

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit forcing Other: _____

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Jump shifts after minor opening strong solid/near solid 6+ 1 suiter, GF

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Responses to strong 2 suit opening next suit = neg/waiting; 2NT = artificial

Responses to 2NT opening 3C asks suits/strength; 3S thru 4D artif; others correctib

PLAY CONVENTIONS

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

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

Underlead Other: _____

Four or more with an honour 4th highest S attitude

3rd/5th Other: 4th highest against NT too

From 4 small 2nd highest S Other: 2nd highest against NT too

From 3 cards (no honour) top middle S bottom

Signal on partner's lead: high encourage low encourage

Other: natural count; Foster echoes by 3rd hand when honour led to NT

Signal on declarer's lead natural count

Discards McKenney high encourage low encourage

odd/even Other: natural count, rarely natural attitude

Count natural S reverse nat count against NT too

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB Other: _____

4♣ Gerber when? over 1NT

Other Conventions

4C/4D opening = transfer to 4H/4S many direct Xs = pen

4th suit F = 1 rnd at 2 level, GF at 3 level 3NT rebid = 7+ pl tricks, may be unbal

cuebid raises of overcalls long suit trial bids

splinters & mini splinters SNAP 1NT response to 3rd seat opening

rare psyches 1st rnd controls bid before 2nd rnd controls



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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

Names: Felicity Beale Diana Smart

ABF Nos: 130966 147631

Basic System: _____ Brown Sticker

Classification: Green Blue Red Yellow



OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape

1♣ 4 _____ 1♦ 4 _____ 1♥ 4 _____ 1♠ 4 _____

1 NT 12-14 1st/2nd/4th; 15-18 3rd _____ may contain 5 card major

2♣ Stayman: simple extended Other: puppet

Transfers 2♦ H _____ 2♥ S _____ 2♠ C _____

2 NT invit _____ Other: 3 level = nat, slam try

2♣ 1 rnd F: either 21-22/25-26 HCP bal or 8-9 playing tricks in undisclosed suit/s

2♦ GF except 23-24 HCP bal

2♥ 6 card suit, weak, 6-bad 11 HCP. May be weaker/stronger/shorter in 3rd-4th seat

2♠ as for 2H

2 NT 2 suiter, 5-5+, not clubs, 6-11 HCP

3 NT transfer to 4 of minor

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

2NT opening _____ Michaels cuebids

puppet stayman (asks 5M) _____ NAMYATS 4C/4D opening bids

few negative Xs _____ 15-18 1NT rebid 1st/2nd/4th

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through _____ only 1m-1/2/3 responsive doubles through _____ 2S

Jump overcalls WK; exc V v NV Unusual NT _____ Michaels, weak or strong

1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 _____ (re-opening) 11-14, usually stopper

Immed cue of minor both majors, 5-5+, weak or strong

Immed cue of major other major & minor, 5-5+, weak or strong

Over opponent's 1NT (weak) 2C = both majors; < 14 HCP

Over opponent's 1NT (strong) 2C = both majors direct; X = both majors 4th/5th seat

Over weak twos X

Over opening threes X

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning			
1♣	1♦	4+ suit, 5+ HCP	2NT 16+ HCP, 4+ support
	1♥/♠	as for 1D	3♣ 10-11 HCP, 4+ support
	1NT	8-10 bal, 4 card support	3♦ splinter
	2♣	4+ support, 5-9 HCP	3♥ splinter
	2♦	GF strong 1 suiter	3♠ splinter
	2♥	as for 2D	3NT 12-15 HCP bal, no 4 M, 4+ supp
	2♠	as for 2D	4 bids 4 major = natural, weak
1♦	1♥/♠	as for 1C except 1NT	3♣
	1NT	6-9, < 4 card support	3♦
	2♣		3♥
	2♦		3♠
	2♥		3NT
	2♠		4♦ weak, pre
	2NT		4 Other
1♥/♠	1NT	as for 1D except 2NT/3NT	3♣
	2♣		3♦
	2♦		3♥/♠
	2♥/♠		3NT 12-14 bal raise
	2NT	16+ bal, does not promise fit	4♣/♦ splinter
2♣	2♦	neg/waiting	2♥/♠ 5+ suit, 8+ HCP
	other	2NT = both minors (4-4+) 10+ HCP; 3C/3D = as for 2H/2S; 3H/S = semi-pos	
2♦	2♥	neg/waiting	3♣/♦ 5+ suit, 6+ HCP
	2♠	artificial, 6-8 HCP bal	3♥/♠ 7+ suit, semi-pos
	2NT	5 card major, 6+ HCP	3NT
2♥/♠	2NT	enquiry for suit quality/HCP	3NT to play
	3♣/♦	nat F, except after X	4♣/♦
	3♥/♠	nat, no game interest	4♥/♠
2NT	3♣	enquiry for suits/HCP	4♣ F to 4D or 4H
	3♦	correctible	4♦ F to 4D or 4S
	3♥	correctible	4♥ correctible
	3♠	F to 4H or 3NT	4♠ correctible
	3NT	to play	other 4C can also be 1 suiter elsewh

CONVENTIONS

Additional responses to 1NT

3♣/3♦	slam try
3♥/3♠	slam try
4♣	Gerber
4♦	
4♥	nat
4♠	nat

Unusual NT: minors other suits lower 2 unbid suits
 other over maj = both min; over min = other min & maj. Either weak or strong

Other slam bidding Cue Bids Asking Bids
 4th Suit Forcing One round 2 level. GF at 3 level Game force

NT Checkback Priorities own suit at 2 level; up the line at 3 level

Defence to 3NT opening

Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2♦ X = strong NT+, may be unbal. Next X by either

= TO; subsequent X = pen. 2NT = 15-18, both M stopped

RCO style 2-s if anchored, X = TO; if unanchored X = as for multi 2D

Other 2-s as for 1 openings

Defence to strong ♣

X and 1 level overcalls = either nat or TO for other 3 suits;

1NT = both majs; 2C/2D = that suit & a maj; 2NT = minors

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Over NT interference

Other uses in response to TO X of 2 openings

Take out of 4 level pre-empts

4♣/4♦ X

4♥ X

4♠ card showing

OTHER NOTES

4NT opening = specific Ace Ask

McCance NT cuebids = show/deny A/K/Q trumps in cuebidding sequence

1st round controls bid before 2nd round controls

4 card suits bid upwards, no suit bypassed

foster echoes by 3rd seat when honour is led to NT