4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	Limit 7-9	Other:	4 card support
Jump raises - Majors	Limit 7-9	Other:	4 card support
Jump shifts after minor opening	2♦/2♥/2♠ is weak and to play		
Jump shifts after Major opening	shortage and invitational. 1♥ - 2♠ is weak and to play		
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	2♦ weak/waiting 2♥/2♠ 8+ 5+ card suit 2NT 8-10 bal		
Responses to 2NT opening	3♣ Stayman 3♦/3♥ transfers 3♠ 10 cards in minors		

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS   Show priorities

	Versus **Suit** (or both)	Versus **NoTrump** (if different)
Leads Sequences:	Overlead All	Overlead All
Four or more with an honour	4th highest	See Note # 1
From 4 small	2nd highest	2nd highest
From 3 cards (no honour)	Middle	Middle
In partner's suit	Lowest from 3	Lowest from 3
Discards	Low Encourage	Low Encourage
Count	Low-High = Even	Low-High = Even
Signal on partner's lead:	low to encourage	low to encourage
Signal on declarer's lead:		

Notes   #1 attitude leads where low card shows like suit/ high card show poor suit

except top of interior sequence

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

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

Slam Notes   5NT asks for K of ♣, No=6♣

Cue Bids	☒
Asking Bids	☒

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Extended Crowhurst	Suit jumps in all contested auctions = fit showing
Suit Jumps in contested auctions where the	
opponets have shown specific suits a bid of the	
suit is a shortage	

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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

ABF Nos.	136298	Robert Gallus
& Names:	150126	Stephen Weisz
Basic System:	Acol	
Brown Sticker ☐	Classification: Green ☒ Blue ☐ Red ☐ Yellow ☐	

1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning   Canape ☐

1♣	11+ 4+♣	1♥	11+ 4+♥
1♦	11+ 4+♦	1♠	11+ 4+♠
1NT	12-14	may contain 5 card Major ☐	

1NT Responses 2♣ Simple Stayman	Other: None
2♦ 5+♥ or Baron	2♠ 5+♣ superaccept with 2NT
2♥ 5+♠	2NT 5+♦ superaccept with 3♣
other 1NT - 2♣ Opener with 4♥ & 4♠ Responds 2NT minimum, 3♣ maximum	

2♣	21+ Strong
2♦	Weak 6-10 HCP Non Vul = 5+ card, Vul = 6+ card
2♥	Weak 6-10 HCP Non Vul = 5+ card, Vul = 6+ card
2♠	Weak 6-10 HCP Non Vul = 5+ card, Vul = 6+ card

2NT	21-22 Balanced	**3NT**	Ace ask (0/1, 2R, 2C, 2O, 4NT=3)
other			

2. PRE-ALERTS

Opponents dbl our 1 level bids rdbl = 8+ HCP	1NT after responders 1♠ show 12-18
1NT after responders 1♦/1♥ show 15-18	Opener rebids 2♣ after a 1 level response -
2♦/2♥/2♠ rebid by opener 1♦/♥/♠ show 5♣	Multiple meanings

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through	4♥	Jump overcalls	Intermediate
Responsive doubles through	4♥	Unusual NT	Lower 2 suits (any range)
1NT overcall - immediate	15-17	Immediate cue of minor	Majors
1NT overcall - re-opening	15-17	Immediate cue of Major	Other Major + minor. Any range
Over weak twos	T.O.X	Over opening threes	T.O.X

Over opponent's 1NT   Weak NT Min 11+ HCP a Strong NT is min 14+ HCP see below

Weak NT X=penalty, 2NT= ♣ + ♦,..others natural

Strong NT X=2 suiter with a major, 2NT=♣+♦, others natural

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
1♦	6+ 4+♦	2♥	4-7 6+♥	3♦	♦ shortage 4+♣
1♥	6+ 4+♥	2♠	4-7 6+♠	3♥	♥ shortage 4+♣
1♠	6+ 4+♠	2NT	10+ bal ♣ raise ask shap+	3♠	♠ shortage 4+♣
1NT	6-9 4+♣ no shortage	3♣	4+♣ limit high shortage	3NT	15-17 bal ♣ raise
2♣	6-9 4+♣ with shortage			4♣	Natural Weak
other	4♦/4♥/4♠ natural weak				

1♦

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
1♥	6+ and 4+♥	2♥	6-9 6+♥	3♥	♥ shortage 4+♦
1♠	6+ and 4+♠	2♠	6-9 6+♠	3♠	♠ shortage 4+♦
1NT	6-9 No major	2NT	10+ bal ♦ raise ask shap+	3NT	15-17 bal ♦ raise
2♣	10+ and 4+♣	3♣	♣ shortage 4+♦	4♣	Natural Weak
2♦	4-9 and 3+♦	3♦	4+♦ limit high shortage	4♦	Pre-emptive
other	4♥/4♠ Natural Weak				

1♥

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
1♠	6+ 4+♠	2♥	4-9 3+♥	3♦	Shortage ♠ ♥ Raise
1NT	6-9 bal	2♠	6-9 6+♠	3♥	5-10 4+♥
2♣	10+ f1	2NT	Transfer ♣	3♠	Short ♣ & ♦ ♥ Raise
2♦	10+ Raise ♥ f1	3♣	Transfer ♦	3NT	Short ♣ & ♠ ♥ Raise
other	4♣ Short ♦ & ♠ ♥ raise/4♦ Short ♦ ♥ raise/4♠ to play				

1♠

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
1NT	6-10	2♠	4-9 3+♠	3♥	Splinter ♥ ♠ Raise
2♣	10+ f1	2NT	Transfer ♣	3♠	5-10 4+♠
2♦	Transfer ♥ f1	3♣	Transfer ♦	3NT	Short ♣ & ♦ ♠ raise
2♥	Good Raise ♠ f1	3♦	Transfer ♥	4♣	Short ♦ & ♥ ♠ Raise
other	4♣ Short ♣ & ♥ ♠ Raise/4♥ to play				

1NT

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
3♣	slam inv (♣)3N declines	3♠	slam inv(♠) 4♠ declines	4♦	natural
3♦	slam inv (♦)3N declines	3NT	to play	4♥	to play
3♥	slam inv(♥) 4♥ declines	4♣	natural	4♠	to play
other					

2♣

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
2♦	weak or waiting	2NT	8-10 bal, no 5 card M	3♥	8+ 6+♥ 1 loser suit f1
2♥	8+ 5+♥	3♣	8+ 5+♣	3♠	8+ 6+♠ 1 loser suit f1
2♠	8+ 5+♠	3♦	8+ 5+♦	3NT	11-13 bal, no 5 card M
other	4♣				

2♦

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
2♥	12+ invitational	3♣	16+ forcing	3♠	16+ forcing
2♠	12+ invitational	3♦	pre-emptive	3NT	to play
2NT	forcing enquiry	3♥	16+ forcing	4♣	Natural
other	4♦ pre-emptive, 4♥/4♠ to play				

2♥

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
2♠	12+ invitational	3♦	16+ forcing	3NT	to play
2NT	forcing enquiry	3♥	pre-emptive	4♣	weak natural
3♣	16+ forcing	3♠	16+ forcing	4♥	to play
other	4♦ weak natural/4♠ to play				

2♠

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
2NT	forcing enquiry	3♥	16+ forcing	4♣	weak natural
3♣	16+ forcing	3♠	pre-emptive	4♥	Natural
3♦	16+ forcing	3NT	to play	4♠	Natural
other	4♦ weak natural				

2NT

Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning	Bid	Meaning
3♣	Stayman	3♠	Show 10 minor cards	4♦	Forcing RKCB ♦
3♦	Transfer 3♥	3NT	to play	4♥	to play weak
3♥	Transfer 3♠	4♣	Forcing RKCB ♣	4♠	to play weak
other					

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits

4th Suit Forcing One round [X]   Game force [ ]

NT Checkback [ ]   Priorities:

Defence to 3NT opening

Defence to Opening Twos

Multi 2♦   x has good ♦, 2NT 16-19 balanced majors stopped

RCO style 2-s   x is take out. Pass then x is penalty

Other 2-s   x is takeout where the suit is shown. Penalty oriented if not.

Defence to strong ♣	1♣ : 1NT = minors X= Majors
	2♣ : -

Over 1NT Interference lebensohl

Lebensohl - other uses Fast arrival...denies a stop

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦

    4♥ x and 4NT (2 places)   4♠ 4NT

10. OTHER NOTES

2♦ - 2NT responses 3♣ = Bleak, 3♦ = weak, 3♥ = 5+♦&4♥ 3S! = 5+♦&4♠ 3NT = 6+♦ max

2♥ - 2NT responses(non vul) 3♣=5♥ 3♥=6+♥, responses(vul) 3♣/3♦=shortage 3♥ weak

2♠ - 2NT responses(non vul) 3♣=5♠ 3♠=6+♠, responses(vul) 3♣/3♦/3♥=shortage 3♠ weak

1♣/♦/♥/♠ - 2NT response are 3♣ no shortage 3♦ show ♣ shortage 3♥ show ♦ shortage etc

f1 is forcing 1 round

Notes