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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

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Basic System: Standard 2 over 1 game force

Classification: Green ☐ Blue ☑ Red ☐ Yellow ☐

OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning — Canape ☐

1♣ 2+ | 1♦ 2+ | 1♥ 5 | 1♠ 5

1 NT 14.5 -17 — may contain 5 card major ☑

2♣ Stayman: simple ☐ extended ☐ Other: 5 card enquiry

Transfers 2♦ ->♥ | 2♥ ->♠ | 2♠ ->♣

2 NT ->♦ Other: System on after NT overcalls & doubles, off after interference

2♣ Game force or 23+

2♦ 4+♥+4+♠ 7-11hcp in 1st,2nd&3rd seat. Good open hand 6+♦ in 4th seat

2♥ 5+♥+4+m 7-11hcp in 1st,2nd&3rd seat. Good open hand 6+♥ in 4th seat

2♠ 5+♠+4+m 7-11hcp in 1st,2nd&3rd seat. Good open hand 6+♠ in 4th seat

2 NT 20 - 22 hcp (may contain 5 card major)

3 NT Specific Ace Ask

PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

Bergen raises

Lebensohl over our NT

Forcing 1NT - not by passed hand

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 2♠ — Responsive doubles through 1♣

Jump overcalls intermediate — Unusual NT 2 lowest or unbid suits

1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 — (re-opening) 10-14

Immed cue of minor: Natural if opening could be 3 or less, else Michaels

Immed cue of major: Michaels

Over opponent's 1NT (weak): }x =equal strength, 2♣,2♦ shows shortage in opp colour

Over opponent's 1NT (strong): }2♥/2♠ natural, less than NT range

Over weak twos: x = take out, bids natural

Over opening threes: LMX

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors — limit ☐ forcing ☑ Other:

Jump raises - majors — limit ☐ forcing ☐ Other: Bergen

Jump shifts after minor opening: 0-6 with 6 card suit, 2 lvl only

Jump shifts after major opening: 3♣ 7-10 bal, 3♦ 7-10 shaped, 4 trumps

Responses to strong 2 suit opening: 2♥neg, 2♦ pos, 2♠,3♣,3♦semi pos, 2nt=♥

Responses to 2NT opening: 5 card enquiry, puppet stayman

PLAY CONVENTIONS

'NT' Versus Notrump — 'S' Versus Suit — ✓ = Both

Sequence leads: Overlead all ☐ All except AK x (x) ☐ Underlead ☐ Other: 2nd highest

Four or more with an honour — 4th highest ☑ attitude ☐ 3rd/5th ☐ Other:

From 4 small — 2nd highest ☑ Other:

From 3 cards (no honour) — top ☐ middle ☑ bottom ☐

Signal on partner's lead: high encourage ☑ low encourage ☐ Other:

Signal on declarer's lead: Attitude

Discards — McKenney ☑ high encourage ☑ low encourage ☐ odd/even ☐ Other:

Count — natural ☑ reverse ☐

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood ☐ RKCB ☑ Other: 3041

4♣ Gerber ☐ when?

Other Conventions

Negative free bids to 2♠

RKCB for ♣0 or 1= 5♣, 3=5♦

xx shows short high honour in competitive

Overcalls at 1 lvl can be 4 card

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RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

1♣	1♦	6+hcp, 4 card biddable suit	2NT	12-15, no biddable suit
	1♥/♠	ditto	3♣	game forcing, weak over interference
	1NT	8-10, no lower biddable suit	3♦	pre-empt
	2♣	4+fit, 6+hcp	3♥	ditto
	2♦	0-6 hcp 6 card suit	3♠	ditto
	2♥	ditto	3NT	16-18 bal, no biddable major
	2♠	ditto	4 bids	biger preempt

1♦	1♥/♠	all same as 1♣	3♣	
	1NT		3♦	
	2♣		3♥	
	2♦		3♠	
	2♥		3NT	
	2♠		4♦	
	2NT		4 Other	

1♥/♠	1NT	forcing	3♣	4 card fit 7-10 balanced
	2♣	natural, 2 over 1 game force	3♦	4 card fit, 7-10 shapely
	2♦	ditto	3♥/♠	4 card fit, 0-6 hcp
	2♥/♠	3 card fit, 7-10hcp	3NT	2 card fit, 16-18 hcp
	2NT	game force, slam interest	4♣/♦	splinter

2♣	2♦	positive	2♥/♠	2♥neg, 2♠ semi pos
	other	2NT semi pos in ♥, 3♣, 3♦ semi pos		

2♦	2♥	preference - to play	3♣/♦	to play
	2♠	preference - to play	3♥/♠	to play
	2NT	enquiry	3NT	to play

2♥/♠	2NT	enquiry	3NT	to play
	3♣/♦	to play	4♣/♦	to play
	3♥/♠	to play	4♥/♠	to play

2NT	3♣	puppet stayman	4♣	slam interest
	3♦	transfer to ♥	4♦	ditto
	3♥	transfer to ♠	4♥	
	3♠	5♠+4♥	4♠	
	3NT	to play	other	

CONVENTIONS

Additional responses to 1NT

3♣/3♦	6 card suit headed by 2 honours and another card - non forcing
3♥/3♠	ditto
4♣	slam invitation
4♦	slam invitation
4♥	to play
4♠	to play

Unusual NT: minors ☐ other suits ☐ lower 2 unbid suits ☑

other if any doubt, minors

Other slam bidding Cue Bids ☑ Asking Bids ☐

4th Suit Forcing One round ☐ Game force ☑

NT Checkback ☑ Priorities upwards

Defence to 3NT opening

Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2♦

RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s

Defence to strong ♣ x=majors, 1NT=minors, bids natural, jump bids weak

Lebensohl Over NT interference ☐

Other uses

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦

4♥ 4♠

OTHER NOTES