

FORCING PASS SYSTEM

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OPENING BIDS

RESPONSE

PASS

13+ HCP, any shape

1♣	11+ HCP, game forcing relay
1♦	0-7 HCP, any shape
1♥/♠	7-10 HCP, 4+ suit.
1NT	8-10 HCP, balanced
2♣/♦	7-10 HCP, 4+ suit
2♥	7-10 HCP, 4441 shape with short major
2♠ up	7-10 HCP, both minors, at least 5/4

1C

8-12 HCP with 4+ hearts

1♦	Game invitational relay
1♥	Game forcing relay
1♠ to 2♥	0-12 HCP, natural and not forcing
1NT	8-12 HCP, balanced
2NT	Invitational with 4+ hearts
2♠ up	0-12 HCP, pre-emptive

1D

8-12 HCP with 4+ spades

1♥	Game invitational relay
1♠	Game forcing relay
1NT	8-12 HCP, balanced
2♣ to 2♠	0-12 HCP, natural and non forcing
2NT	Invitational with 4+ spades
3♣ up	0-12 HCP, pre-emptive

1H

8-12 HCP, 6+ in either minor, or 5+/4+ in both

1♠	Game invitational relay
1NT	Game forcing relay
2♣/♦	Correctible
2♥/♠	Natural, non forcing
2NT	Pick your best minor
3♣/♦	Correctible and pre-emptive
3♥/♠	Natural with a 6+ suit, invitational

1S

0-8 HCP, any shape

1NT	15-17 HCP, balanced
2♣	18+ HCP, artificial, forcing
2♦/♥/♠	12-17 HCP, natural and non forcing
2NT	20-22 HCP, balanced
3♣	Pre-emptive

1NT

9-12 HCP, balanced with no 4 card major

2♣	Relay, at least invitational to game
2♦ to 2NT	Transfers
3♣ to 3♠	Pre-emptive
3NT	To play

2C **8-12 HCP, 5+ hearts and 4+ in either minor**

2♦ Relay, at least invitational to game
2♥ Signoff
2NT Invitational with a fit
3♣/♦ Correctible

2D **8-12 HCP, 5+ spades and 4+ in either minor**

2♥ Relay, at least invitational to game
2♠ Sign off
2NT Invitational with a fit
3♣/♦ Correctible

2H **8-12 HCP, 5/4 hearts and spades (either way)**

2♠ Signoff
2NT Relay
3♣/♦ Natural, non forcing

2S **4-7 HCP, natural 6+ suit**

2NT **Pre-empt in either minor, and denies 2 of top 3**

3C/D/H/S **Pre-empt (with 2 of top 3 honours if a minor)**

3NT **Specific Ace Ask**

Competitive Auctions

Michaels Cue Bids, either weak or strong

Weak jump overcalls, 6+ suit, may be undisciplined

1NT overcall is 15-18 HCP (in passout seat is 10-14 HCP)

Double for takeout over pre-emptive bids up to and including 4♥

Responsive doubles to 3♠

Over weak two bids a 2NT overcall is 15-18 HCP and balanced

Over weak two bids with an anchor suit, double is takeout

Over weak two bids without an anchor suit, double shows 16+ HCP

Cue raises

DONT over 1NT openings

Lebensohl

Over strong 1♣ opening use CRASH

Agreements and Conventions

Roman Key Card Blackwood

Denial cue bidding

Long suit trial bids

Extensive use of relays

Leads and Signals

4th highest

Overlead sequences

MUD

Lead of an A to NT asks for attitude

Lead of a K to NT ask partner to unblock, otherwise to give count

Lead of a 10 to NT promises an honour higher than the J

When following suit we primarily give natural present count. However attitude and McKenny may be given in certain circumstances.

When discarding we give natural present count with McKenny overtones.