AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE 4. BASIC RESPONSES FEDERATION LTD. Jump raises - minors Inverted: 1m-3m=4-6 HCP, 1♣-2NT/1♦-3♣ 7-9 HCP 5+ support STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Jump raises - Majors Preempt: 4+ support, 0-5 HCP ABF Nos. 335533 John GROSVENOR Jump shifts after minor opening 1♣-2♦=GF 5+♦, 1♦-3♣ 7-9 HCP 5+♦s, 1♣-2M/3♦ PRE & Names: 1071981 Mardi GROSVENOR Jump shifts after Major opening ART agreeing suit Basic System: 2/1 Game Force, Transfers over 1♣ Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2♦ waiting, any other = 0-3 HCP 6+ suit Classification: Green Blue Brown Sticker Puppet Stayman & transfers Responses to 2NT opening 1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS 1♣ 1+♣, 11-14 BAL or 11-20 5+♣ **1**♥ 11-20, 5+♥ Versus **NoTrump** (if different) Versus Suit (or both) Show priorities 1♦ 1+♦, 18-19 BAL or 11-20 5+♦ 1**♠** 11-20, 5+**♠ Leads** Sequences: Overlead All **1NT** 15-17 BAL Four or more with an honour 4th highest 1NT Responses 2 Stayman 2nd highest From 4 small 2♦ Tfr \forall (2 \daggeq = 4+ max, 3 \forall = 4+ min) 2♠ Range probe / tfr ♣ (2NT min, 3♣ max) Middle From 3 cards (no honour) 2♥ Tfr \spadesuit (2NT = 4+ max, 3 \spadesuit = 4+ min) 2NT Tfr ♦ Top of 2, low from 3 In partner's suit other 3♣ puppet Stayman, 4♦/4♥ tfrs (Dbl) XX=3334, any=4/4, /=5+ suit F->XX Low odd=ENCRG, even=S/P **Discards** 24 20+ HCP GF (not 20-22 BAL) or 9+ playing tricks Low-High = Even Count Low ENCRG **2**♦ **6**-9(10), **6**♦ **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: Count (in principle but rarely) 2♥ 6-9(10), 6♥ 2**♠** 6-9(10), 6**♠ Notes 2NT** 20-22 BAL 3NT other 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 4♣ Gerber X over NT only 2. PRE-ALERTS **4NT:** Blackwood **X** RKCB 1430 3014 when agreed suit is 4 Cue Bids X Asking Bids (3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS) 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Doubles Support X and XX, Maximal, Take Out, Negative, Kokish relay (2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠ ...) Responsive Skew cue bids (5:4 hands) Jump overcalls Weak 6+ card suit Unusual NT 5:5+ lower unbid, 6-9/16+ Leaping Michaels over weak 2 opening 1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18 BAL (re-opening) 12-14 BAL (Major) 5:5+ other M&m, 6-9/16+ Immediate cue: (minor) 5:5+ MM, 6-9/16+ Smolen Over: Weak Twos X=T/O (LEB), suit=11-15 Opening Threes X=T/O www.abf.com.au Opponent's transfers X=T/O of TFR suit, all others NAT (5+) PDF Form Rev. 21E29 by RoL Opponent's 1NT Strong: X=4M&5+m (2♣=P/C m, 2♦=bid M, 2♥♠ NAT), 2♣=MM (2♦= no pref), MyRev. 25-05-23 ANC 2♦=6+M, 2♥/♠=M&m, 2NT=mm. Copyright © ABF 2021 Weak: X=PEN (14+BAL), 2♣=MM (2♦=no pref), 2♦=16+ 5+M, 2♥/♠=opening<16 5+M, 2NT=mm



Red X

Negative DBL thru

Responsive DBL thru

Yellow

Canapé

may contain 5 card Major

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1♦	5+, 4+ ♥	2	GF, 5+♦, no 4M	3	PRE, 3-5, 6-7♦		
1♥	5+, 4+♠	2	PRE, 3-5, 6♥	3 Y	PRE, 3-5, 7♥		
1 🛧	5-10 no 4M, or GF	2♠	PRE, 3-5, 6♠	3 ^	PRE, 3-5, 7♠		
1NT	No 4M, INV 3NT	2NT	6-9, 5+♣, no 4M	3NT	13-15 BAL, no 4M		
2	11+, 5+♣, no 4M	3 -	4-5, 5+♣, no 4M	4 ♣			
other							
1♦ 1♥	3+, 3+♥	2		3			
1♠	3+, 3+♠	2		3 ♠			
1NT	6-10, no 4M	2NT	11-12 BAL, no 4M	3NT	13-15 BAL, no 4M		
2♣	11-12, 5+♣, no 4M	3♣	6-9, 5+♦, no 4M	4			
2	11+, 5+♦, no 4M	3	4-5, 5+♦, no 4M	4			
other							
1♥ 1♠	5+. 4+♠	2	6-9, 3♥	3	INV 10-12, 3♥		
1NT	6-12 semi-F, 0-2♥, 0-3♠	2	6-9/13-15, 4+♥, a S/S	3 Y	0-5, 4♥		
2♣	13+, GF, 0-3♥, 3+♣	2NT	10+, 4+♥	3♠	10-12/16+, 4+♥, a S/5		
2	13+, GF, 0-3♥, 4+♦	3♣	6-9, 4+♥, no S/S	3NT	10-12, 4+♥, ♠ void		
other	4♣=10-12, 4+♥, ♣ void; 4♦=10-12, 4+♥, ♦ void; 4♥=0-5, 5+♥						
1 ♠ 1NT	6-12, semi-F, 0-2 ♠	2	6-9, 3♠	3	INV 10-12, 3♠		
2	13+, GF, 0-3♠, 3+♣	2NT	6-9/13-15, 4+♠, a S/S	3 ♠	0-5, 44		
2	13+, GF, 0-3 ♠ , 4+ ♦	3♣	10+, 4+♠	3NT	10-12/16+, 4+♠, a S/\$		
2	13+, GF, 0-3♠, 5+♥	3◆	6-9, 4+♠, no S/S	4	10-12, 4+♠, ♣ void		
other	4 ♦ =10-12, 4+ ♠ , ♦ void;	4♥=	10-12, 4+♠, ♥ void, 4♠=0	0-5, 5	5+♠		
1NT 3♣	Puppet STAY	3		4	TFR ♥		
3		3NT	To play	4	TFR ♠		
3♥		4 ♣	Ace ask	4			
other							
2♣ 2♦	Waiting (not 0-3, 6+ suit)	2NT		3			
2	0-3, 6+♥	3 -	0-3, 6+♣	3 ♠			
2	0-3, 6+♠	3◆	0-3, 6+	3NT			
other							
2♦ 2♥	F1, 5+♥	3♣	F1, 5+ ♣	3			
	F1, 5+♠	_	3♦, <15 HCP		To play		
_	15+ enquiry	3		4			
	4♦ = 4♦, <15 HCP, not						

Notes 1♥-2♥-2♠ / 1♠-2♠-2NT = INV, L/S G/T ask. 1M-2M-3any = INV, S/S G/T After 1M responses showing undisclosed S/S bidding the next step asks for shortage

After 1m-2m / 1♣-2♦ / 1♥-2NT / 1♠-3♠: opener bids steps to show strength and shortage

'	-	F1, 5+ ♠ 15+ enquiry		F1, 5+♦ 3♥, <15 HCP, to play		To play
		F1, 5+♣	3 ♠	5, TO HOP, to play	4 ♣ 4 ♥	To play
	other					
2	2NT	15+ enquiry	3	F1, 5+♥	4	
	3 ♣	F1, 5+ ♣	3 ^	3♠, <15 HCP, to play	4	
	3	F1, 5+ ♦	3NT	To play	4	To play
(other					
2NT	3 ♣	Puppet STAY	3 ^		4	TFR ♥
	3	TFR ♥	3NT	To play	4	TFR ♠
	3 Y	TFR ♠	4 ♣	Ace ask	4	
(other					

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lowest 2 unbi	d suits, 6-9 or 16+						
4th Suit Forcing One round		Game force					
NT Checkback X Priorities:							
Defence to 3NT opening 4N	NT = bid a minor						
Defence to Opening Twos	X = T/O or 16+ (LEB), 2NT = 15-18 BAL, suit =	11-16					

Multi 2♦ X = 16+, 2NT = 15-18 BAL, suits NAT

RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s

 Defence
 (1♠): X=♠, 1NT=mm, 2♠=single suit (not ♠), 2♠=MM, 2M=M&m

 to
 strong

 1♣/2♣

Over 1NT Interference LEB. After 2♣ overcall, X=STAY, TFRs on

Lebensohl - other uses Responding to weak 2 T/O X

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

4♥ x=T/O, 4NT=5/5 minors

4♠ X=T/O, 4NT=2 suits 5/5

10. OTHER NOTES