

Simple Acol System – Summary

Overall Approach

Natural Acol system with 12–14 No Trump and weak two openings. Uses Stayman and transfers to majors.

Opening Bids

1-level openings: 11–19 points, minimum 4-card suit.

Responses: simple raise 6–9, 3-level raise 10–12, 1NT 6–9, new suit 6+ (1-level) or 9+ (2-level),
2NT 11–12.

No Trump: 1NT = 12–14, 2NT = 20–22, Stayman and transfers.

2♣: strong (23+ or game force). Weak twos (2♦/2♥/2♠): 5–9 points, 6-card suit.

Pre-empts: 3-level (7 cards), 4-level (7–8 cards).

Slam Conventions

Blackwood: 4NT asks for aces (5♣=0, 5♦=1, 5♥=2, 5♠=3; 5NT asks for kings).

Defensive Bidding

Simple overcalls natural; jump overcalls weak (5–10, 6-card suit).

Michaels cue bid shows two suits. Double of NT shows 16+ points.

Responses After Interference

Negative doubles up to 3♠. New suit forcing. 2NT shows 10+ without fit.

Carding & Signals

Leads: 2nd & 4th best. Top of sequences used.

Signals: Standard count (high-low = even). Discards: high card encourages.

Additional Conventions

Splinters, Fourth Suit Forcing (one round), Unusual 2NT (two lowest unbid suits).