## **AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE** 4. BASIC RESPONSES FEDERATION LTD. Jump raises - minors Inverted minors and Criss-Cross 1♦-3♣ (inv in ♦) or 1♣-2♦ (inv in ♣) STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Jump raises - Majors Bergen ABF Nos. Cathy Hood 233552 Pre-emptive Jump shifts after minor opening & Names: 542954 Pauline Collett Jump shifts after Major opening See notes, inside front Basic System: Two Over One Responses to strong 2 suit open. See notes, inside front Classification: Green X Red Blue Brown Sticker Yellow 3♣ Puppet; 3♦/♥ TRF; 3♠ (5♠/4♥); 3NT to play Responses to 2NT opening 1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS 1♣ 10+, 2+♣ 1♥ 10+, 5+♥ Versus Suit Versus **NoTrump** (if different) (or both) Show priorities 1♦ 10+, 4+♦ 1♠ 10+, 5+♠ Sequences: Overlead all Leads may contain 5 card Major **1NT** 15-17 hcp Four or more with an honour 4th highest 1NT Responses 2♣ 5 Card Major Ask (Lavings) 2nd highest From 4 small 2♠ TRF♣ (3♣ superaccept) 2♦ TRF♥ Middle From 3 cards (no honour) 2♥ TRF♠ 2NT TRF♦ (3♦ superaccept) Natural In partner's suit (Dbl) XX=TRF♣ may have ♦; P forces XX other S/A majors (2NT max with 4 card) Low encourage Low encourage **Discards** Reverse count - if required Reverse count - if required 2 Game force Count Low encourage 2♦ weak (5) 6♦ **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: Reverse count, if required 2♥ weak (5) 6♥ Notes Leads from KQ109 or AKJ10 (unblock) 2♠ weak (5) 6♠ 3NT Specific ace ask 2NT 20 -22 hcp other 2. PRE-ALERTS Doubles may be lighter than 10 hcp, generally NV vs V 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 4♣ Gerber X over 1NT or 2NT **4NT:** Blackwood **X** RKCB 4130 Minor Suit Key Card and Exclusion Key Card Cue Bids X 1st or 2nd round control Asking Bids Q ask - bid to slam if have Q 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS **Doubles Support Doubles and Redoubles** 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Support doubles - majors Negative DBL thru Bergen over X, but not over interference Suit-(X)-raise/jump raise (pre-emptive) Lead directing doubles Responsive DBL thru 3 way checkback after 1NT Texas Transfers (+over int): Drury Jump overcalls Weak Unusual NT 5/5 2 lowest unbid suits 3NT opening = specific ace ask Baron 1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18 hcp (system on) (re-opening) 11-16 Long & short suit trial bids Immediate cue: (minor) Modified Blue Club - ULE (Major) Modified Blue Club - ELU Leaping Michaels Over: Weak Twos X - T/O Opening Threes X - T/O Opponent's transfers X=T/O of implied suit; bid of implied suit is natural www.abf.com.au Opponent's 1NT Modified Capelletti: X-penalties, 2♣=majors (5/4 either way, 2♦ inquiry) PDF Form Rev. 21E29 by RoL MyRev. 2♦=single suit, 2♥=♥+m; 2♠=♠+m Copyright © ABF 2021

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## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1♦	4+, 6+p	2	5+♣, 10-11p	3	Splinter raise, GF	
1♥	4+, 6+p	2	6+, 0-5p	3 <b>Y</b>	Splinter raise, GF	
1♠	4+, 6+p	2	6+, 0-5p	3 <b>^</b>	Splinter raise, GF	
1NT	No 4M, 6-10p, 4+♣	2NT	11-12 bal, no 4M	3NT	13-15hcp, no 4M	
2♣	5+, 9+p no 4M	3 <b>-</b>	5+, 4-8p	4	MSKC	
other	4M - natural to play					
1♦ 1♥	4+, 6+p	2	6+, 0-5p	3 💙	Splinter raise, GF	
1♠	4+, 6+p	2	6+, 0-5p	3 <b>♠</b>	Splinter raise, GF	
1NT	6-10, no 4M	2NT	11-12 bal, no 4M	3NT	13-15hcp, no 4M	
2♣	4+, 10+p	3 <b>-</b>	4+♦, 10-11p	4	Splinter raise, GF	
2	5+, no 4M, 10+p	3	5+, 6-9p	4	MSKC	
other	4M/5C - natural to play					
<b>1♥</b> 1♠	4+, 6+p	2	3+♥, 6-9p	3	4+♥, 9-11p	
1NT	No 4♠, 5-11p	2	3♥, 10-11p	3	4+♥, 0-6p	
2♣	4+, 12+ GF	2NT	4+♥ GF	3	Splinter raise, GF	
2	4+, 12+ GF	3 <b>♣</b>	3, 12-15p (4333)	3NT	flat 12-15p	
other					·	
1 <b>♠</b> 1NT	Any, 5-11p	2	3+, 6-9p	3 💙	3, 10-11p	
2♣	4+, 12+ GF	2NT	4+ <b>♠</b> GF	3 <b>♠</b>	4+♠, 0-6p	
2	4+, 12+ GF	3 <b>-</b>	3, 12-15p (3433)	3NT	flat 12-15p	
2	5+, 12+ GF	3	4+, 9-11p	4 <b>♣</b>	Splinter raise, GF	
other						
1NT 3♣	5/5 minors, weak	3	5/5 majors GF	4	TRF ♥	
3	5/5 minors slam int	3NT	to play	<b>4</b>	TRF ♠	
3♥	5/5 majors inv	4 <b>♣</b>	Gerber	4		
other						
2♣ 2♦	Relay	2NT	Balanced 7+	3 💙		
2	5+ quality in suit	3 <b>-</b>	5+ quality in suit	3 <b>^</b>		
	5+ quality in suit		5+ quality in suit	3NT		
other	, ,					
	F1 NAT	3-	F1 NAT	3♠	FG NAT	
	F1 NAT		PRE		to play	
_	Strong inquiry	3			MSKC	
other		<b>V</b>		1-1-		
	ANT (Ox) in manage					

Notes 1NT-(2x) in general:

2 level bids non forcing, X=8+,2NT+ Transfers to their suit then Stayman with stopper.

2♥ 2♠	F1 NAT	3	F1 NAT	3NT	to play				
2NT	Strong inquiry	<b>3</b>	PRE	4♣	SPL				
3♣	F1 NAT	3 <b>^</b>	FG NAT	<b>4</b>	To play				
other									
2 <b>♠</b> 2NT	Strong inquiry	3 💙	F1 NAT	4	SPL				
3♣	F1 NAT	3 <b>^</b>	PRE	<b>4</b>	SPL				
3◆	F1 NAT	3NT	To play	4	To play				
other									
2NT 3♣	Puppet Stayman	3 <b>♠</b>	5♠/4♥	4	MSKC				
3◆	TRF ♥	3NT	To play	<b>4</b>	To play				
3♥	TRF ♠	4	MSKC	4	To play				
other									
9. CONVENTIONS									
Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits									
4th Suit	Game force X								
NT Checkback Priorities: 3 way checkback									
Defence to 3NT opening X = T/O									
Defence to Opening Twos X = T/O									

4♠ X=T/O, 4NT=2 suited

2NT 15 - 18 hcp, X - 13+

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Over 1NT Interference See notes bottom left

Bergen raises after double, but not after overcall.

(including 1C-2C = 5/4 majors, 1C - 2D - 5/5 majors)

**Defence** X = strong (15+), 1NT - clubs, 1x NAT, 2C - majors

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ X=T/O, 4NT=2 suited

Modified Blue Club - O/Call of minor - ULE & O/Call of major - ELU

Over a two suited O/call bid of lower suit = limit raise or better

Over a two suited O/call bid of upper suit = unbid suit, strong.

RCO style 2-s 2NT 15 - 18 hcp, X - 13+

to All else natural strong (1♦)-2♦: natural 5+

Lebensohl - other uses N/A

4♥ X=T/O, 4NT=2 suited

X - penalty of either suit.

10. OTHER NOTES

After Jacoby raise, show shortage first.

Multi 2

Other 2-s

1♣/2♣ Majors