

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit forcing Other: see over
 Jump raises - majors limit forcing Other: 0-5, 4+ support
 Jump shifts after minor opening GF (nat at 2-level, 2-suiter or FSJ at 3-level)
 Jump shifts after major opening GF (nat at 2-level, 2-suiter or FSJ at 3-level)
 Responses to strong 2 suit opening n/a
 Responses to 2NT opening 3♣=muppet; 3♦/♥=transfer; 3♠="bid 3NT"

PLAY CONVENTIONS

'NT' Versus Notrump 'S' Versus Suit = Both
 Sequence leads: Overlead all All except AK x (x)
 Underlead Other: A asks for attitude, K asks for count
 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: reverse count
 Signal on declarer's lead reverse count (some reverse Smith in NT)
 Discards McKenney high encourage low encourage
 odd/even Other: reverse count
 Count natural reverse

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB Other: 0314
 4♣ Gerber when? 4♣=control ask after 1NT/2NT opening

Other Conventions

5NT meaning depends on context cue 1st and 2nd round controls
 When major agreed, 3NT often minimum
 Gazzilli 2♣ (1M-1X-2♣ & 1♦-1NT-2♣)



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OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape
 1♣ 2, 14+ F1 1♦ (4)5, 14+ F1 1♥ 5, (11)14+ F1 1♠ 5, (11)14+ F1
 1 NT 12-14, may be 5422, 6322 (4441 rare) may contain 5 card major
 2♣ Stayman: simple extended Other: continue = inv+
 Transfers 2♦ ♥ or other gf 2♥ ♠ 2♣ ♣
 2 NT ♦ Other: super accept; 2♦=♥ or 4M5m(31) or 55m
 2♣ 10-13, 5+♠ (not 5332/5422 in 1st/2nd)
 2♦ 10-13, 5+♦ (not 5332/5422 in 1st/2nd)
 2♥ 10-13, 5+♥ (not 5332/5422/4♠ in 1st/2nd)
 2♠ 10-13, 5+♠ (not 5332/5422/4♥ in 1st/2nd)
 2 NT 21-23 balanced
 3 NT any solid suit, no outside A

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

1-suit openings are unlimited and forcing 1♥/♠ only 11-13 with other major
 1♣=14+ & ♣ or 15+ bal (5♦332 15-17 ok) 1NT may (rarely) have a singleton
 transfer responses to 1♣ 4♣/♦ opening = namyats

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 4♣ Responsive doubles through 4♠
 Jump overcalls weak Unusual NT 2 lowest unbid
 1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 11-14
 Immed cue of minor weak or strong, both majors
 Immed cue of major weak or strong, other major + minor
 Over opponent's 1NT (weak) 2♣=♥+other; 2♦=♠+other; 2NT=minors
 Over opponent's 1NT (strong)
 Over weak twos T/O X + Lebensohl
 Over opening threes T/O X

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning | | | | | |
|---|-------|---|---------|------------------------------|--|
| 1♣ | 1♦ | 0-11, 4+♥ | 2NT | GF, 5M332 | |
| | 1♥/♠ | 0-11, 4+♠ / 0-11 no major | 3♣ | 10-14, 55 ♣+other | |
| | 1NT | 10+ bal, GF | 3♦ | 10-14, 55 ♦+♥ | |
| | 2♣ | GF, 5+♣ (not 5332) | 3♥ | 10-14, 55 ♥+♠ | |
| | 2♦ | GF, 5+♦ (not 5332) | 3♠ | 10-14, 55 ♠+♦ | |
| | 2♥ | GF, 5+♥ (not 5332) | 3NT | - | |
| | 2♠ | GF, 5+♠ (not 5332) | 4 bids | - | |
| 1♦ | 1♥/♠ | 0-9, 4+♥ / 4+♠ | 3♣ | 10-14, 55 ♣+♥ | |
| | 1NT | 0-9, no major | 3♦ | 0-5, (4)5+♦, no major | |
| | 2♣ | GF, bal or 5+♣ | 3♥ | 10-14, 55 ♥+♠ | |
| | 2♦ | 6+, ♦ raise, F1 | 3♠ | 10-14, 55 ♠+♣ | |
| | 2♥ | GF, 5+♥ (not 5332) | 3NT | - | |
| | 2♠ | GF, 5+♠ (not 5332) | 4♦ | - | |
| | 2NT | GF, 5M332 | 4 Other | - | |
| 1♥/♠ | 1NT | 0-9, no major | 3♣ | 10-14, ♣+♦ | |
| | 2♣ | 10+, 4+♣ or bal or 7-9 3♥/♠ | 3♦ | 10-14, ♦+other major | |
| | 2♦ | 10+, (4)5+♦ | 3♥/♠ | 0-5 raise / 10-14, other M+♣ | |
| | 2♥/♠ | 3-6 raise / 10+, nat | 3NT | 10-12 bal raise, 4/5 support | |
| | 2NT | inv+ 4+ support | 4♣♦ | spl, 2-3 controls, slamish | |
| 2♣ | 2♦ | inv+ relay | 2♥/♠ | nat, constructive, nf | |
| | other | 2NT=weak ♣ or GF 5M or 55M; 3♣=wk raise; 3x=inv 6+x | | | |
| 2♦ | 2♥ | inv+ relay | 3♣♦ | inv 6+♣ / wk raise | |
| | 2♠ | inv, 54/55M | 3♥/♠ | inv 6+♥/♠ | |
| | 2NT | weak ♣ or GF 5M or 55M | 3NT | to play | |
| 2♥/♠ | 2NT | inv+ 5+♠ / inv+ relay | 3NT | to play | |
| | 3♣♦ | (2♥)gf nat; (2♠)inv+ ♥/gf nat | 4♣♦ | spl, slamish | |
| | 3♥/♠ | wk raise / (2♥)spl; (2♠) gf ♣ | 4♥/♠ | to play | |
| 2NT | 3♣ | muppet stayman | 4♣ | control ask (4♦=<7) | |
| | 3♦ | ♥ | 4♦ | ♥ | |
| | 3♥ | ♠ | 4♥ | ♠ | |
| | 3♠ | "bid 3NT", 6m/55m if bid on | 4♠ | rkc in ♣ | |
| | 3NT | very weak with 6+m | other | 4NT=rkc in ♦ | |

CONVENTIONS

Additional responses to 1NT

| | |
|-------|---|
| 3♣/3♦ | ask for 5-card suit / 4441, 4414 or 56xx GF |
| 3♥/3♠ | 31(54) / 13(54) gf |
| 4♣ | control ask (4♦=0-3) |
| 4♦ | ♥ |
| 4♥ | ♠ |
| 4♠ | rkc in ♣ (4NT= rkc in ♦; 2♦=♥ or 4M5m(31) gf or 55m gf) |

Unusual NT: minors other suits lower 2 unbid suits

other

Other slam bidding Cue Bids Asking Bids

4th Suit Forcing One round depends on sequence Game force

NT Checkback Priorities If major shown, many transfers

Defence to 3NT opening X=values

Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2♦ X=values then T/O X

RCO style 2-s X=values then T/O X

Other 2-s

Defence to strong ♣ X=♥+other; 1♦=♣+other; 1NT=minors

After 1♣-P-1♦: X=♠+other; 1NT=minors

Lebensohl Over NT interference Rubensohl

Other uses In weak2-X auctions

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ X

4♥ X; 4NT=♣+♦ 4♠ X; 4NT=2 suits

OTHER NOTES

Cue raises

Weak jumps after they overcall (FSJ at 3-level by passed hand)

4NT opening = specific ace ask (5NT=2, 6♣=♣A)

PODI/PORI

1♦/♥/♠ - 3-level jump-shift by passed hand = FSJ