

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit forcing Other: Weak PRE

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Jump shifts after minor opening Weak PRE

Jump shifts after major opening Bergen

Responses to strong 2 suit opening 2♦ = Negative, 2♥ = Positive

Responses to 2NT opening 5 Card Stayman & Transfers

PLAY CONVENTIONS

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

Sequence leads: Overlead all All except AK x (x)

Underlead Other: A asks for REV ATT and K asks for REV COUNT

Four or more with an honour 4th highest NT attitude

3rd/5th S Other: _____

From 4 small 2nd highest NT Other: 3rd versus Suit

From 3 cards (no honour) top middle NT bottom S

Signal on partner's lead: high encourage low encourage

Other: leading partner's bid suit ODD=ENC, EVEN =SP, otherwise REV CT

Signal on declarer's lead Reverse Count sparingly, Reverse Smith Peters v NT

Discards McKenney high encourage low encourage

odd/even Other: REV CT

Count natural reverse

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB Other: 1430

4♣ Gerber when? _____

Other Conventions

4th suit forcing to game RCO over Strong 1♣, Strong 2♣, Strong 2♦

Splinters (9-11 HCP) 2 way checkback over 1NT, TRF over 2NT

Help Suit Trials; Cue raises No negative free bids

Inverted minors except after interference Lebensohl, Support DBLs by opener

Fit showing jumps in competition Over RKCB interference DBL=1/4,P=0/3, etc



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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

Names: Robert Krochmalik Paul Lavings

ABF Nos: 186181 35092

Basic System: Standard American

Classification: Green Blue Red Yellow



OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape

1♣ 3 1♦ 4(3) 1♥ 5(4) 1♠ 5(4)

1 NT 15-17 may contain 5 card major

2♣ Stayman: simple extended Other: _____

Transfers 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 2♥ Transfer to ♠ 2♠ Transfer to ♣

2 NT Transfer to ♦ Other: 4♣=TRF to ♥ 4♦=TRF to ♠ 3♥♠=SPL

2♣ Game Force or 23-24 HCP BAL

2♦ Weak 6 card M

2♥ Exactly 5♥ & 4+m 6-10HCP

2♠ Exactly 5♠ & 4+m 6-10HCP

2 NT 20-22 HCP BAL

3 NT Gambling with no outside A or K

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

2♦ = Weak 6 card M 1♥-(p)-2♠ = 3 card limit raise

3NT = Gambling with no outside A or K Transfer responses to 1♣

1♠-(p)-3♥ = 3 card limit raise Gazzilli 1M-1nt-2♣ = NAT 5+/4+ or ART 16+

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 6♣ Responsive doubles through 4♥

Jump overcalls Weak Unusual NT Lowest unbid suits

1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 Syst ON (re-opening) 11-14 System OFF

Immed cue of minor Michaels (except for strong 1♣ opening)

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Over opponent's 1NT (weak) (ASPRO 2♣=♥+another 5+/4+either way,

Over opponent's 1NT (strong) (ASPRO 2♦=♠+m 5+/4+ either way

Over weak twos DBL for takeout in all seats (with Lebensohl)

Over opening threes DBL for takeout in all seats

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

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|----|------|------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 1♣ | 1♦ | 4+♥ (0+ HCP) | 2NT | 11-12 HCP BAL NF |
| | 1♥/♠ | 1♥=4+♠(0+ HCP), 1♠=4+♦ | 3♣ | 5+ PRE |
| | 1NT | 6-9 HCP NAT NF | 3♦ | PRE |
| | 2♣ | 5+ (10+ HCP) | 3♥ | PRE |
| | 2♦ | 5+ (6-9 HCP) | 3♠ | PRE |
| | 2♥ | 6+ (weak) | 3NT | 13-15 HCP BAL |
| | 2♠ | 6+ (weak) | 4 bids | |

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|----|------|------------------|---------|---------------|
| 1♦ | 1♥/♠ | 4+ (6+ HCP) | 3♣ | 6-9 HCP 5+♦ |
| | 1NT | 6-9 HCP NAT NF | 3♦ | 5+ PRE |
| | 2♣ | 4+ (10+ HCP) F1 | 3♥ | PRE |
| | 2♦ | 5+ (10+ HCP) | 3♠ | PRE |
| | 2♥ | 6+ (weak) | 3NT | 13-15 HCP BAL |
| | 2♠ | 6+ (weak) | 4♦ | |
| | 2NT | 11-12 HCP BAL NF | 4 Other | |

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|------|------|----------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 1♥/♠ | 1NT | 6-10 HCP NAT NF | 3♣ | 6-9 HCP 4 + raise (Bergen) |
| | 2♣ | 4+ (10+ HCP) F1 | 3♦ | 10-11 HCP 4 + raise (Bergen) |
| | 2♦ | 4+ (10+ HCP) F1 | 3♥/♠ | 3-6 HCP 4 + raise (Bergen) |
| | 2♥/♠ | 3 (6-10 HCP) | 3NT | 13-15 HCP BAL with 3/4 support |
| | 2NT | 13+ HCP Jacoby 4+ raise FG | 4♣/♦ | SPL(9-11 HCP) |

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|-------|----|--|------|-------------|
| 2♣ | 2♦ | Negative | 2♥/♠ | 2♥=Positive |
| other | | 2♠=BAL, 2NT=♠, 3♣,3♦,3♥ = NAT all Semi Pos 5-8 HCP | | |

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|----|-----|---------|------|---------|
| 2♦ | 2♥ | P/C | 3♣/♦ | NAT NF |
| | 2♠ | P/C | 3♥/♠ | P/C |
| | 2NT | STR INQ | 3NT | To play |

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|------|------|---------------------------|------|---------|
| 2♥/♠ | 2NT | m suit INQ weak or strong | 3NT | To play |
| | 3♣/♦ | NNF | 4♣/♦ | P/C |
| | 3♥/♠ | NNF | 4♥/♠ | To Play |

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|-----|-----|-------------|-------|--------|
| 2NT | 3♣ | 5 card STAY | 4♣ | NAT SS |
| | 3♦ | TRF | 4♦ | NAT SS |
| | 3♥ | TRF | 4♥ | NAT |
| | 3♠ | minors | 4♠ | NAT |
| | 3NT | To play | other | |

CONVENTIONS

Additional responses to 1NT

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| 3♣/3♦ | 3♣ = 5+/5+ m INV; 3♦ = 5+/4+ m GF |
| 3♥/3♠ | Splinter-singleton or void and 3145/3154 shape |
| 4♣ | 6 + ♥ Texas TRF |
| 4♦ | 6 + ♠ Texas TRF |
| 4♥ | To play |
| 4♠ | To play |

Unusual NT: minors other suits lower 2 unbid suits

other

Other slam bidding Cue Bids Asking Bids

4th Suit Forcing One round Game force

NT Checkback Priorities 2 way checkback over 1NT; TRF over 2NT

Defence to 3NT opening

Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2♦ DBL = TKO for minors ; 2NT = 16-18 BAL

RCO style 2-s DBL shows 16+ HCP not BAL ; 2NT = 16-18 HCP BAL

Other 2-s With anchor suit, DBL= Other M (with Lebensohl)
2NT= 16-18 HCP

Defence to strong ♣ RCO (DBL=Rank suits, 1♦=Colour suits, 1NT=Odd suits,
1♥/1♠/2♣/2♦= NAT

Lebensohl Over NT interference

Other uses Over opponents Weak 2 openings

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ DBL for T/O in all seats

4♥ DBL for T/O 4♠ DBL = 3 suiter T/O; 4NT= 2 suiter T/O

OTHER NOTES

We MAY open 4 card Majors in 3rd and 4th seat

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