### 4. BASIC RESPONSES 5+cd SUPP distributional hand Jump raises - minors Pre-empt Jump raises - Majors Pre-empt Other: 1♣ -2♦ LIMIT 5+♣; 2M 3-6HCP 6+ suit,3 level SPL;1♦-3♣ LIMIT 5+♦ Jump shifts after minor opening Jump shifts after Major opening 1♥-2♠ weak 6+ ♠; 3 level bids = Bergen raises with 4 cd SUPP Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2♦ WK or waiting; 2M or 3m 6+ suit with 3+CTRLs Responses to 2NT opening 3♣ Puppet Stayman, transfers to Ms 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS **Show priorities** Versus Suit Versus NoTrump (if different) (or both) O/lead, A or Q-ATT, K-Count Leads Sequences: Four or more with an honour 4th highest 2nd highest From 4 small Middle From 3 cards (no honour) low from 3/4 if not supported low from 3/4 if not supported In partner's suit Odd=Enc., Even=McKenney **Discards** Low-High = Even Count Signal on partner's lead: Low Encourage Signal on declarer's lead: Reverse count Notes Wenceslas on our lead when singleton in dummy (odd = enc, even = suit pref) If discard hi/low in odd cards, then nothing to say, or not have right cards After 1st discard, reverse count 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS **RKCB 1430** when? WDNPG Blackwood 4♣ Gerber 4NT: Slam Notes Minorwood. When showing Kings, show specific King or the other 2 Kings Cue Bids First and second round / Exclusion KCB in some circumstances Asking Bids 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Jacoby 2NT major raise Lebensohl, Support X/XX SWINE when 1NT opening is X'd for penalty Puppet Stayman over 2NT opening & 2\$\frac{1}{2}\$/2NT mini splinters, long suit trials, Blackout cue ralse with values inverted minor raises After 2♠/2NT Superaccept in M, show short suite and 3M=shortage in other M 4NT opening: specific Ace ask Leaping and Non-leaping Michaels www.abf.com.au PDF Form Rev. 13F21 by RoL Sandwich NT only by passed hand MyRev. 13 May 2025 Two-way checkback over 1NT rebid, Gazilli over 1M: 1NT Copyright © ABF 2013 2M:2NT then 3 any min. Others max with No, L,M, H shortage



# **AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE** FEDERATION INC.



STANDARD SYSTEM CARD									
ABF Nos. 245216 Sheila Bird									
& Names: 160474 Felicity Smyth									
Basic System: Standard 2/1 forcing to Game (mostly)									
Brown Sticker Classification: Green	Blue Red Yellow								
1. OPENIN	G BIDS								
Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meani	ng Canape								
1♣ (10)11-20 HCP 3+	1♥ (10)11-20 HCP 5+								
1♦ (10)11-20 HCP 3+	(10)11-20 HCP 5+								
1NT 14-17 HCP	may contain 5 card Major								
1NT Responses 2♣	Other: Lavings								
2♦ TRF to ♥	P♠ TRF to ♣								
2♥ TRF to ♠	2NT TRF to ♦								
other									
2♣ 23-24 HCP BAL, or GF									
2♦ Less than opening hand 4+/4+ Majors / Weak 2♦ in 3rd seat / 11-14 6+♦ in 4th seat									
2♥ Weak 2♥ (may be 5 card suit) / 11-14 6+ ♥ in 4									
2♠ Weak 2♠ (may be 5 card suit) / 11-14 6+♠ in 4th									
2NT 20-22 balanced 3N	3NT 4-level minor pre-empt								
other 2M:2NT then 3♣ any min. Others max with No	short, L short, M short, 5-cardsuit, H short								
2. PRE-AI	LERTS								
Support X/XX, 4♣/♦ is ♥/♠ pre-empt B	Bergen raises (3♣ is stronger than 3♦)								
1M:2♣ = 3 card limit, or Nat or GF; Mini SPL Bi	Bids over Oppt 1NT ocall of our 1minor opening								
X over strong NT = a minor suit	Fit-showing jumps in competition								
3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS									
Negative doubles through 4♥ Jump overcalls WK									
Responsive doubles through 4♥ Unusual NT Lowe	est unbid suits 5+/5+								
1NT overcall - immediate 15-18 HCP - Lavings Immediate	e cue of minor Both Ms 5+/5+								
1NT overcall - re-opening 11-14 HCP - Stayman Immediate cue of Major 5+/5+OM +1m									
Over weak twos X T/O + LEB; 2NT:16-19 HCP Over opening threes X for T/O									
Over opponent's 1NT mod. CAPPILLETTI; over STR NT DBL shows single suiter in either minor									
2♣=Ms; 2♦ 6 card M, 2♥=♥ and ♣ or ♦ (5+/4+); 2	2 <b>♠=♠</b> and <b>♣</b> or <b>♦</b> (5+/4+), 2NT=minors								
3-anv is pre-emptive									

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1♣ 1♦	5+ HCP 4+♦	2	7-9 5+♣	3	SPL 10-14 HCP not GF		
1♥	5+ HCP 4+♥	2	6+♥, 3-6 HCP	3 <b>Y</b>	SPL 10-14 HCP not GF		
1	5+ HCP 4+♠	2	6+♠, 3-6 HCP	3 <b>^</b>	SPL 10-14 HCP not GF		
1NT	6-10 HCP	2NT	11-12 HCP no 4 M	3NT	13-15 HCP BAL no 4 M		
2	inverted 4+♣, 10+	3♣	PRE 5+ <b>♣</b>	4 <b>♣</b>	Minorwood		
other	4M: to play						
1♦ 1♥	5+HCP 4+	2	6+♥, 3-6 HCP	3	SPL 10-14 HCP not GF		
1♠	5+HCP 4+		6+♠, 3-6 HCP	3	SPL 10-14 HCP not GF		
1NT	6-10 HCP	2NT	11-12 HCP no 4 M	3NT	13-15 HCP no 4 M		
2	11+, GF unless rebid 3♣	3♣	7-9 4+	4	SPL 10-14 HCP not GF		
2	inverted 4+♦ limit or GF	3	PRE 5+ <b>♦</b>	4	Minorwood		
other	4M: to play						
1♥ 1♠	5+ HCP 4+♠	2	5+ HCP 3♥	3	6-8 HCP 4+♥		
1NT	6-12 HCP	2	6+ ♠, 3-6 HCP	3 <b>Y</b>	PRE 4+♥		
2	3-way see note	2NT	GF raise, 4+ SUPP	3	SPL 9-12 HCP		
2	10+, GF unless rebid 3♦	3♣	9-11 HCP 4+♥	3NT	13-15 HCP BAL 3♥		
other	4♣ and 4♦ SPL 9-12 HC	P					
1 <b>♠</b> 1NT	6-12 HCP	2	5+ HCP 3♠	3 💙	Nat 8-10, 6+♥		
2	3-way see note	2NT	GF raise, 4+ SUPP	3	PRE 4+♠		
2	10+, GF unless rebid 3♦	3 <b>-</b>	9-11 HCP 4+♠	3NT	13-15 HCP BAL 3♠		
2	10+, 5+♥ unless rebid 3	3◆	6-8 HCP 4+♠	4	SPL 9-12 HCP		
other	4♦ /4♥ SPL 9-12 HCP						
1NT 3♣	Minors 5/5 INV	3	sing ♠ in 31(54) GF	4	TF to ♠		
3◆	Minors 5/5 GF		to play	4 <b>\</b>	to play		
3♥	sing ♥ in 31(54) GF	4♣	TF to ♥	4	to play		
other 4NT quantitative. If max respond with Aces 14/30; 5♥ with 2							
2♣ 2♦	WK or waiting	2NT	Not used	3			
2	GF 6+ ♥ with 3+ CTRLs	3♣	GF 6+ ♣ with 3+ CTRLs	3			
2	GF 6+ ♠ with 3+ CTRLs	3	GF 6+ ♦ with 3+ CTRLs	3NT	5+/5+ both mi 3+ CTRLs		
other							
2♦ 2♥	to play	3♣	NAT NF	3	To play		
	to play	3	NAT NF		to play		
	STR enquiry	3 <b>Y</b>	To play	4 <b>♣</b>	TF me to longer Major		

**4♥** X 4♠ 4NT (X is values) 10. OTHER NOTES CAPPILLETTI:  $2\clubsuit$ =Ms;  $2\spadesuit$  6 card M,  $2\blacktriangledown=\blacktriangledown$  and  $\clubsuit$  or  $\spadesuit$  (5+/4+) (1x)- P-(1y)-1NT = 15-18 balanced Over 2♦:2NT then 3C=min, 3♦=max 5/5, 3♥=max 5+♥ / 4♠, 3♠=5+♠/4♥, 2NT=max 4/4 passed) or weak ♦ suit. After 1♦ opening 2NT: TFR to ♣ (can be passed) or 5 card ♦ supp 29 July 2020

2	2	Natural forcing	3	Natural forcing	3NT	to play		
	2NT	STR enquiry	3	Raise no game interest	4	Splinter		
	3 <b>♣</b>	Natural forcing	3 <b>^</b>	Splinter	<b>4</b>	to play		
	other	4♠ to play						
24	2NT	STR enquiry	3	Natural forcing	4♣	Splinter		
	3 <b>-</b>	Natural forcing	3 <b>^</b>	Raise no game interest	<b>4</b>	Splinter		
	3◆	Natural forcing	3NT	to play	4	to play		
	other When we open weak 2 and opponents overcall, X from partner = penalty							
2NT	3♣	Puppet Stayman	3	5 <b>♠</b> and 4 ♥	4	Minorwood		
	3◆	TFR to ♥	3NT	to play	<b>4</b>	to play		
	<b>3</b>	TFR to 🛧	4	Minorwood	4	to play		
other 4NT quantitative. If max respond with Aces 14/30; 5♥ with 2								
9. CONVENTIONS								
Have a NT, minors over 1M after 1m shows lower unbid quite								

## Unusual NT: minors over 1M after 1m shows lower unbid suits Game force 4th Suit Forcing One round | Priorities: Over 1NT and 2NT rebid, bid out shape up the line; om/2NT NT Checkback Defence to 3NT opening DBL= values, 4♣ T/O better ♥, 4♦ T/O better ♠ **Defence to Opening Twos** X= (15)16+, NAT overcalls. Where bid is natural, X=TO, 12+ Multi 2 X=(15)16+ with LEB, NAT overcalls RCO style 2-s X=(15)16+ with LEB, NAT overcalls X=(15)16+, 2 anchor T/O, NAT overcalls Other 2-s **Defence** TOXIC: suit = suit above or two above that. NT=♣ or reds. ♠=odds X = ♦ or Ms NT=enquiry, not necessarily game interest. Same over 1 €:1 ♦ strong Includes all bids up to and including 3NT

TOXIC also played over strong 2♣ opening

Over 1NT Interference Lebensohl

Lebensohl - other uses over weak 2s / Int over 1NT / plus (1Y) : X : (2Y) : Leb

Take out of 4 level pre-empts

2♠=♠ and ♣ or ♦ (5+/4+), 2NT=minors; Over STR 1 NT DBL = 6 card minor 1-2-3 style after pen DBL of 1NT or T/O DBL of weak twos or Michaels and similar sequences Over opponent's 1NT overcall of our 1 of a minor openings: <10 HCP - 2♣: both majors 2♦ and 2♥ tfers to ♥ and ♠. Also 2♠ both minors; after 1♣ opening 2NT TFR to ♣ (can be