## **AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE** 4. BASIC RESPONSES FEDERATION LTD. Jump raises - minors Limit 7-11 HCP, 4+ cards STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Jump raises - Majors Limit 7-11 HCP, 4+ cards ABF Nos. A Wilson, 1141678 C Chisolm, 664121 M Kelly 1092871 1m-2M weak with long Major. 1C-2D or 1D-3C GF raise Jump shifts after minor opening & Names: 151858 R Mooney, 697982 D Hnaris, 856347 C Depasquale 1M-3C GF raise. 1H-2S weak with long S. Other: splinter Jump shifts after Major opening Basic System: Goren (4 card suits) with McGladder twists Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2 C - 2 D waiting Brown Sticker Classification: Green X Blue Red Yellow Puppet Stayman, transfer to Majors, 3 S = minors, 3NT = 5S/4H Responses to 2NT opening 1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS 1♥ 11+ HCP 4+ Hearts 14 11 + HCP 4+ Clubs Versus **NoTrump** (if different) Versus **Suit** (or both) Show priorities 1♦ 11+ HCP, 4+ Diamonds 1♠ 11+ HCP 4+ Spades Overlead All except AK stiff Leads Sequences: 1NT 15-17 (semi-)balanced may contain 5 card Major Four or more with an honour 4th highest 1NT Responses 2 Simple Stayman 2nd highest From 4 small 2 Range Probe or Transfer to Clubs 2 Transfer to Hearts Middle From 3 cards (no honour) 2♥ Transfer to Spades 2NT Transfer to Diamonds standard In partner's suit (Dbl) Same other After 2 S or 2 NT 3 C = maximum See Note # **Discards** High-Low = Even 24 22+ balanced or any game forcing hand Count See Note # 2 Weak 2 in either major **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: See Note # 5 Hearts and a 4+ card minor with 6-10 HCP Notes # When we choose to give count (when we believe it will benefit partner more than 5 Spades and a 4+ card minor with 6-10 HCP (6 spades and 10-12 HCP in 4th seat) declarer) we give standard present count. We rarely give attitude, but when we do it will 2NT 20-21 (semi-)balanced **3NT** To Play other 4NT = Specific Ace Ask. 5 C = none, 6 C = C, 5 NT = 2. be a McKenney. 2. PRE-ALERTS 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 44 Gerber If you open a Multi 2 D see 1430 Quantitative after NT openings 4NT: Blackwood RKCB Asking Bids X Cue Bids X First cue usually first round control, others 1st or 2nd "7. Other conventions" We like to go for a drink after the session. Cheapest non-trump suit after RKCB response asks for trump queen. 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS 5 NT followup asks for Kings - Sesame Street - (bid the King you have or don't have (if 2)) 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Doubles Penalty after our NT openings or we have agreed a suit Negative DBL thru 7 S Jump to 5 NT = Grand Slam Force Bid 7 with 2 of top 3, else bid 6 Other doubles are for takeout Responsive DBL thru 3 S Jump to 5 Maj = Trump inquiry - bid 7 with AKQ, bid 6 with 2 of those cards. Jump overcalls Weak, usually 6+ cards Unusual NT Lower 2 unbid suits If you open a multi 2 D in first seat second seat shows HCP range (from zero) (re-opening) 10-14 systems on 1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18 BAL systems on If you open a multi 2 D in second seat third seat shows strong hand with X or 2NT Immediate cue: (minor) Majors <11 or 16+ HCP (Major) 5 other Maj & 5 minor <11/16+ Over: Weak Twos 2NT 16-19, X Scramble Opening Threes X = T/O, 3 NT to play www.abf.com.au Opponent's transfers Double = Lead-Directing (after NT openings) T/O if t/fer over 1 C Opponent's 1NT Multi-Landy 2 C = both Majors, 2 D = single suited Major, 2 H = Hearts and PDF Form Rev. 21E29 by RoL MyRev. Minor, 2 S = Spades and minor Copyright © ABF 2021 (1x) - 3 x says, "Bid 3 NT with a stopper in their suit".

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1♣ 1♦	6+HCP, 4+ Diamonds	2	GF Club raise	3	Support short diamond	
1♥	6+ HCP, 4+ Hearts	2	4-7 HCP, 6 Hearts	<b>3♥</b>	Support, short Heart	
1 🛧	6+ HCP, 4+ Spades	2♠	4-7 HCP, 6 Spades	<b>3♠</b>	Support, short Spade	
1NT	9-11 bal, no major	2NT	GF Balanced	3NT	To play	
2	7-11 HCP 3 Clubs	3 <b>-</b>	7-11 HCP 4+ clubs	4	RKCB in clubs	
other						
1♦ 1♥	6+ HCP, 4+ Hearts	2	4-7 HCP, 6 Hearts	3 💙	Support, short Heart	
1♠	6+ HCP, 4+ Spades	2	4-7 HCP, 6 Spades	3 <b>♠</b>	Support, short Spade	
1NT	6-10 bal, no major	2NT	GF Balanced	3NT	To play	
2	10+ HCP, 5+ Clubs	3 <b>-</b>	GF Diamond raise	4	Support, short club	
2	7-11 HCP 3 diamonds	3	7-11 HCP 4+ diamonds	4	RKCB in diamonds	
other						
1♥ 1♠	6+ HCP, 4+ Spades	2	7-11 HCP, 3 Hearts	3	Splinter singleton	
_	6-10 HCP, <4 Spades		4-7 HCP, 6 Spades		7-11 HCP, 4 Hearts	
2	10+ HCP, 5+ Clubs	_	GF Balanced		Support, short spade	
2	10+HCP 5+ diamonds	3 <b>-</b>	GF Heart raise		To play	
other	4 C splinter, 4 D - splint	er - \	oid, 4 H - shapely pre-ei			
1 <b>♠</b> 1NT	6-10 HCP, <3 spades	2	7-11 HCP, 3 spades	3 💙	Support short Heart	
2♣	10+ HCP, 5+ Clubs	2NT	GF Balanced	3 <b>♠</b>	7-11 HCP, 4 spades	
2	10+HCP 5+ diamonds	3 <b>-</b>	GF Spade raise	3NT	To play	
2	10+HCP 5+ Hearts	3	Splinter single diamon	4 <b>♣</b>	Support, short club	
other	4 D splinter with diamond void, 4 S - shapely pre-empt					
1NT 3♣	6+ C, 2 of AKQ only	3	1-3-5/4 GF	4	RKCB in diamonds	
3	6+ D, 2 of AKQ only	3NT	To play	4	To play	
3♥	3-1-5/4 GF	4	RKCB in clubs	4	To play	
other						
2♣ 2♦	No suitable response	2NT	Bal 8-10, 3+ controls	3 🗸	7+ H, < 3 controls	
	5+H, 3+ controls 2 TH		5+C, 4+ controls 2 TH		7+ S, < 3 controls	
	5+S, 3+ controls 2 TH	_	5+D, 4+ controls 2 TH		Bal 11+ HCP, 3+ cont	
_			nel" 2 D is preferred to a			
2♦ 2♥	Pass or correct	3♣	Natural not forcing	3♠	Pass or correct	
	Pass or correct	_	Natural not forcing		To play	
_	Asks suit (C=H, D=S)		Pass or correct	4	17	
	` '		r, double = pass or corre			
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	Natural not forcing	3	Natural not forcing	3NT	To play
2NT	Asks for minor	3	Not forcing	4	
3♣	Natural not forcing	3 <b>♠</b>		4	To play
other					
2 <b>♠</b> 2NT	Asks for minor	3 <b>Y</b>	Natural not forcing	4 <b>♣</b>	
3♣	Natural not forcing	<b>3♠</b>	Not forcing	<b>4</b>	
3◆	Natural not forcing	3NT	To play	4	To play
other					
2NT 3♣	Puppet Stayman	3 <b>^</b>	Minors, at least 5-5	4	RKCB in diamonds
3◆	Transfer to Hearts	3NT	5 S/4H, "pick a game"	<b>4</b>	To play
3♥	Transfer to Spades	4	RKCB in clubs	4	To play
other					
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4th Suit Forcing One round Game force
NT Checkback Priorities:
Defence to 3NT opening Take first 5 tricks
<b>Defence to Opening Twos</b> 2 NT = 16-19 bal; after T/O X 2 NT = scramble
Multi 2♦ Point count range given by second seat if Multi 2 D opened in first seat
RCO style 2-s 2 NT = 16-19 bal; after T/O X 2 NT = scramble
Other 2-s 2 NT = 16-19 bal; after T/O X 2 NT = scramble
<b>Defence</b> (1 C): X = H/S, 1 D = H or S, 1 H = H + minor, 1 S = S + minor, 1 NT = minors.
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strong (2 C): X = H/S, 2 D = H or S, 2 H = H + minor, 2 S = S + minor, 2 NT = minors
14/24 All 3 level or higher bids are natural single suiters
Over 1NT Interference Lebesohl

Lebensohl - other uses

**Take out of 4 level pre-empts** 4♣/4♦ Double for takeout

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## 10. OTHER NOTES

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