AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE 4. BASIC RESPONSES FEDERATION LTD. Jump raises - minors 4-10 HCP - 5-card suit STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Jump raises - Majors limit raises - 10-12 HCP - may be 3 card raise ABF Nos. **PAMELA EVANS** 634271 Jump shifts after minor opening 0-4 HCP - 6-card suit to play & Names: 183709 **JIM EVANS** Jump shifts after Major opening splinter - usually 4-card raise - 7-9 HCP Basic System: **STANDARD** Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2♣ - 2♦ waiting Classification: Green X Red Blue Brown Sticker Yellow best minor - a major suit response is to play Responses to 2NT opening 1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS 1♣ 3+ ♣s, 11+ HCP 1♥ 5+ ♥s, 11+ HCP Versus Suit Versus **NoTrump** (if different) (or both) Show priorities 1♦ 3+ ♦s, 11+ **HCP** 1♠ 5+ ♠s, 11+ HCP **Leads** Sequences: overlead all 15-17 may contain 5 card Major 1NT Four or more with an honour attitude - low shows an honour 1NT Responses 24 simple Stayman with super accepts 2nd highest From 4 small 2♠ transfer to ♣s 2 transfer to ♥s M-U-D From 3 cards (no honour) 2♥ transfer to ♠s 2NT transfer to ♦s low with an honour, top without In partner's suit other 3♣: 5-card Stayman (Dbl) odd encourage, even McKenney **Discards** natural 2♣ 23+ HCP, game force Count 2 MULTI - weak major OR 20-22 HCP balnced OR 8½ playing tricks (Acol 2 18+ HCP] odd encouraging **Signal** on partner's lead: 2♥ 6-10 HCP - 2-suiter ♥s + another natural count **Signal** on declarer's lead: 2♠ 6-10 HCP - 2-suiter ♠s + another **Notes 3NT** Specific ace ask (Kabel) **2NT** 6-10 **HCP** - minors other 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 4. Gerber X after 1NT, 2NT openings 2. PRE-ALERTS support DBLs & RDBLs Ghestem 4NT: Blackwood RKCB 14-03 Multi 2♦ Asking Bids X Cue Bids X 1st round controls **UNpenalty DBLs** splinters opponents' suit asks for a stopper or shortage 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Doubles Negative DBL thru puppet Stayman Responsive DBL thru 3♠ inverted minors Jump overcalls WEAK Unusual NT lowest unbid suits (re-opening) 16-18 HCP 1NT overcall: (immediate) 16-18 HCP Immediate cue: (minor) Ghestem - See 10. Other Notes (Major) Ghestem - See 10. Other Notes Over: Weak Twos Lebensohl in 1st position Opening Threes DBL takeout www.abf.com.au Opponent's transfers Opponent's 1NT Multi-Landy, DBL is penalty oriented; 2♣ is at least 5-4 ♥s & ♠s; PDF Form Rev. 21E29 by RoL MyRev. JUNE 2021 2♦ any single-suiter; 2♥,♠ 5+♥s, ♠s + 4+ minor; 2NT at least 5-5 ♠s & ♦s Copyright © ABF 2021

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1	1 🄷	5+ HCP - 4+ ♦s	2		3	
1	1♥	5+ HCP - 4+ ♥ s	2	0-4 HCP - 6 ♥ s	3 Y	
1	1♠	5+ HCP - 4+ ♠s	2	0-4 HCP - 6 ♠ s	3 ♠	
1	1NT	6-9 HCP no 4-card major	2NT	11 HCP - no 4-card major	3NT	13-15 HCP - no 4-card major
2	2 ♣	12+ HCP - no 4-card major	3 -	0-11 HCP no 4-card major	4 ♣	Minorwood
0	other					
1 1	1 V	5+ HCP - 4+ ♥ s	2	0-4 HCP - 6♥s	3	
1	1♠	5+ HCP - 4+ ♠ s	2	0-4 HCP - 6♠s	3	
1	1NT	6-9 HCP - no 4-card major	2NT	11 HCP - no 4-card major	3NT	13-15 HCP - no 4-card major
2	2 ♣	12+ HCP - 5 ♣ s	3 -	splinter	4	void splinter
2	2	12+ HCP - 5♦s	3	0-11 HCP - 5+♦s	4	Minorwood
0	other					
1♥ 1	1 🛧	5+ HCP - 4+ ♠ s	2	6-9 HCP - 3-4 ♥ s	3	splinter
1	1NT	6-9 HCP - no 4 ♠ s	2	splinter		11 HCP 4 ♥s
2	2 ♣	10+ HCP 4+ ♣ s	2NT	slam interest in ♥s	3 ♠	splinter - slam interest
2	2	10+ HCP 4+♦s	3 -	splinter	3NT	
0	other					
1 🛧 1	1NT	6-9 HCP - not 3 ♠ s	2	6-9 HCP 3-4 ♠ s	3 Y	splinter
2	2♣	10+ HCP - 4+ ♣ s	2NT	slam interest in ♠ s	3 ♠	11 HCP 4♠s
2	2	10+ HCP - 4+♦s	3 -	splinter	3NT	
2	2	10+ HCP 5+♥s	3	splinter	4	splinter slam interest
0	other					
1NT 3	3 -	5-card Stayman	3	1♠, 3♥s, 5-4 or 4-5 minors	4	
3	3		3NT	to play	4 Y	
3	3 Y	1 ♥ , 3♠s, 5-4 or 4-5 minors	4	Gerber	4	
0	other					
2 4 2	2	waiting	2NT		3	
2	2	slam interest in ♥ s	3 -		3 ♠	
2	2 ♠	slam interest in ♠ s	3		3NT	
0	other					
2 2	2	pass or correct	3♣		3	
		10-13 HCP 3+♥s	3		3NT	
2	-	14+ HCP any shape		0-11 HCP pass or correct	4	
	other					
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2 ♠	pass or correct	3 ♦	6+♦s to play	3NT	
2NT	14+ HCP any shape	3 Y	invitational	4	
3 -	6+ ♣ s to play	3 4		4	to play
other					
2NT	14+ HCP any shape	3 Y	6+ ♥ s to play	4 ♣	
3 -	pass or correct	3 ♠	invitational	4	to play
3◆	6+ ♦s to play	3NT		4	to play
other					
3 -	to play	3 ^	natural - to play	4	Minorwood
3◆	to play	3NT	to play	4	natural - to play
3 Y	natural - to play	4 ♣	Minorwood	4	natural - to play
other					
	2NT 3 cher 2NT 3 cher	2NT 14+ HCP any shape 3♣ pass or correct 3♦ 6+ ♦s to play other 3♣ to play 3♦ to play 3♦ natural - to play	2NT 14+ HCP any shape 3♣ 6+♣s to play 3♣ pass or correct 3♣ pass or correct 3♣ to play 3♣ to play	2NT 14+ HCP any shape 3♣ 6+♣s to play 3♣ 2NT 14+ HCP any shape 3♥ 6+♥s to play 3♣ pass or correct 3♣ invitational 3♦ 6+♥s to play 3NT other 3♣ to play 3♣ natural - to play 3♥ natural - to play 4♣ Minorwood	2NT 14+ HCP any shape 3♥ invitational 4♣ 3♣ 6+♣s to play 3♠ 4♥ other 2NT 14+ HCP any shape 3♥ 6+♥s to play 4♣ invitational 4♥ 3♣ pass or correct 3♠ invitational 4♥ other 3♣ to play 3♠ natural - to play 4♠ to play 3♦ to play 3NT to play 4♥ natural - to play 4♠ Minorwood 4♠

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual N	IT: minors -	weak	[6-10 HCP] or strong [16+ HCP]						
4th Suit Fo	orcing One rou	nd		Game force	X				
NT Check	back X Pr	riorities:	4-card other major then 3-card of opener's mag	jor					
Defence to 3NT opening natural - DBL is takeout									
Defence to Opening Twos DBL is takeout with Lebensohl responses									
Multi 2♦ DBL is 16+ HCP , suits natural									
RCO style 2-s DBL is 16+ HCP , suits natural									
Other 2-s									
Defence									
to									
strong	(2♣): natural suit 6+-card suit								
14 / 24	natural overcall after 1♣								
Over 1NT	Interference	new	suit one-round force						

4♥ DBL takeout, 4NT 2 suits10. OTHER NOTES

Lebensohl - other uses ---

Ghestem overcalls - at least 5-5 shape with 6-10 HCP or 15+ HCP:

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ DBL is takeout

cue bid = top & bottom unbid suits, 3♣ two higher unbid suits, 2NT = two lower unbid suits

4♠ 4NT is takeout, DBL is penalties