

Friday Mornings

Though primarily for players relatively new to duplicate, anyone is welcome at our "Simple Systems" session but please remember that many of us here are less experienced or are seeking a more social game. We would ask everyone to please bid, play and conduct themselves in accordance with a friendly and encouraging ethos.

The Director is here to help an enjoyable game of bridge. Please call him/her if needed.

BASIC PERMITTED SYSTEMS

- ACOL
- BENJAMINISED ACOL
- THREE WEAK 2s (Diamonds, Hearts & Spades)

1NT OPENING BIDS & RESPONSES

- Usually 12-14 High Card Points (HCP) Balanced Partner should **announce** point range
- Responses:
- Natural or Transfers (including 2S transfer to 3C/3D) **announce** transfers
 - Stayman **announce**

OVERCALLING AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN 1NT

- Natural
- Landy (2C showing 5-4 in the Majors) Partner to **alert**
- Double for Penalties

DEFENCE TO 1NT DOUBLED

- Natural - weak take-out with 5 cards or more

1C/1D/1H/1S OPENING BIDS AND RESPONSES

- To conform to the Rule of 20 (adding length of two longest suits to number of points)
- Responses: Natural apart from Splinter Bids and Blackwood

TWO-SUITED OVERCALLS WHEN OPPONENTS OPEN 1C/1D/1H/1S

- Unusual NT - bid 2NT to show 5-5 in the 2 lowest unbid suits **alert**
- Michaels Cue Bid - (a) bid opponent's minor to show 5 – 5 in the majors or
(b) bid opponent's major to show 5 – 5 in the other major and a minor **alert**

JUMP OVERCALLS

- WEAK – (5-10 HCP and a 6-card suit) or **alert**
- INTERMEDIATE – (10-15 HCP and a 6-card suit), or **alert**
- STRONG – (16+ HCP and 6card suit). **alert**

2NT OPENING BIDS AND RESPONSES

- Hands must be balanced or semi balanced. **announce** point range
- Responses: Natural or Transfers, 4-card Stayman **announce** S and T

OTHER 2 LEVEL OPENING BIDS

Either:

- Acol 2C and Strong Twos or
- Acol 2C and three Weak Twos or **announce** weak or strong twos
- Benjaminised Acol and Weak Twos in the Majors

NOTE:

- Weak two openings should contain 5-10 HCP and a 6-card suit
- Ogust or Features are permitted in response **alert**

3 and 4 LEVEL OPENING BIDS Pre-emptive and one suited

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DOUBLES

- Doubles of suit bids up to and including 2S and of opening bids up to 4H are assumed to be for take-out.
- Doubles of NT bids are assumed to be for Penalties if not alerted.
- A double of an artificial bid shows the suit bid and may be lead directing.

STANDARD CALLS AFTER OPPONENT DOUBLES PARTNER'S 1-SUIT

- Redouble if 9+ points **alert**
- Jump raise is pre-emptive
- 2NT means a good raise to 3-level **alert**

PERMITTED SLAM BIDDING METHODS

- Blackwood
- Roman Key Card Blackwood
- Gerber
- Cue Bids to show controls

OTHER PERMITTED BIDS

- Unassuming Cue Bids **alert**
- Cue bid of opponent's overcall suit **alert**
- Fourth Suit Forcing **alert**
- Negative Doubles **alert**
- Splinter Bids **alert** if 1st round of bidding
- Unusual 1NT in 5th or 7th seat **alert**

SIGNALS AND DISCARDS

- Attitude: High encouraging Low discouraging (HELD); or reverse attitude
- McKenney
- Standard Count

*PARTNERSHIP CONVENTION CARDS WITH GREATER DETAIL ARE AVAILABLE:
PLEASE ASK THE DIRECTOR IF YOU WISH TO TAKE ONE HOME*

BIDS THAT ARE NOT PERMITTED

- Psyches of any kind
- Any 2-suited or multi-suited opening bids (Multi 2D, Lucas 2's, Frelling etc.)
- Checkback or Crowhurst
- Inverted Minors
- Puppet 5-card Stayman
- Ghestem/Reverse Ghestem / Quantum / CRO
- 5-card Majors with 1C/D may be short
- Forcing Pass
- Exit transfers when partner's 1NT doubled
- Lebensohl
- 1NT with a singleton
- Artificial weak bids (except weak 2s or jump overcalls as stated above)
- Jacobi 2NT over partner's opening 1H/S
- Reverse Benji
- Strong 1C
- Any defence system to 1NT apart from Landy
- Baron