

SYSTEM FOR FEARN CUP AND BOB GRAHAM FINALS

WEAK NT / 4-CARD MAJORS / 3 WEAK TWOS

1. Opening 1NT: 12-14

Responses: Stayman (promises 4cM) & Red Suit Transfers, 2S=takeout to minor (asks for 3C reply), 2NT invitational

2. Opening 2NT: 20-22

Responses: Stayman (promises 4cM), Red Suit Transfers

3. 3 Weak 2s (2D/H/S showing 6 card suit & 6-10pts)

Responses: 2NT OGUST enquiry (see note 5) other bids natural

4. Higher suit bids: Pre-emptive

Responses: Natural

5. 1NT rebid by opener (&2NT to 2-level response)=15/16pts

6. Strong 2C (strong 8 playing trick hand or better)

Responses: 2D negative (< A and K <7pts) other bids natural

7. Simple Suit Overcalls: 5 card suit

Responses: Natural

8. Jump Suit Overcalls: Weak(nonvul) / Intermediate(vul)

Responses: Natural

9. 1NT Overcall: 15-17pts with stop

Responses: Stayman and transfers as over opening 1NT

10. RKCB (K of agreed suit or last natural suit bid is 5th Ace)

Responses 0or3/1or4/2without trump Q/2with trump Q (otherwise 4NT is normal blackwood or quantitative depending on situation)

See note 9 regarding asking for Ks and when Gerber applies.

11. Take Out Doubles of 1, 2 or 3 level suit showing openings

Responses: Natural (See note 6 for other doubles)

12. Defence against 1NT: Double for penalties (at least 15pts) – suit bids natural (<15pts)

13. Michaels Cue Bids and UNT (see notes 7&8)

Responses: natural (3C after 1M-2M is to play in partner's minor)

PLAY:

1. **Leads:** Standard; 2. **Signals:** HELD or standard count depending on situation; 3. **Discards:** McKenny

Notes:

1) The system overleaf is suggested as a Standard System for club individual tournaments (e.g. Fearn Cup Final) where players play with different partners throughout the session, playing only a few hands (typically 2 or 3) with each partner.

2) As there is not time to discuss a full system with each partner, the Standard System can be taken as agreed.

3) Generally accepted meanings and conventions (e.g. invitational response to a weak NT opening showing 11-12pts, cue bids, splinter bids and gambling 3NT) are allowed.

4) Players finding themselves with a regular partner are to play the standard system set out here, as the opposing pair will not have time to discuss a defence.

5) Responses to 2NT OGUST enquiry over weak 2s:

- 3C – low points & 1 of top 3 honours
- 3D – low points & 2 of top 3
- 3H – high points & 1 of top 3
- 3S – high points & 2 of top 3
- 3NT – high points and 3 of top 3 (AKQxxx)

6) Doubles of suit bids up to 3S are take-out and higher doubles are for penalties, except take out doubles do not apply when doubling a suit bid for the second time after passing the first time (penalties), or partner has already shown their hand or other circumstances indicate no need for take-out (penalties), or a conventional bid (e.g. transfer) is doubled (shows that suit).

7) Michaels Cue Bids: Cue Bid of opponent's 1-level minor shows 5-5 in both majors & of major shows 5-5 in other major and a minor.

8) 2NT overcall of a 1-level suit opening shows 5-5 in 2 lowest unbid suits.

9) After 4NT asking for aces, 5NT asks for number of Ks (excluding K of trumps if RKCB) 6C=0 6D=1 etc.... Gerber only applies as immediate response to 1NT & 2NT opening bids.