## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors weak, 4-7 vul, 0-6 nv
Jump raises - Majors weak/mixed 4-8
Jump shifts after minor opening $2 \mathrm{M} 0-66+\mathrm{M}$, om = INV in minor
Jump shifts after Major opening Natural INV
Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2D waiting, 2H double neg (no A or K or 3 queens)
Responses to 2NT opening 3C stay, 3D/H trf 3S minors, $4 \times 2$ under slam try

## 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

| Show priorities | Versus Suit (or both) | Versus NoTrump (if different) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Leads Sequences: | Overlead most* | AQ attitude King count/UB |
| Four or more with an honour | 4th |  |
| From 4 small | 2nd or top | 2nd |
| From 3 cards (no honour) | 2nd or top | MUD |
| In partner's suit | same, high from $x x x$ if supp |  |
| Discards | Reverse count | Reverse attitude |
| Count | reverse original |  |
| Signal on partner's lead: | reverse count | reverse attitude |
| Signal on declarer's lead: reverse count/SP, vs NT rarely count mostly SP |  |  |
| Notes * vs S: K from AK when AK tight, vs 5+ level, vs declarer opening 4x, in a bid and |  |  |
| raised suit, when switching to a singleton at trick 2, from trick 2 onwards |  |  |
| When the Ace denies the King we give attitude for the King |  |  |

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 4* Gerber

4NT: Blackwood $\square$ RKCB 1430 In comp often 2 suited takeout
Asking Bids $\square$ Cue Bids $\mathbf{X}$ 1st/2nd round control, last train
In comp over 4 S direct 5 H can be slam try with 4 NT scramble then 5 H weaker, applies if 4NT would be a scramble

## 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

2 way checkback after 1NT rebid or
1 level transfer accepted (not after 1C-1S)
Transfers after 2NT rebid
1M-1NT; 2NT = GF not $5 / 5$
After stayman is doubled direct shows stop
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## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

| Doubles Support X and XX up to 2 M , optional opposite PH | Negative DBL thru | 4 S |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Jump overcalls 2M 10-14, others weak Unusual NT Lowest unbid
1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18
Immediate cue: (minor) Both Majors
(re-opening) 14-16
(Major) Other Major + minor
Over: Weak Twos $X+$ Leb, Leaping Michap $\ddagger$ Opening Threes $X=t / o$
Opponent's transfers at 1 level: $X=$ suit, cue bid $=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$, over others $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$
Opponent's 1NT $X$ values (15)16+, 2C both Majors, 2D one major, 2M 5M/4+m
By PH X = maximum balanced pass
vs Mini-NT (contains 10 counts): X values (15)16+, 2C Majors, $2 \times$ NAT

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1\% 1 4+H, 0+ HCP | 2- 6+C 9-11 | 3 6+C, SPL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - $4+\mathrm{S}, 0+\mathrm{HCP}$ | $2{ }^{2}$ 6+H, 0-6 | $346+C, S P L$ |
| 11. no Major or GF D | 24 6+S, 0-6 | 34 6+C, SPL |
| 1NT 11-12 BAL no M | 2NT 54+ minors, INV | 3NT 13-15 BAL |
| 2\% 5+C GF | $3 \%$ Pre, 0-6 nv, 4-7 vul | 4\% Preempt (unusual) |
| other |  |  |
| 1 1 $4+$, $4+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 2v 0-6 6+H | 3- 4+D, SPL |
| 14. $4+$ + $4+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 24. 0-6 6+S | 34. 4+D, SPL |
| 1 NT 5-10(11) | 2NT 11-12 BAL no M | 3NT 13-15 BAL no M |
| 2\% 4+C, GF | 3\% 4+D 9-11 | 4* 4+D, SPL |
| 2 4+D, GF | 3 4+D 0-6 nv, 4-7 vul | 4 Preempt (unusual) |
| other |  |  |
| 1V1N $4+(0$ ? $) 4+\mathrm{HCP}$ | 2 5-9, usually 3H | 3 6+D, INV |
| 1NT (0-4)5-11 | 24. 6+S, INV | 3V 4-8 4/5H |
| 2\% ART 3 way | 2NT 4+H GF | 34 SPL, 10-12 |
| 2 5+D GF | 34.6+C, INV | 3NT |
| other 4m SPL, 10-12 |  |  |
| 14. 1 NT (0-4)5-11 | 24. 5-9, usually 3S | 3 6+H INV |
| 2\% ART 3 way | 2NT 4+S GF | 3^ 4-8 4/5S |
| 2 5+D GF | 3\% 6+CINV | 3NT |
| 2v 5+H GF | 3 6+D INV | 4\% SPL, 10-12 |
| other 4D/H SPL 10-12 |  |  |
| 1NT 3* 5 card stayman | 34 SPL 13(54) | 4* -> S then RKC/EKC |
| 3 . 55+ minods | 3NT to play | 4 to play |
| 34 SPL 31(54) | 4\% -> H then RKC/EKC | 4N to play |
| other 4NT quant, 5 m natural (unusual) |  |  |
| 2\% 2 waiting (A/K or 3Q) | 2NT natural positive | 3 natural positive |
| $2 \boldsymbol{}$ double neg | 3\% natural positive | 34 what? |
| 24 Natural positive | 3 natural positive | 3NT no way! |
| other |  |  |
| 2 NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 3\% NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 34 NAT F(nv) |
| 2A NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 3 To play, not INV | 3NT To play |
| 2NT Enquiry | 30 NAT F(nv) | 4\% NAT F(nv) |
| other |  |  |

## Notes

| 2V 2^ NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 3 NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 3NT To play |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT Enquiry | 3V To play, not INV | 4\% Nat F(nv) |
| 3\% NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 34 | 4. To play |
| other |  |  |
| 24. 2 NT Enquiry | 3 NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 4* NAT F(nv) |
| 3* NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 3^ To play, not INV | 4V To play |
| 3 NAT NF(nv) F(vul) | 3NT To play | 4^ To play |
| other |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% simple stayman | 34. both minors | 4- S Slam try |
| $3 .->\mathrm{H}$ | 3NT To play | 4V C Slam try |
| $3>->$ | 4\% H slam try | 44. D Slam try |
| other |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lowest Unbid Suits
4th Suit Forcing One round $\square$Game force $\mathbf{X}$
NT Checkback X Priorities: 2 way, and also after transfer is accepted at 1-level
Defence to 3NT opening 4C 55M 4D 6S4H X Values (next $X$ t/o)
Defence to Opening Twos $X=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o} 2 \mathrm{NT} 15-184 \mathrm{~m} 55+\mathrm{m}$ and oM NF
Multi $2 \quad \mathrm{X}=13-15$ BAL or $17+$ Unbal
RCO style 2-s
Other 2-s

| Defence | $(1 \mathrm{C} / 2 \mathrm{C}): \mathrm{X}$ Majors, 1NT Minors |
| :---: | :--- |
| to | After overcall 1NT shows a good raise |
| strong | Also on after (1C) $\mathrm{P}(1 \mathrm{D})$ or (2C) $\mathrm{P}(2 \mathrm{D})$ |
| $1 \% / 2 \%$ |  |

Over 1NT Interference $\quad X$ is takeout, 2NT lebensohl, 4m-> 4M if a jump
Lebensohl - other uses After t/o $X$ of weak 2
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \boldsymbol{Q} / 4 \bullet$ X, 4NT Natural
4 X, 4NT minors
4A X, 4NT 2 suited

## 10. OTHER NOTES

if we bid 1M and the next hand doesn't pass then 2NT shows a raise if 2NT would be scramble then direct 3H bids are INV to game (weaker goes via 2NT) 1M-2C; 2D accept INV, 2M reject, 2oM accept with 4+M, 2NT 18-19, others 55 slam try after $1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{C} ; 2 \mathrm{M}$ we pass with invite and also minimum balanced hands that bid 2C 1C-1D/H; 3D 18-19 w/ 4M, other strong raises show unbalanced 1C-1D/H; 1M 3 or minimum with 4, 2M 4 card raise usually bal (or min unbalanced) 1C-1S; 1NT 2m NF, 2M NAT + D, 2NT just D, 3C D+C, 3D Nat INV, 3M SPL

