 5/5 Unlimited
1NT overcall - re-opening	11-16 No Stop Req	Immediate cue of Major	OM/♦ 5/5 Unlimited
Over weak twos X=T/O; Leb; Leaping Michaels		Over opening threes X=T/O	
Over opponent's 1NT X=Penalty; 2♣=Majors; 2♦=1 Major; 2M=5/4 either way M+minor;			
2NT=5/5 ♣/♦ (same defence over opponent's 2NT)			

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 4+, 5+	2♦ invite in clubs	3♦ Splinter
1♥ 4+, 5+	2♥ 4-7 6♥	3♥ Splinter
1♠ 4+, 5+	2♠ 4-7 6♠	3♠ Splinter
1NT 6-10	2NT 10-12	3NT 13-15 full of quacks
2♣ 5+, FG	3♣ 5+, 5-9	4♣ preemptive
other		
1♦ 1♥ 4+, 5+	2♥ 4-7 6♥	3♥ Splinter
1♠ 4+, 5+	2♠ 4-7 6♠	3♠ Splinter
1NT 6-9	2NT 10-(12)	3NT 13-15 full of quacks
2♣ 4+, 10+	3♣ invite in diamonds	4♣ Splinter
2♦ 4+, FG	3♦ 4+, 5-9	4♦ preemptive
other		
1♥ 1♠ 4+, 5+	2♥ 3, 6-10	3♦ 4+♥, 10-11
1NT 5-12, semi-forcing	2♠ 4+♥, invite, any shortage	3♥ 4+, 3-7
2♣ FG, ♣'s or balanced	2NT 4+♥, FG	3♠ 4+, any shortage, 7 loser
2♦ 5+, FG	3♣ 4+♥, 7-9	3NT 4+, ♠ shortage, 6 loser
other After 2♠ Step asks for shortage: response = L/M/H		
1♠ 1NT 5-12, semi-forcing	2♠ 3, 6-10	3♥ 4+♠, 10-12
2♣ FG, ♣'s or balanced	2NT 4+♠, invite, any shortage	3♠ 4+, 3-7
2♦ 5+, FG	3♣ 4+♠, FG	3NT 4+, any shortage, 7 loser
2♥ 5+, FG	3♦ 4+♠, 7-9	4♣ 4+, splinter, 6 loser
other After 2NT Step asks for shortage: response = L/M/H		
1NT 3♣ 5/5 minor invitational	3♠ singleton 13(54)	4♦ TRF ♥
3♦ 5/5 minor FG	3NT To Play	4♥ TRF ♠
3♥ singleton 31(54)	4♣ Gerber (0/4,1,2,3)	4♠ To Play
other		
2♣ 2♦ ART - Waiting	2NT 4+/4+ minors (+ve)	3♥ Sets Suit
2♥ ART denies an A or K	3♣ 6+♣, 2/3 Honours	3♠ Sets Suit
2♠ 5+♠, 2/3 Honours	3♦ 6+♦, 2/3 Honours	3NT
other		
2♦ 2♥ Forcing	3♣ Forcing	3♠
2♠ Forcing	3♦ To Play	3NT To Play
2NT Shortage ask	3♥	4♣
other		

Notes After 2♣ - 2♦: 2♥ is Kokish; 3M = 4M + longer ♦s

After 1M - 2M step is some short suit trial - step asks. So 1♥ - 2♥ - 2NT is spade trial

Abbreviations: ART = Artificial; FG = Game Force

2♥ 2♠ Forcing	3♦ Forcing	3NT To Play
2NT Shortage ask	3♥ To Play	4♣
3♣ Forcing	3♠	4♥ To Play
other 4♠ = RKC		
2♠ 2NT Shortage ask	3♥ Forcing	4♣
3♣ Forcing	3♠ To Play	4♥ To Play
3♦ Forcing	3NT To Play	4♠ To Play
other		
2NT 3♣ Puppet stayman (mod)	3♠ minor suit enquiry	4♦ TRF ♥; then 4♠=RKC
3♦ TRF ♥;	3NT 4H + 5S	4♥ TRF ♠; then 4NT=RKC
3♥ TRF ♠;	4♣ Gerber (0/4,1,2,3)	4♠ pick a minor
other After Puppet, 3♥ = no M and 3NT = 5H		

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits

4th Suit Forcing One round ☐ Game force ☒

NT Checkback ☒ Priorities: 2 Way Checkback; 2♣=Forces 2♦(P or INV) 2♦=ART FG

Defence to 3NT opening XXX

Defence to Opening Twos

Multi 2♦ X=TO of ♠; 2♥=TO of ♥; 2♠=minors - now 4m is minorwood

RCO style 2-s X=RCO(not clubs); 3♣=RCO(with clubs)

Other 2-s

Defence to 1♣: X/2♣=Majors ; 1♦/2♦=single suited M; 1M/2M= M+m; 1NT/2NT=minors
 After (1♣) P (1♦) X = single suited M; 3+ level bids natural, pre-emptive
strong 2♣ : as per 1♣ (3+ level bids natural, pre-emptive)
 ♣

Over 1NT Interference Rubensohl

Lebensohl - other uses Weak 2's

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

4♥ X = T/O 4♠ X = Values; 4NT = 2 Suited T/O

10. OTHER NOTES

2NT rebid over 1Y is FG - either single suited or 18-19 balanced

Jump overcall of 3♣ = 5+/5+ in top and bottom unbid suits

3NT Specific Ace Ask: 4NT=0; 4♣/♦/♥/♠=Ace+possible 2nd higher ranking; 4♠=Spade Ace

5♣/♦/♥/♠=3 Aces (suit above = missing); 5NT=4 Aces

When they overcall 1NT: X=penalty; other bids are mostly transfers

Except when opening is 1m, when 2♣=both Majors; 2NT=both minors