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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS						
2/1 Game Force, 5-card Majors, Var NT, short ♣&♦, 2♣ both Majors						
	1NT OPEN	IINGS AN	ID RES	PONSES – Note 1		
Streng	Strength 1/2 NV 11-14,3 NV 14-17, else Tick if artificial and provide details below 15-17 HCP					
Shape	e constraints BAL			Tick if may have sing	gleton 🗌	
Respo	onses 2. Staymar	n (non-pron	nissory)			
2 •	Transfer to ♥		2♥	Transfer to A		
2	Transfer to *		2NT	Transfer to •		
Others	3 <b>.</b> : 55M INV; 3 <b>.</b> : 55M Gl 4 <b>.</b> /4 <b>.</b> : transfer; 4 <b>.</b> : 55m		m short 🔻	GF; 3♠: 54+m short ♠ GF;		
Action	after opponents double	(if penalty)>	XX: any 1-s	uiter, 2X=touching; pass: F to XX	Note 2	
Action	after other interference	•	•	() artificial, takeout if (2/3X) natural		
		2NT: Leb	ensohl; ju	ump to 4 ♦ /4 ♥: transfer	Note 2	
	TWO-LEVE	EL OPEN	INGS A	ND RESPONSES		
	Meaning		Respon	ises	Notes	
2*	(1) 5-10 (NV) / 8-11 (V) 54+ M (2) >=5 losers 65+ Majors (3) <=3 losers 55+ Majors (4) 3 <sup>rd</sup> NV can be 44 and wice	•	•	al length or <b>INV</b> ; 2M: NF; 2NT: : natural INV; 3M: <b>PRE</b>	Note 3	
2•	(1) 3-8 5+(NV) / 6-11 6(V) ♥/♠; or (2) 25+ BAL; or (3) 8.5+ PT for m or 9.5+ PT for M		2M/3M: 4M/5m:	p/c; 3♣/♦: ♥/♠ INV+; 2NT: ask; nat	Note 4	
2♥	5-10 (NV) / 8-11 (V) 5+♥/4+m	l	_	SK; 3♣/4m: p/c; 2♥-3♦/2♠-3♥: <b>GF</b>	Note 5	
2	5-10 (NV) / 8-11 (V) 5+4/4+m	i	fit Major; 2♠-3♦: ♥ F1			
2NT	NT 22-24 HCP BAL		3♠: min	pet stayman; 3 • / • : transfer; or stayman; 3NT: puppet to 4 ♣ ; //; 4 • / • : transfer	Note 6	
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE						
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).						
3NT: Namyats with 8-9 tricks; Responder 4♣: slam try; 4♦: show your M; 4M: p/c slam try						
4NT: Specific A asking: 5♣: No A;5NT: ♣A; 6♣: 2As						

OTHER OPENING BIDS									
	НСР	see Note*	Min len gth	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes			
1.	11+		2	1) 4+* unbal; OR 2) 12-14 BAL (V), no 4*; OR 3) 15-17 BAL (1/2 NV), no 4*; OR 4) 20-21 BAL, may 5*		Note 14,15 &			
1 •	11+		2	4+♦ or 18-19 BAL may 5♣		16			
1♥	11+		5		F1NT; Jacoby; Bergen;	Note 7			
1♠	11+		5		2 <b>.</b> art GF; <mark>2 ∘ : 5+ cards ▼</mark> GF	Note 8			
3 bids	6-10		6/7	Pre-emptive	New suit = const NF (NV); F1 (V)				
4 bids	6-10		7/8	Pre-emptive					
*(Please e positions (	nter your no e.g. light ope	rmal HCP ra	ange in rd seat)	the HCP column. Please tick box if you have and include further details under Supplement	any special agreements involving different values tary Details).	in particular			
		DEF	ENS	SIVE METHODS AFTER C	PPONENTS OPEN				
	ONENTS			CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes			
Simple overcall			1X: v	New suit at 2/3-lvl: NF/F1; cue by over M, check 4-cards M/stoppe xfer response over 1M overcall					
Jump overcall			PRE	'RE					
Cue bid			Mich	/lichael's; NV: wide range; V: Intermediate					
1NT [			Dire	irect: 15-18 HCP BAL (System ON) / Balancing: 12-14 HCP (all natural)					
2NT [			Dire	ct: Unusual 2NT / Balancing: 18-2	20 HCP BAL (System ON)				
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH				DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes			
Strong 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 2			X: •	(: ♥+♠; ♣:♣ or♦+♥; ♦:♦; ♥: ♥or♠+♣; ♠: ♠or♣+♦; NT: ♠+♦ or ♥+♣; Note 17					
Short 1	<b>♣/1 </b> ◆		Sam	Same as natural 1♣/1 • opening					
Weak 1	NT		Mult	Multi Landy when non-passed hand; Lionel when passed					
Strong	1NT (14-	16 or+)	Sam	Same as passed hand vs weak NT Note					
Weak 2 x			1	K: Takeout; Cue: ask stopper; Lebensohl ON over X oppo weak 2					
Weak 3			Ove	Over oppo 2/3M, 4m: 5+m-5+oM					
3NT (show long minor)			X: pe	X: penalty; 4m: takeout, short in m; Others: to play					
Multi 2 • X			X: 12	X: 12-14 BAL or 18+ any; 2NT: 15-17 BAL, same as 2NT opening					
SLAM CONVENTIONS									
Name			M	Meaning of Responses Action over interference					
RKC	RKC			4/30/2 w/o trump Q/2 w trump Q					
Weak RKCB			0	0.5/1/1.5/2/2.5 KC after 3X – 4♣ or 3♣ – 4♦					
Cue bid			F	First or second round control Over X, XX shows firs					

	COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS						
Agreements after	er opening of one of a	suit	and overcall by opponent	s			
Level to which r	Level to which negative doubles apply 4♥						
Special meaning	g of bids		Cue: fit, INV+ (if open M	l), or ASK stopper / 4N	/I, INV+ (if open m)		
Exceptions / oth	er agreements		New suit: 1/3 level F; 2 l	evel NF			
Agreements after	er opponents double fo	or tal	eout				
Redouble	10+ HCP no fit, seek for penalty	Ne sui		Jump in new suit	1/3-level F; 2-level NF		
Jump raise	Pre-emptive	2N	Γ fit, good raise	Other			
Other agreemer	nts concerning doubles	s and	l redoubles				
Emphasise Majo	ors ONLY; After oppo	XX s	howing strong: Pass: Not	hing to tell; Jump: PRI	E		
In GF sequence	e: X = PEN;						
Support X / XX	up to 2♥						
		ОТ	HER CONVENTION	IS			
1m – 1M – 1NT	– 2 <b>.</b> 4/2♦: 2 way check	kbac	ς;		Note 10		
1m – 1M – 2NT – 3♣: Major checkback; Note 10							
Help suit try after 1m – 1M – 2M or 1M – 2M or P – 1M – 2m/2M;							
Unusual vs unusual (X: suggest penalty; cue lower: fit; cue higher: remaining suit FG);							
Gazzilli after 1M − 1 ♠/1NT Note 8							
2NT as Lebansohl Note 12							
For passed hand over 1M: 1 way drury (2*: 4-cards M max pass); Jump: fit raise Note 7a							
For passed hand over 1M: 2NT shows 8-10 HCP 55m, opener any bid to play except 4m slam try							
	Sl	JPF	LEMENTARY DET	AILS			
	(Please cross-reference when	е арр	opriate to the relevant part of card,	and continue on back if need	ed).		
Version contro	System card			Last updated: 05 <sup>th</sup>	January 2024		
Note Updates Description Last Updated				ast Updated			
Note 1 Development after 1NT opening 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022					•		
Note 2							
Note 3	Note 3 Development after 2. opening 24th December 2023						
Note 4	Note 4 Development after 2 → opening 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023						
Note 5							
Note 6 Development after 2NT opening 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023							

For a	For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card.  Hatch over or shade this box if using non-standard leads.							
v. suit contracts	<u>A K</u>	<u>A</u> K x	<u>K Q</u> 10	<u>K Q</u> x	K <u>J</u>	10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	9 <u>8</u>	7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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v. NT contracts	<u>A</u> <u>K</u> x ( <u>x</u> )	A <u>J</u> 10 x	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 10	<u>K Q</u> x	K <u>J</u>	10	K <u>10</u> <b>9</b>	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	98	7 <u>x</u>	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-

First lead: VS suit 2<sup>nd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>; VS NT top of nothing (<4 cards)/ 4<sup>th</sup> (4+ cards); J/10 lead implies 0/1 honour

VS suit or NT, partner lead A/Q for attitude (may lead Q from KQ) and K for count

### **CARDING METHODS**

	Primary method v. suit contracts	Primary method v. NT contracts		
On Partner's lead udca		udca		
On Declarer's lead	udca	udca		
When discarding	udca	udca		

Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above

Attitude: low: encouraging; high: discouraging

Count: high-low: odd; low-high: even

Suit preference: high: higher rank; low: lower rank

Remaining CTT: standard

Reverse Smith Echo VS NT

# **SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)**

Note Updates	Description Last Updated			
Note 7	Development for major raises	05 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		
Note 8	Development for 2/1 Game Force and Forcing 1NT 24th December 20			
Note 9	Defence against oppo open 1NT	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		
Note 10	Checkback after NT rebbid	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023		
Note 11	Transfer response over 1M overcall or 1M opening X	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2022		
Note 12	Use of 2NT as Lebansohl	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022		
Note 13	Defence against opponent Multi 2◆	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022		
Note 14	Transfer and Walsh responses to 1♣ opening	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023		
Note 15	Inverted minor	05 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
Note 16	1m – 2X development	05 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
Note 17	Against Strong/Artificial openings 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2			

# Note 1: Development after 1NT opening

(Last updated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022)

Overview of Responses to 1NT opening:

o 2♣ = **Stayman**, do not promise Major [1a]

○  $2 \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{4} = \text{Transfer to } 2 \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{4}$ , with supper acceptance [1b]

○ 2 / 2NT =**Transfer** to 3 / 3 / 3, single m suit, with supper acceptance [1c]

○ 3♣ = **55M INV**, natural development

○  $3 \rightarrow = 55M$  **GF**, natural development

o 3M = **splinter** with **54+m short M GF**, natural development

### Note 1a: Development after 1NT - 2\*

(Last updated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022)

- After 1NT 2♣, **1NT opener:** 
  - $2 \rightarrow$  = no 4 cards M
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2 v = signoff, usually 5+ cards v and 4 cards ∧
      - 2♠ = signoff, 5+ cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥
      - 2NT = INV, can have 54M or no any 4 cards M
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3m = **signoff** 
            - Note: in a INV sequence, 1NT opener bid 3m = signoff, usually with 6 cards m
      - 3♣ = GF, 5+ cards ♣ and 4 cards unknown M
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3X = 4 fit, cue bid
      - 3 = **GF**, 5+ cards and 4 cards unknown M
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3X = fit, cue bid
      - 3♥ = GF, Smolen, 5+ cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥
      - 3♠ = GF, Smolen, 5+ cards ♥ and 4 cards ♠
      - 3NT = to play
      - 4 → = GF, Transfer, 6+ cards and 4 cards •
      - 4♥ = GF, Transfer, 6+ cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥
      - 4NT = Quantitative
  - 2♥ = 4 cards ♥, can have 4 cards ♠
    - **2**♣ responder further response:
      - 2♠ = INV without 4 cards ♠ OR GF with ♥ fit
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 2NT = min
          - Others = **max**, values
      - 2NT = **INV** with 4 cards •
      - 3♣ = GF, 5+ cards ♣ and 4 cards ♠
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3X = 4 fit, cue bid
      - 3 → = GF, 5+ cards → and 4 cards →
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3X = fit, cue bid

- 3♥ = INV
- 3♠ = ♥ fit, splinter, slam try
- 3NT = choice of contract, to play in 3NT or 4.
- 4m = ♥ fit, splinter, slam try
- 4♥ = to play
- 4NT = Quantitative
  - o Note: if RKCB through 2 ♠ fit ♥ first
- $2 \triangleq 4 \text{ cards } \triangleq 4, \text{ no } 4 \text{ cards } \checkmark$ 
  - **2** responder further response:
    - 2NT = INV, may not have 4 cards ♥
    - 3♣ = **GF**, 5+ cards ♣ and 4 cards ♥
      - 1NT opener further development:
        - 3X = 4 fit, cue bid
    - 3 = **GF**, 5+ cards and 4 cards
      - 1NT opener further development:
        - 3X = fit, cue bid
    - 3♥ = ♠ fit, **GF**
    - 3♠ = INV
    - 3NT = to play
    - 4X = ♠ fit, splinter, slam try
    - 4 ▲ = to play
    - 4NT = Quantitative
      - Note: if RKCB through 3 fit first

### Note 1b: Development after 1NT – 2 / 1NT – 2 / 1NT – 4 / 1NT – 4

(Last updated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022)

- General Principles:
  - o **1NT opener** bids other than completing the transfer are super accept, showing:
    - New suit = **max**, 4+ cards support and doubleton in the suit
      - Note: in some case 2NT is used to show doubleton in the suit reserved for re-transfer
    - 3M = min and 4+ cards support
  - After super accept,
    - If responder rebid 3 ♦ /3 ♥ as re-transfer to 3 ♥ /3 ♠, then new suit cue bid fit ♥ / ♠
    - If responder do not re-transfer, new suit shows natural second suit GF
    - In all cases, subsequent 4NT RKCB as already established ♥/♠ fit
- After 1NT 2 →, 1NT opener:
  - 2♥ = none of the above super acceptance case
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2♠ = **GF**, single **v** suit
        - o **1NT opener** further response:
          - 2NT = **max**, less than **v** Hx support
          - 3♥ = max, better than ♥ Hx support
          - 3NT = **min**, less than **v** Hx support
          - 4 v = min, better than v Hx support
      - 2NT = **INV** 
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3m = signoff
            - Note: in a INV sequence, 1NT opener bid 3m = signoff, usually with 6 cards m

- 3♣ = **GF**, 4+ cards ♣ and 5+ cards ♥
  - 1NT opener further development:
    - 3 **v** = **non-min**, **v** fit
    - 3NT = no fit
    - 4 **v** = **min**, **v** fit
    - Others = ♣ fit, cue bid
- 3 = **GF**, 4+ cards and 5+ cards
  - 1NT opener further development:
    - $3 \checkmark = \text{non-min}, \checkmark \text{ fit}$
    - 3NT = no fit
    - 4 **v** = **min**, **v** fit
    - Others = ♦ fit, cue bid
- 3♥ = INV
- 3♠ = **self-splinter**, slam try
- 3NT = choice of contract, to play in 3NT or 4♥
- 4m = **self-splinter**, slam try
- 4♥ = mild slam interest
- 4NT = Quantitative
  - Note: if RKCB through 4♦ transfer to 4♥ then 4NT
- After 1NT 2♥, 1NT opener:
  - 2♠ = none of the above super acceptance case
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2NT = **INV** 
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3m = **signoff** 
            - Note: in a INV sequence, 1NT opener bid 3m = signoff, usually with 6 cards m
      - 3♣ = **GF**, 4+ cards ♣ and 5+ cards ♠
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3 **a** = **non-min**, **a** fit
          - 3NT = no fit
          - $4 \triangleq \min, \triangleq \text{ fit }$
          - Others = ♣ fit, cue bid
      - 3 = **GF**, 4+ cards and 5+ cards
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - $3 \blacktriangle = \text{non-min}, \blacktriangle \text{ fit}$
          - 3NT = no fit
          - $4 \blacktriangle = \min, \blacktriangle \text{ fit}$
          - Others = ♦ fit, cue bid
      - 3♥ = **GF**, single ♠ suit
        - 1NT opener further response:
          - 3♠ = max, better than ♠ Hx support
          - 3NT = less than A Hx support
          - 4♠ = min, less than ♠ Hx support
      - 3♠ = INV
      - 3NT = choice of contract, to play in 3NT or 4♠
      - 4X = **self-splinter**, slam try
      - 4♠ = mild slam interest

- 4NT = Quantitative
  - Note: if RKCB through 4♥ transfer to 4♠ then 4NT

### Note 1c: Development after 1NT – 2♠ / 1NT – 2NT

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- General Principles:
  - o **1NT opener** bids other than completing the transfer are super accept, showing:
    - +1 = **max**, and fit in m
    - +2 = complete the transfer, nothing special
  - o After super accept,
    - If responder rebid 3m is signoff, rebid 3NT is to play, 4NT is RKCB, else shortage showing (same as without super acceptance)
- After 1NT 2♠, 1NT opener:
  - 3♣ = none of the above super acceptance case
    - 2 responder further response:
      - Pass = **signoff** with long m
      - 3X = **GF**, single **♣** suit, **self-splinter** 
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3NT = signoff
          - 4♣ = slam interest
          - Others = ♣ fit, cue bid
      - 3NT = **GF**, single ♣ suit, **no shortage** 
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 4♣ = slam interest
          - Others = ♣ fit, cue bid
      - 4♣ = serious slam interest, single ♣ suit, start cue bid
      - 4NT = Quantitative
        - Note: if RKCB establish ♣ slam interest first then 4NT
- After 1NT 2NT, **1NT opener:** 
  - 3 → = none of the above super acceptance case
    - 2NT responder further response:
      - Pass = **signoff** with long m
      - 3X = **GF**, single ◆ suit, **self-splinter** 
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 3NT = **signoff**
          - 4 → = slam interest
          - Others = ♦ fit, cue bid
      - 3NT = **GF**, single suit, **no shortage** 
        - 1NT opener further development:
          - 4 → = slam interest
          - Others = fit, cue bid
      - 4♣ = **GF**, single suit, **self-splinter** 
        - o **1NT opener** further development:
          - 4 → = slam interest
          - 4NT = signoff
          - Others = fit, cue bid

- 4 → = serious slam interest, single → suit, start cue bid
- 4NT = Quantitative
  - o Note: if RKCB establish ◆ slam interest first then 4NT

### Note 2: Development after 1NT being interfered

(Last updated: 17th December 2023)

- After 1NT (X):
  - o If X is not penalty oriented, e.g. when showing unknown m, system **ON**
  - o If X is penalty oriented, **responder** 
    - Pass = Suggest partner to bid XX, either stand 1NT XX or non-touching runout
      - Note: If opponent run-out, responder subsequent X penalty oriented and new suit only 4+ cards natural
      - 1NT opener forced to XX
        - o **Responder** further response:
          - Pass = stand 1NT XX, subsequent X penalty oriented
          - 2♣/♦ = non-touching two suiter
    - XX = Suggest partner to bid 2♣, single suiter runout
    - **■** 2**♣** = **♣** + **♦**
    - 2 **♦** = **♦** + **♥**
    - 2**∨** = **∨** + **∧**

Note: Opener may choose to run himself if he has a good 5 or 6 cards suit

- After 1NT (2X):
  - o **Responder** further response:
    - X = takeout if shown anchor suit; else general strength up to 2NT.
      - Note: In both cases, subsequent X penalty oriented, bid shows 4+ cards natural
    - 2Y = non-forcing, natural
    - 2NT = **Lebansohl**, puppet to 3♣
      - 1NT opener forced to 3.
        - o Responder further response:
          - 3X = Stayman, with stopper
          - 3Y = non-forcing, natural
          - 3NT = to play, with stopper
    - 3Y = natural, **GF** 
      - Note: cue bid opponent suit is **Stayman**, **without stopper**
    - 3NT = to play, without stopper
    - 4♣ = 55 Majors
    - $4 \checkmark /4 \checkmark = \text{transfer to } 4 \checkmark /4 \diamondsuit$
    - $4 \blacktriangle = 55 \text{ minors}$
- After 1NT (2NT or above):
  - Responder further response:
    - X = takeout if shown anchor suit; else general strength
    - 3X = **GF**. natural
    - 4 cue bid = Both Majors if opponent suit m; else oM + m if opponent suit M
    - Jump to  $4 \clubsuit = 55$  Majors
    - Jump to  $4 ilda / 4 ilda = \text{transfer to } 4 ilde / 4 ilde \wedge$
    - Jump to  $4 \triangleq 55$  minors
    - Non jump 4X = **GF**, natural

### Note 3: Development after 2♣ opening

(Last updated: 24th December 2023)

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    Overview of Responses to 2* opening:

      \circ 2 \bullet = same length in Majors, or INV;
      ○ 2 \checkmark / \blacktriangle = \checkmark / \blacktriangle is longer;
      O 2NT = FG ask;
      o 3m = INV with 6+ cards minor without 3 cards in either Major;
      ○ 3♥/♠ = PRE:
      ○ 4 - 4 - 4 or 5-5 in Majors, ask opener to transfer or bid 4M (system on if opps overcall
         3♣ or below)
 After 2♣ - 2♦:
      ○ 2♥ = 5+ cards ♥, can be equal length
            ■ 2  = INV with 3+ cards •

    2NT = INV without good Majors support, NF

            ■ 3♣ = INV with 6+ cards ♣ and 3 cards ♠
            ■ 3 • = INV with 6+ cards • and 3 cards •
            3 v = INV with 3+ cards + v

    3♠ = INV with 4+ cards + ♠

            ■ 3NT = To Play
      ○ 2♠ = 5+ cards ♠, ♠ is longer
            ■ 2NT = INV
            3♣ = INV with 6+ cards ♣ and 3 cards ♥
            3 → = INV with 6+ cards → and 3 cards ▼
            3 ▼ = INV with 4+ cards ▼
            ■ 3 ★ = INV with 3+ cards ★
            ■ 3NT = To Play

 3♣ = at most 3 losers (5)6+ cards ♥, 5+ cards ♣

      ○ 3 \rightarrow = at most \frac{3}{2} losers (5)6+ cards \frac{4}{2}, 5+ cards \frac{4}{2}
      ○ 3♥/♠ = Max with Good 6+ cards ♥/♠
      Remarks: 3.5-4.5 losers 65+ Both Majors open 1M
  After 2♣ - 2M:
      ○ 3♣ = at most 3 losers (5)6+ cards ♥, 5+ cards ♠

  ○ 3 → = at most 3 losers (5)6+ cards ♠, 5+ cards ▼
      o 3M = Max with Good 6+ cards M
      After 2♣ - 2NT:
      ○ 3♣ = any 54, responder then 3♦ = ask, then opener 3♥/♠ = 5 cards ♠/♥
            After 2♣ - 2NT - 3♣ - 3♦ - 3♥/♠:
                  • 3 \triangleq \text{Slam try in } \triangleq \text{, ask opener to bid shortness or } 3NT = \text{no short}
                  • 3NT = To play
                  • 4m = Slam try in Opener's 5 cards Major, cue bid
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4♥/♠ = To Play
 4NT = INV to 6NT

- 3 V/A = Slam try in V/A, ask opener to bid shortness or 3NT = no short
- 3NT = To Play
- 4m = natural, Slam try
- 4♥/♠ = To play
- 4NT = **INV** to 6NT
- $3 \rightarrow = 5 + \text{ cards } \blacktriangle \text{ and } 5 + \text{ cards } \blacktriangledown$ 
  - 3 V/A = Slam try in V/A, ask opener to bid shortness
  - 3NT = To Play
  - 4m = natural, Slam try
  - 4 √/ = To play
  - 4NT = **INV** to 6NT
- - 3♠ = Slam try in ♠, ask opener to bid shortness
    - 3NT = Slam try in Opener's SHORTER Major, ask opener to bid shortness
    - 4m = Slam try in Opener's 6 cards Major, cue bid
    - 4 **v**/**a** = To play
    - 4NT = RKC in Opener's 6 cards Major

### General Principles throughout the system:

- When a player is holding both Majors and being asked by 2NT, 3♥/♠ is extra length in Other Major
  - Applicable situations: 1 2 2NT/1 2 2NT/2 2
- 2. When 3 ♦ is FG Major asking, 3 ♥/ ♠ is always responding Other Major Applicable situations: 1 ♣ 2 ♦ 2NT 3 ♣ 3 ♦ /1 ♦ 2 ♥ 2NT 3 ♣ 3 ♦ /
  - 2 2NT 3 3 / 2 2NT 3 3
- After 2♣ (X):
  - Pass = 5 cards ♣ with 2-1 Majors or 6+ cards
  - XX = Same length in Majors, or INV hand, subsequence development same as 2♣ 2◆
  - 2 = natural, NF
  - Others = system on
- After 2♣ (2♦):
  - X = Same length in Majors, or INV hand, subsequence development same as 2♣ 2♦
  - 2♥/♠ = To play
  - 2NT = INV to 3NT
  - 3♣ = Constructive, NF
  - 3 = FG, ask partner bid his longer Major
  - 3♥/♠ = PRE
  - 4♣/♦ = Transfer/Bid your longer Major (i.e. system on)
- After 2♣ (2/3/4♣/♦) or 2♣ (X=♣):
  - Cue of opps suit = ask partner bid his longer Major at this level

### Note 3a: Responder Doubling

1. Responder X 2M/2NT/3♥ or above are penalty, and subsequence X by **BOTH sides** are penalty-oriented.

Examples:

2. If penalty double is **NOT** established, Responder X 3♣/3 • anytime are INV+ with strength, **NOT** penalty. Opener bid 3 of his longer if min, 4 of his longer if Max, 4 of minor shortness if 5-5

Examples:

$$2 - (2NT:both minors) - P - (3 - 3 - 3) - P - (N - X)$$

$$2 - (N - XX - (3 - 3 - 3)) - P - (N - X)$$

$$2 - (N - XX - (3 - 3 - 3)) - P - (N - X)$$

$$2 - (N - XX - (2NT:both minors) - P - (3 - 3 - 3) - X$$

# Note 4: Development after 2 • opening

(Last updated: 17th October 2023)

- Overview of Responses to 2 → opening:
  - 2M/3M = pass or correct
    - Note: this 3M pass or correct can't be too weak, promises at least 2 controls
    - After that 4NT is RKCB in other Major.
  - 2NT = ask (NV) strength and length // (V) strength and quality
    - **2 opener** further development:
      - 3. = any min; responder then
        - 3 → = GF relay; 2 → opener then
          - 3♥ = (NV) 5 cards ♠ // (V) good suit quality ♠
          - 3♠ = (NV) 5 cards ♥ // (V) good suit quality ♥
          - 3NT = (NV) 6 cards ♥ // (V) poor suit quality ♥
          - 4♣ = (NV) 6 cards ♠ // (V) poor suit quality ♠
        - 3M = pass or correct or raise;
        - 4♣/4♦ = ask opener to show his Major through transfer / directly;
      - 3 ♦/3 ♥ = max, (NV) 5 cards ♥/♠ // (V) good suit quality ♥/♠
      - 3♠/3NT = max, (NV) 6 cards ♥/♠ // (V) poor suit quality ♥/♠
      - 4X = strong natural
      - 4NT = strong BAL; **responder** then
        - $\circ$  5X = RKCB in X;
        - 5NT = general INV
  - 3♣ = responder has INV+, 5+ cards
    - 2 opener further development:
      - 3 = no 3 cards ♥ support
      - 3 **v** = 3+ cards **v** support
      - Others = 3+ cards ♥ support, splinter
  - 3 → = responder has INV+, 5+ cards ▲
    - **2 opener** further development:
      - 3♥ = no 3 cards ★ support
      - $3 \triangleq 3 + \text{ cards } \triangleq \text{ support }$
      - Others = 3+ cards ♠ support, **splinter**
  - $\circ$  3NT = to play
  - $\circ$  4M = to play
- Overview of Strong minor case:
  - After  $2 \leftarrow 2M 3m$ , responder:
    - +1 Step = double negative, opener may stop at 4m
    - 3NT = a few scattered values, suggest to play
    - Others = values showing

#### VS interference:

- After  $2 \leftarrow -(X)$ , responder:
  - Pass = •
  - XX = ask opener to bid his M
  - 2M = **non-forcing**, natural
  - 3m = **non-forcing**, natural
  - 4♣/♦ = ask opener to transfer/bid his M
- After  $2 \leftarrow (2M)$ , responder:
  - X = pass or correct
  - 2NT = natural, **INV**
  - 3m = **non-forcing**, natural
  - 3X = **non-forcing**, natural
- o After 2 → (2NT or 3 ♣), responder:
  - X = penalty
  - 3X = **non-forcing**, natural
  - 4♣/♦ = ask **opener** to transfer/bid his M
- o After 2 → − (3 → or above), responder:
  - X = penalty
  - 4 cue bid = bid your M
  - Others = **non-forcing**, natural

# Note 5: Development after 2M opening

(Last updated: 5th May 2023)

- Overview of Responses to 2M opening:
  - 2NT = ask
    - 2M opener further development:
      - 3♣ = min, 5 cards M and 4+ cards ♣
      - 3 = min, 5 cards M and 4+ cards •
      - 3♥ = max, 5 cards M and 4+ cards ♣
      - 3♠ = max, 5 cards M and 4+ cards ◆
      - 3NT = 6 cards M, opener then 4♣ = minor ask
      - 4♣ = 5 cards M and 6+ cards ♣
      - 4 → = 5 cards M and 6+ cards →
  - 3♣ = pass or correct
  - $2 \lor -3 \lor /2 \land -3 \lor = GF$ , fit Major
    - **2M opener** further development:
      - 3M = max, 5422
      - 4M = min, 5422
      - 3NT = **non-min**, 5422
      - Others = shortness
  - $2 \vee -2 \wedge = \wedge$ , non-forcing
  - $\circ$  2 $\checkmark$  3 $\blacktriangle$  =  $\blacktriangle$ , **GF**
  - $2 \land -3 \lor = \lor$ , forcing 1 round, 2M opener  $3 \lor$  shows 2+ cards  $\lor$  support
  - 3NT = to play
  - 4m = pass or correct
  - $\circ$  4M = to play
- VS interference:
  - $\circ$  After 2M (X), responder:
    - XX = strength and subsequent X penalty oriented
    - 2NT = Relay to opener's minor
    - Others = Non-forcing, Natural
  - $\circ$  After 2M (2X/3X), responder:
    - X = penalty
    - Others = System ON when bidding spaces allowed

# Note 6: Development after strong 2NT

(Last updated: 17th October 2023)

Overview of Responses to strong 2NT:

0	3♣ = Puppet Stayman	[6a]
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- $3 \triangleq \text{minor stayman}$  [6c]
- SNT = puppet to 4♣, either signoff in ♣ or single minor slam try
- 4 = 55M, either no slam interest or slam force
- 4♠ = 55m

### Note 6a: Development after 2NT - 3♣

(Last updated: 17th October 2023)

- After 2NT 3♣, **2NT opener:** 
  - 3 → = at least one 4 cards M
    - **3** responder further response:
      - 3♥ = 4 cards ♠, no 4 cards ♥
        - o **2NT opener** further development:
          - $3 \blacktriangle = \max, \blacktriangle \text{ fit}$
          - 3NT = no fit
          - $4 \triangleq \min_{A} = \min_{A} \text{ fit}$
          - Others = cue bid, ♠ fit
      - 3♠ = 4 cards ♥, no 4 cards ♠
        - o **2NT opener** further development:
          - 3NT = no ♥ fit
          - $4 \vee = \min_{\bullet} \vee \text{ fit }$
          - Others = cue bid, ♥ fit
      - 3NT = no 4 cards ♥, nor 4 cards ♠
      - 4♣ = slam interest, both 4 cards ♥ and 4 cards ♠
        - 2NT opener further development:
          - 4 → = Bad hand, responder then 4 ♥ to P/C
          - $4\sqrt{4}$  = Good hand, suggest to continue
      - 4 → = no slam interest or slam force, both 4 cards ♥ and 4 cards ♠
      - 4 **v** = **slam try**, 5+ cards **♣**
      - 4 **♦** = **slam try**, 5+ cards **♦**
      - 4NT = Quantitative
        - Note: need to establish M fit first before RKCB
  - 3♥ = 5 cards ♥
    - **3** responder further response:
      - 3♠ = slam try, ♥ fit
      - 3NT = no fit
      - 4\* = slam try, 5+ cards \*
      - 4 = **slam try**, 5+ cards •
      - 4♥ = to play
      - 4NT = Quantitative
        - Note: need to establish ♥ fit first before RKCB

- 3♠ = 5 cards ♠
  - **3**♣ **responder** further response:
    - 3NT = no fit
    - 4\* = slam try, 5+ cards \*
    - 4 = **slam try**, 5+ cards •
    - 4♥ = slam try, ♠ fit
    - $4 \triangleq \text{to play}$
    - 4NT = Quantitative
      - Note: need to establish A fit first before RKCB
- o 3NT = no 4 cards M
  - **3**♣ **responder** further response:
    - 4\* = slam try, 5+ cards \*
      - o 2NT opener further development:
        - 4NT = no ♣ fit
        - Others = fit ♣, cue bid
    - 4 = **slam try**, 5+ cards
      - o **2NT opener** further development:
        - 4NT = no fit
        - Others = fit ♦, cue bid
    - 4NT = Quantitative

### Note 6b: Development after 2NT - 3 / 2NT - 3 / 2NT - 4 / 2NT

(Last updated: 17th October 2023)

- General Principles:
  - Accept transfer promise 3+ cards support
  - Opener bid 3NT = no 3 cards support
  - Super accept after 2NT opening works slightly different to 1NT opening, in particular,
     2NT opener bids new suit are super accept, showing:
    - New suit = max, 4+ cards support and values in the suit
      - Note: in some case 4M is used to show values in the suit reserved for retransfer, e.g. 2NT − 3 − 4 ♥ show values
  - After super accept,
    - If responder rebid 4 ♦ /4 v as re-transfer to 4 v /4 Å, then new suit cue bid fit v / Å
    - If responder do not re-transfer, new suit shows natural second suit GF
    - In all cases, subsequent 4NT RKCB as already established ♥/♠ fit
- After 2NT 3 → , 2NT opener:
  - $3 \checkmark = 3 + \text{ cards } \checkmark \text{ support }$ 
    - **3** responder further response:
      - New suit = shortness, slam try
      - 3NT = no shortness, slam try
  - 3NT = no 3 cards ▼
    - **3** responder further response:
      - 4♣ = **GF**, 4+ cards ♣ and 5+ cards ♥
        - Note: can be just a choice of contract with 5m5M, not necessarily slam try
        - 2NT opener further development:
          - 4NT = No fit
          - Others (including 4♥) = ♣ fit, cue bid
      - 4 = **GF**, 4+ cards and 5+ cards •

- Note: can be just a choice of contract with 5m5M, not necessarily slam try
- 2NT opener further development:
  - 4NT = No fit
  - Others (including 4♥) = ♦ fit, cue bid
- 4♥ = mild slam interest, 6+ cards ♥
- 4NT = Quantitative
  - Note: if RKCB through 4 transfer to 4 then 4NT
- After 2NT 3♥, 2NT opener:
  - $3 \triangleq 3 + \text{ cards } \triangleq \text{ support }$ 
    - 3 v responder further response:
      - New suit = shortness, slam try
      - 3NT = no shortness, slam try
  - 3NT = No 3 cards ♠
    - 3♥ responder further response:
      - 4♣ = GF, 4+ cards ♣ and 5+ cards ♠
        - Note: can be just a choice of contract with 5m5M, not necessarily slam try
        - 2NT opener further development:
          - 4NT = No fit
          - Others (including 4♠) = ♣ fit, cue bid
      - 4 = **GF**, 4+ cards and 5+ cards ▲
        - Note: can be just a choice of contract with 5m5M, not necessarily slam try
        - 2NT opener further development:
          - 4NT = No fit
          - Others (including 4♠) = ♦ fit, cue bid
      - 4♥ = slam interest, 5+ cards ♥ and 5+ cards ♠
        - Note: responder slam force would bid 4♣ instead of 3♥ transfer
        - 2NT opener further development:
          - 4 = 2-2 Majors , non-minimum responder further development:
            - 4NT = suggest to play
            - 5♥ = 6+ cards ♥, INV to 6♥
            - 5♠ = 6+ cards ♠, INV to 6♠
          - 4NT = RKC in ▼
      - 4♠ = mild slam interest
      - 4NT = Quantitative
        - Note: if RKCB through 4 ♥ transfer to 4 ♠ then 4NT

### Note 6c: Development after 2NT - 34

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- After 2NT 3♠, 2NT opener:
  - o 3NT = no 4 cards minor
    - **3** responder further response:
      - 4♣ = **slam try**, 5+ cards ♣ and 4+ cards ♦
      - 4 = **slam try**, 5+ cards and 4+ cards ♣
      - 4M = slam try, 5+ cards ♣ and 5+ cards ♦, short in M
  - 4♣ = 4+ cards ♣
    - 3♠ responder further response:
      - 4X = fit ♣ cue bid
      - 4NT = RKCB in ♣
  - o 4 ♦ = 4+ cards ♦
    - **3** responder further response:
      - 4X = fit cue bid
      - 4NT = RKCB in ◆

#### Note 6d: Development after 2NT – 3NT

(Last updated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023)

- After 2NT 3NT, **2NT opener:** 
  - 4♣ = not super accept in ♣
    - **3NT responder** further response:
      - Pass = to play
      - 4 = 6+ cards •, slam try, 2NT opener:
        - 4NT = no fit, **signoff**
        - $\circ$  5 ♦ = fit, but bad hand
        - Else = cooperative cue bid slam try
      - 4M = 6+ cards ♣, slam try cue bid, 2NT opener:
        - 4NT = no fit, **signoff**
        - 5♣ = fit, but bad hand
        - Else = fit, cooperative cue bid slam try
      - 4NT = RKCB in ♣
  - 4 → = super accept in ♣
    - 3NT responder further response:
      - 4M = 6+ cards ◆, slam try cue bid, 2NT opener:
        - 4NT = no fit, **signoff**
        - Else = cooperative cue bid slam try
        - $\circ$  5  $\bullet$  = fit, but bad hand
      - 4NT = RKCB in ♣
      - 5♣ = to play
- Note: in general 4NT by 2NT opener is showing no fit suggesting signoff; while 4NT by responder is RKCB.

### **Note 7: Major Raises**

(Last updated: 05th November 2023)

- Overview:
  - 2M = 3 cards support, 4-8 HCP, passed hand applies
  - 2M-1 = 3 cards support, 9-12 HCP, passed hand applies
  - o Jacoby 2NT = 4+ cards support, 13-15 HCP no singleton / void or 16+ HCP
  - o Bergen raise = 4+ cards support, 6-9 HCP (3♣) or 10-12 HCP (3♦)
  - o **Splinter** = 4+ cards support, 13-15 HCP, singleton / void
- After 1M 2NT:
  - 1M opener response:
    - 3X = singleton
    - 3M = 6+ cards M
    - 3NT = 15+ HCP, BAL, 5 cards M only
    - 4X = 55 good second suit
    - 4M = **min**, no singleton
- After 1M 3m/3M:
  - o **1M opener** response:
    - 3m+1 = last train game try
    - 3M = signoff
    - 3M+1 = ask shortness
      - Note: this also applies to 1m − 1M − 3M
      - Responder further response:
        - o 4X = shortness
        - o 4M = no shortness
    - Else = cue bid

# Note 7a: Major Raises for Passed hand

- Pass- 1M 2 = 1-way drury, 9-11 HCP 4+ cards support
- Pass- 1M 2NT = 55+ m, 8-10 HCP, subsequence bids are to play except 4m is slam try
- Pass- 1M 3m = fit raise
- Pass- 1♠ 2♦ = 9-11HCP 5+ cards ♥
- Pass- 1 → 3 ♥ = mixed raise, 6-8 HCP 4+ cards support
- Pass- 1 v − 2 h = mixed raise, 6-8 HCP 4+ cards support

# Note 8: 2/1 Game Force and Forcing 1 ♣/1NT over 1M opening

(Last updated: 24th December 2023)

- General Principles:
  - After 1M 2♣ / 1♠ 2♦, 1M opener further describe his hands through transfer response.
  - 1M opener any re-bid above the catchall bid is non-min, except having 4+ cards values
     support after 1 → -2 →.
  - 1M opener jump rebid to 3M non-min set trump
  - 1M opener jump to 4 lvl is minimum at least semi-solid 7+ cards suit, with 4X as self-splinter.
  - After  $1 \leftarrow 2 \triangleq$ , all developments are natural
- - 2 → = transfer response as if 2 ♥, catchall, any min
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2♥ = 3+ cards ♥
      - 2♠ = 4 cards ♠
      - 2NT = natural
      - 3m = natural
      - 3♠ = Impossible 3oM, 55+ both minors GF
  - 2 v = transfer response as if 2 ♠, non-min, 5+ cards v and 4+ cards ♠
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2 ▲ = 4 cards ▲
      - 2NT = natural
      - 3m = natural
      - 3♥ = natural fit ♥
  - 2♠ = transfer response as if 2NT, non-min, 5 cards ♥ BAL/semi-BAL or 6+ cards ♥
    - 2\* responder further response:
      - 2NT = catchall, Bal/Semi-bal
        - 1 v opener further response:
          - 3m = 4 cards m
          - 3 **v** = 6+ cards **v**
      - 3m = natural
      - 3♥ = natural fit ♥
      - 3 = Impossible 3oM, 55+ both minors GF
  - o 2NT = transfer response as if 3♣, non-min, 5+ cards ♥ and 5+ cards ♣
    - 2\* responder further response:
      - 3♣ = natural fit ♣
      - 3♥ = natural fit ♥
      - Others = natural
  - 3\* = transfer response as if 3\*, non-min, 5+ cards \* and 5+ cards \*
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 3 → = natural fit →
      - 3♥ = natural fit ♥
      - Others = natural

- o  $3 \leftarrow$  = self-splinter in  $\rightarrow$ , exactly 4=5=0=4
- $\circ$  3  $\bullet$  = self-splinter in  $\bullet$ , exactly 0=5=4=4
- 3NT = **self-splinter** in  $\clubsuit$ , exactly 4=5=4=0
- 3♥ = 6+ cards solid ♥, set trump, non-min
- o 4♣ = 7+ cards ♥, at least semi-solid ♥, self-splinter in ♣, minimum
- o 4 → = 7+ cards •, at least semi-solid •, self-splinter in •, minimum
- $4 \checkmark = 7 + \text{ cards } \checkmark$ , minimum
- After 1 ♠ 2 ♣, 1 ♠ opener:
  - 2 → = transfer response as if 2 →, can be min, 5+ cards → and 4+ cards →
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2♥ = 4+ cards ♥
      - 2 **♦** = 3+ cards **♦**
      - 2NT = catchall
      - 3m = natural
  - $2 \lor = \text{transfer response}$  as if  $2 \land$ , Catchall, any min
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2♠ = 3+ cards ♠
      - 2NT = catchall
      - 3m = natural
      - 3♥ = Impossible 3oM, 55+ both minors GF
  - 2♠ = transfer response as if 2NT, non-min, 5 cards ♠ BAL/semi-BAL or 6+ cards ♠
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2NT = catchall, Bal/Semi-bal
        - 1♠ opener further response:
          - 3m = 4 cards m
          - 3 **•** = 6+ cards
      - 3m = natural
      - 3♥ = Impossible 3oM, 55+ both minors GF
      - 3♠ = natural fit ♠
  - 2NT = transfer response as if 3♣, non-min, 5+ cards ♠ and 5+ cards ♣
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 3♣ = natural fit ♣
      - 3♠ = natural fit ♠
      - Others = natural
  - 3\* = transfer response as if 3\*, non-min, 5+ cards \* and 5+ cards \*
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 3 → = natural fit →
      - 3♠ = natural fit ♠
      - Others = natural

- $\circ$  3 = self-splinter in •, exactly 5=4=0=4
- $3 \checkmark$  = self-splinter in  $\checkmark$ , exactly 5=0=4=4
- 3NT = **self-splinter in**  $\clubsuit$ , exactly 5=4=4=0
- $\circ$  3  $\triangleq$  = 6+ cards solid  $\triangleq$ , set trump, non-min
- o 4 → = 7+ cards ♠, at least semi-solid ♠, self-splinter in ♦, minimum
- $4 \triangleq 7 + \text{ cards } \triangleq \text{, minimum}$
- After 1 ♠ 2 ♦, 1 ♠ opener:
  - o 2♥ = transfer response as if 2♠, Catchall, any min, can have 3 cards ♥ support
    - 2 responder further response:
      - 2♠ = 3+ cards ♠
      - 2NT = catchall
      - 3m = natural, could be looking for stopper in other minor
      - 3♥ = 6+ cards good ♥, slam try, at least semi-solid
  - o 2♠ = transfer response as if 2NT, non-min, 5+ cards ♠, can have 3 cards ♥ support
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 2NT = catchall
        - 1♠ opener further response:
          - 3m = 4 cards m
          - 3 **v** = 3 cards **v**
          - 3 **•** = 6+ cards
      - 3m = natural, could be looking for stopper in other minor
      - 3♥ = 6+ cards good ♥, slam try, at least semi-solid
      - 3♠ = natural fit ♠
  - 2NT = transfer response as if 3♣, non-min, 5+ cards ♠ and 5+ cards ♣
    - 2 responder further response:
      - 3♣ = natural fit ♣
      - 3♥ = 6+ cards good ♥, slam try, at least semi-solid
      - 3♠ = natural fit ♠
      - Others = natural
  - 3\* = transfer response as if 3\*, non-min, 5+ cards \* and 5+ cards \*
    - **2** responder further response:
      - 3 → = natural fit →
      - 3♥ = 6+ cards good ♥, slam try, at least semi-solid
      - 3♠ = natural fit ♠
      - Others = natural

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    3 → = transfer response as if 3 ♥, non-min, 5+ cards ♠ and 4+ cards ♥, with

          singleton
              ■ 2 • responder further response:
                     • 3♥ = fit ♥, no ♠ fit, ask singleton
                            ○ 1♠ opener further response:
                                    3♠ = 6 cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥
                                           • 2 • responder further response:
                                                  3NT = ask shortage
                                                         4♣ = short in ♣
                                                         ■ 4 • = short in •
                                                  ○ Others = cue bid
                                    ■ 4 \clubsuit = 5 cards \spadesuit and 4 cards \heartsuit, short in \clubsuit
                                    ■ 4 \rightarrow = 5 cards \spadesuit and 4 cards \heartsuit, short in \spadesuit
                     • 3♠ = double ♠♥ fit, subsequent 6RKCB
                            ○ 1♠ opener further response:
                                       3NT = 6 cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥
                                           • 2• responder further response:
                                                  ○ 4♣ = ask shortage
                                                         ■ 4 ♦ = short in •
                                                         Others = cue bid
                                    ■ 4 \clubsuit = 5 cards \spadesuit and 4 cards \blacktriangledown, short in \clubsuit
                                       4 → = 5 cards A and 4 cards V, short in •

    3NT = ♠ cue bid

    Others = cue bid

       ○ 3♥ = non-min, 5 cards 	and 4 cards ♥, no singleton
                 2 • responder further response:

    3♠ = natural fit ♠, double ♠♥ fit, subsequent 6RKCB

                     • 3NT = ♠ cue bid
                     • Others = cue bid
       O 3NT = min, 6 cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥
              ■ 2 • responder further response:
                     • 4♣ = ask shortage
                            o 4♥ = short in ♣
                     • Others = cue bid

    4♣ = min, 5 cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥, short in ♣
       ○ 4 \rightarrow = \min, 5 cards \spadesuit and 4 cards \heartsuit, short in \spadesuit
       o 4♥ = min, 5 cards ♠ and 4 cards ♥, no m shortage

    ○ 3♠ = 6+ cards solid ♠, set trump, non-min

         4 \triangleq 7 + \text{ cards } \triangleq \text{, minimum}

 1 ♥ - 1 ♠:

       o 1 v − 1 h = 4+ cards h below GF or 5+ cards h GF, 3-way checkback applies after 1 v −
          1 → - 1NT (See Note 10)
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- Gazzilli after 1♥ 1♠:
  - 1 v opener rebid:
    - 2♣ = 4+ cards ♣, or 17+ HCP any hand
      - Responder:
        - $\circ$  2 ♦ = 8+ HCP any hand
          - 1 v opener rebid 2 v =5 v 4+ s 11-16 HCP Later on responder 3 v = 4th FG, 3M = fit s INV, value
          - 1♥ opener rebid 2♠ or above is 17+ HCP
        - 2NT = 5-7 HCP both minors
        - Jump to 3♥/3♠ = INV, treatment as if 2♣ natural
        - Else = 5-7 HCP natural
    - 2 → = → natural, 4+ cards →
    - 2♥ = 11-16 HCP, 6+ cards ♥
    - 2♠ = 11-16 HCP, 4 cards ♠
    - 2NT = 14-16 HCP, 6♥4m
      - Responder:
        - 3♣ = pass or correct
        - $3 \leftarrow = GF \text{ minor ask}$ 
          - 1M opener rebid
            - 3♥ = ♣
            - 3♠ = ♦
    - 3m = 14-16 HCP 5-5
    - 3♥ = 6+ cards ♥, good hand but less than 17HCP
    - 3♠ = 4 cards ♠, good hand but less than 17HCP
    - 3NT = 18-19 BAL, 6M(322)

- Gazzilli after F1NT:
  - o **1M opener** rebid:
    - 2♣ = 2+(usually 3+) cards ♣, or 17+ HCP any hand
      - Responder:
        - $2 \leftarrow 8 + HCP$  any hand
          - 1 opener rebid 2 = 3 cards 11-16 HCP
          - **1M opener** rebid 2NT or above is 17+ HCP
        - 2♠ after 1♥ 1NT= 5-7 HCP 5+ cards ♣ 4+ cards ◆
        - o 2NT = 5-7 HCP both minors
        - Else = 5-7 HCP natural
    - 2 = natural, 3+ cards
    - 2 after 1 v 1NT = 6 v 5 a 3.5-4.5 losers
    - 2NT = 14-16 HCP, 6M4m
      - Responder:
        - 3♣ = pass or correct
        - $3 \leftarrow = GF \text{ minor ask}$ 
          - 1M opener rebid
            - 3♥ = ♣
            - 3♠ = ♦
    - 3X = 14-16 HCP 5-5
    - 3M = 6+ cards M, good hand but less than 17HCP
    - 3NT = 18-19 BAL, 6M(322)
    - 3♠ after 1♥ 1NT = 7+ cards ♥, slam try, self-splinter
    - 4m = 7+ cards M, slam try, self-splinter
    - 4 v after 1 4 1NT = 6 4 5 6 v 3.5 4.5 losers

# Note 8a: Responder shows different length/strength in ▲ after 1 ♥ opening

♠ length	Strength	Responder's bid	Subsequence Acton
4	<=9HCP	1 🛦	Stop at 1NT/2 ♦ /2 ♥ if opener shows 11-16HCP
4	(9)10- 12HCP INV	1 🛦	Bid 2♣ (3-way checkback) or 2♦ (Gazzilli), then 2NT  Bid 2NT in other cases when it carries natural meaning
4	13+HCP FG	<mark>2*</mark>	Bid 2♠ after opener bid 2♦/2♥
5	<=9HCP	1 🛦	Stop at 1NT/2 ♦ /2 ♥ /2 ♠ if opener shows 11-16HCP
5	(9)10- 12HCP INV	2.	Opener then 2NT/3♥ = To play, 3♣ = S/T, 3m = Values FG (3 lvl new suit FG)
5	13+HCP FG	1 🛦	Bid 2 ◆ (3-way checkback), see if opener bid 2 ▲ to show 3 cd ▲ , or  Bid 3m (4th-suit FG or 3 lvl new suit FG, directly or after 2 ◆ Gazzilli), see if opener bid 3 ▲ to show 3 cd ▲
6+	<=9HCP	1 🛧	Stop at 2♥/2♠ if opener shows 11-16HCP
6+	(9)10- 12HCP INV	1.	If opener rebid 1NT,Bid 2♣(3-way checkback) then 2♣/3♠ Bid 3♠ directly in other cases, including opener 2♣Gazzilli
6+	13+HCP FG	1 🛦	Bid 2 ◆ (3-way checkback), then 2 ▲/3 ♠, or  Bid 3m (4th-suit FG or 3 lvl new suit FG, directly or after 2 ◆ Gazzilli), then 3 ♠

# Note 9: Defence against opponent 1NT opening

(Last updated: 29th September 2023)

- Against 1NT:
  - (Non-passed hand) VS weak NT (defined as upper range of 1NT ≤15 HCP)
    - X = penalty oriented
      - On opponent's run-out, subsequent X penalty oriented
    - 2X = Multi-Landy, defined as below
    - 3X = natural, **opening hand**
  - o (passed hand) VS weak NT
    - Same as vs Strong NT
  - VS strong NT (defined as upper range of 1NT ≥ 16 HCP)
    - X = 44+ and lower
    - 2m = 44+ m and •
    - 2M = natural
    - 2NT = minors
    - 3X = natural, **pre-emptive**
- Multi Landy:
  - 2♣ = both Majors
  - 2 → = 1 Major
  - $\circ$  2M = M + m
  - O 2NT = minors

### Note 10: Checkback after NT rebid

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(Last updated: 17th December 2023)
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Remark: the symbol 'M' here represents responder's first Major, 'oM' represents the other Major:

- After 1♣ 1♦/♥ 1M or 1♣ 1♦/♥ 1NT or 1♦ 1M 1NT or 1♥ 1♠ 1NT:
  - 2♣ = puppet to 2♦ either signoff or invite
    - $1 1 / \sqrt{-1}$   $1 / \sqrt{-$
    - $1 \leftrightarrow -1 M 1 NT 2 \nrightarrow 2 \nrightarrow 2 M$  promising 5 cards M
    - Responder bid 2oM after puppet = 5 cards M and 4 cards oM INV
    - Responder bid 2NT after puppet = 4/5 cards M INV, no M fit
    - Responder bid new suit after puppet = 5+ cards M and 4+ cards new suit
  - o 2 → = any GF
  - 2M = 5+ cards M BELOW INV strength (appliable to 1NT rebid only)
  - 2M = 5 cards M 8-10 HCP constructive (appliable to 1♣ 1 ♦/♥ 1M only)
  - o 2NT = puppet to 3♣ either signoff or **GF** in opener's opening suit
  - 3m = 4 cards M and 6+ cards m *INV*
  - Note: responder shows ♥ then ♠ directly, e.g. 1♣ 1♦ 1NT 2♠ = 44M INV
  - Note: responder shows ★ then ♥ directly, e.g. 1♣ 1♥ 1NT 2♥ = 0-9 HCP 5★4♥ or 0-5HCP 55+ Both Majors
- After 1♣ 1 / ♥ 2NT or 1 – 1M 2NT:
  - 3♣ = checkback for Major, promise 5+ cards M OR slam try in , then opener:
    - 3 → = No 3 cards M, but have slam interest if responder is slam try in →
      - Then responder 3NT=to play, 4♣ = 5+M and 5+♣ slam try, 4NT = Quantitative, Other = slam try in ◆
    - 3M = 3 cards M
      - Then responder 3NT= slam try in •, 4NT = RKC, Other = slam try in M
    - 3NT = No 3 cards M, and no slam interest if responder is slam try in
      - Then responder 4♣/♦ = 5+M and 5+♣/♦ slam try, 4NT = Quantitative
  - 3 / = Transfer to Major
    - Retransfer to own Major = 6+ cards M FG, or 5+ cards M very weak hand,
       Opener mandatory bid 3M
    - shows  $\forall$  then  $\spadesuit$  e.g.  $1 \clubsuit 1 \spadesuit 2NT 3 \blacktriangledown = 44M FG$
    - shows ★ then ♥ e.g. 1♣ 1♥ 2NT 3♦ = 5★4+♥ FG
  - Sh = slam try in ♣
  - 3NT = no 5 cards M, to play
  - 4♣/♦ = Serious slam try in ♣/♦

### Note 11: Transfer response over 1M

(Last updated: 28th May 2022)

- Transfer response after 1M only ON in the following 2 situations
  - 1M opening and opponent X
  - o 1M overcall and the next oppo Pass or X
- Else, the general principles apply:
  - New suit at 2 level is natural and non-forcing
  - New suit at 1/3 level is natural and forcing
- After 1M (X), responder:
  - XX = 10+ HCP, no support, seeking penalty
  - O 1NT to 2M-1 = Transfer (NT->♣;♣->•;•->♥;♥->♠)
  - o 2M-1 = 8-10 HCP, 3 cards support
  - o 2M = 4-7 HCP, 3 cards support
  - o 2NT = 11+ HCP, 4+ cards support
  - o 3m = fit raise
  - 3M = pre-emptive
    - Note: also have mixed raise showing 8-10 HCP, 4+ cards support
- After 1M overcall and next oppo Pass or X, responder:
  - o Same as above except:
    - Transfer to oppo suit = limit raise 3 cards support, or 13+ HCP, no suitable bid
    - Jump cue bid = 8-10 HCP, 4+ cards support

# Note 12: Use of Lebansohl

(Last updated: 24th May 2022)

- 2NT is used as Lebansohl after:
  - Opener reverse;
  - o 1NT opening being interfered at 2 level;
  - o After takeout X on opponent's weak 2, with special defence against oppo Multi 2 •

# Note 13: Defence against Multi 2 opening

(Last updated: 24th May 2022)

- After (2 →):
  - $\circ$  X = 11-14 HCP BAL, or 18+ HCP, any hand
  - o 2M = 11-17 HCP, natural
  - o 2NT = 15-18 HCP, BAL
  - o 3m = 11-17 HCP, natural
  - o 3M = 14-17 HCP, good 6+ cards suit
  - o 3NT = to play, can be gambling in nature
- After (2 →) X (pass):
  - Responder:
    - Pass = penalty pass
    - 2M = natural
    - 2NT = general **INV**, natural
      - Note: No **Lebansohl** when the suit is unknown
    - 3♣ = natural, to play
    - 3 = general **GF**
    - 3M = **INV**, natural
- After (2 →) X (XX or 2M/3M as pass or correct):
  - Responder:
    - Note: if responder want to penalty then need to pass first
    - X = takeout, i.e. short in M and length in oM
      - Note: to error on the conservative side when the suit is unknown
    - 2NT = general INV, natural
      - Note: No **Lebansohl** when the suit is unknown
- After (2 ) X (2M/3m as **natural**):
  - Responder:
    - X = penalty
    - 2NT = general INV, natural
      - Note: No **Lebansohl** when the suit is unknown
- After (2 →) Pass (2M as pass or correct) X (pass or correct):
  - o Responder:
    - Note: oppo weak 2 suit is known through the pass or correct, Lebansohl ON
    - X = takeout on the pass or correct suit
      - Note: takeout in ♥ when multi 2 ♦ is ♥; takeout in ♠ when multi 2 ♦ is ♠
    - 2NT = **Lebansohl** 
      - Note: same treatment as if multi 2 

        is an opening of weak 2 

        or weak 2 

        number
- After  $(2 \cdot)$  X (2M as pass or correct) X (pass or correct):
  - o Responder:
    - Note: same as above with Lebansohl ON

- X = takeout on the pass or correct suit
  - Note: takeout in ♥ when multi 2 is ♥; takeout in ♠ when multi 2 is ♠, in this case partner is most likely to convert to a penalty X as he has the other 4 cards M
- 2NT = *Lebansohl* 
  - Note: same treatment as if multi 2 

     is an opening of weak 2 

     or weak 2 

     and partner takeout X, only difference is the weaker HCP is assumed as takeout and the stronger one response as if Lebansohl
- After (2 →) 2M (pass):
  - Responder:
    - 2NT = general **INV**, natural
    - Lowest oM = **INV+**, M fit
- After (2 ) − 3m − (pass):
  - Responder:
    - 3M = **GF**, natural

# Note 14: Transfer and Walsh responses to 1♣ opening

(Last updated: 17th December 2023)

General Principle: Pass 1♣ only if you would pass when partner open 20-21 HCP 2NT

Overview of Responses to 1\*:

 $0 \quad 1 \checkmark / \checkmark = 4 + \checkmark / \spadesuit$  [14a]

o  $1 \triangleq (1)$  7- HCP, no 4 cards Major

(2) 5+ without 4 cards Major, below FG

(3) 5+ → FG [14b]

o 1NT = 8-10 HCP without 4 cards Major [14c]

○ 2♣ = inverted minor, 10+HCP with 5+♣ [15a]

o 2X = (see note 16) [16]

o 2NT = 11-12 HCP without 4 cards Major

○ 3♣ = 7-9 HCP, Good 5+♣ pre-emptive

3 → = 10-12 HCP, 6+ → INV

#### Note 14a: Development after 1♣ – 1 •/♥

- After 1♣ 1 •/♥, opener:
  - 1M = exactly 3 cards M, any shape, 11-17HCP
    - responder further response:
      - Pass = weak M, To play
      - 1♠ = 44 Both Majors, 8-10 HCP, constructive
      - 1NT = 8-10 HCP, 4 cards M, constructive
      - 2♣/◆/NT = 3-way checkback (see note 10)
      - 2M = 5 cards M, 8-10 HCP, constructive
      - 3M = 6+ cards M, preemptive
  - 1♠ = 4 cards ♠, unbalance, 11-17HCP
    - 1 → responder further response:
      - 1NT = 5-10 HCP catch all
      - 2♣ = 3+♣ suggest to play
      - $2 = 4^{th}$  suit FG
  - 1NT = Balance, exactly 2 cards M, may have 4 cards oM, 12-14HCP(V)/15-17HCP(NV)
    - **responder** further response:
      - $2 / \sqrt{NT} = 3$ -way checkback (see note 10)
      - 2M = weak 5+ cards M, To play
  - 2NT = Balance/Semi-balance, 20-21HCP, FG
    - responder further response:
      - (see note 10)
  - 3♣ = 15-17HCP with 6+ cards ♣
  - 3 = 17+HCP with good 6+ cards ♣, usually with Major concern or S/T
    - **responder** further response:
      - 3M = 5+M
      - 3 oM = value showing
      - 3NT = To play
  - o 3oM/4 → = SPL
  - 3NT = 17+HCP with good 6+ cards ♣, suggest to play

Note: Supportive XX is OFF, it will carry natural meaning, i.e. willing to play this XX contract e.g. 1 - (P) - 1 - (X) - XX = 4 cards

### Note 14b: Development after 1♣ - 1♠

- After **1**♣ **1**♠, **opener**:
  - o 1NT = Balance/Semi-Bal, may have 4 cards M, 12-14HCP(V)/15-17HCP(NV)
    - **1** responder further response:
      - 2♣ = 5+ and 4+♣, INV
      - 2 = weak, 6+ •
      - 2M = 5+ and 4 cards M, FG
      - 2NT = INV with 5 cards ◆
      - 3♣ = 5+ and 4+♣. FG
      - 3 = 5+ , FG
      - 3M = 5+ , self-splinter
  - $2 \checkmark / \checkmark / \blacktriangle = 16 + HCP$ , reverse, Lebansohl on
  - o 2NT = Balance/Semi-balance, 20-21HCP, FG
    - 1 responder further response:
      - 3♣ = 5+ and 4+♣, or very weak 5+ •, opener forced to bid 3 •
      - 3 = 5+ , FG
      - 3M = 5+ and 4 cards M, Big hand
      - 3NT = To play
  - 3♣ = 15-17HCP with 6+ cards ♣
  - 3 = 17+HCP with good 6+ cards ♣, usually with Major concern or S/T
    - 1 responder further response:
      - 3M = Value showing
      - 3NT = To play
  - 3NT = 17+HCP with good 6+ cards ♣, suggest to play

### Note 14c: Development after 1♣ – 1NT

- After **1**♣ **– 1NT**, **opener**:
  - 2♣ = 5+ cards ♣ , To play
  - $2 \cdot / \checkmark / \triangleq 15 + HCP$ , reverse, Lebansohl on
  - o 2NT = INV 3NT, likely 15-16HCP BAL/Semi-Bal
  - 3♣ = 13-15HCP with 6+ cards ♣
  - 3 = 15+ HCP with good 6+ cards ♣, usually with Major concern or S/T
    - 1NT responder further response:
      - 3M = value showing
      - 3NT = To play
  - 3NT = To play with whatever hand

#### Note 14d: Miscellaneous

- 1. Due to potential rebidding problem, 4=4=1 ◆=4 opens 1NT when HCP is appropriate
- 2. System ON after 1 (X), except 1 (X) 2 and 1 (X) 2NT, see note 15
- 3. In NV 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> position, 1 → −1M − 1NT is 15-17HCP bal with 4-5 cards →, 3-way checkback is still on as usual.
- 4.  $1m (1 \lor) 1 \blacktriangle = minor takeout, without 4 cards \blacktriangle$ ;
- 5.  $1m (1 \lor) X = \text{negative double}$ ,  $4 + \text{cards} \land$ ; system on as if after  $1 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 \lor$ , m = 4 also applies
- 6. 1m (1 ♥) 2 ♠ = negative free bid, NF, Good 5+ cards ♠; Strength similar to 1m (1 ♠) 2 ♥
- 7. Whenever partner implies 4+ cards in a Major, support X up to 2M.

### Note 15: Inverted Minor

(Last updated: 05th January 2024)

**General Principle:** Opener/Responder bid new suit lower than 3m = FG, value showing, Opener jump over 3m = Strong balance with short opening m

System OFF for all overcalls including X, whereas 1m - (X) - 2m = simple raise, 1m - (X) - 2NT = Jordan raise

### Note 15a: Development after 1♣ - 2♣

- After 1 \* 2 \*, opener:
  - 2X = value showing, non-minimum FG
  - o 2NT = Balance, minimum
  - 3♣ = ♣ Unbalance, minimum
  - $\circ$  3 = 3=3=5 =2\*, 20-21 HCP
  - o 3M = 4 cards M, 2 cards ♣, 20-21 HCP
  - 3NT = 3=3=4 =3\*, 20-21 HCP

### Note 15b: Development after 1 ◆ - 2 ◆

- After 1 → 2 → , opener:
  - 2M = promise 4 cards →, value showing, non-minimum FG
  - 2NT = promise 4 cards ◆, Balance, minimum
  - 3♣ = promise 4 cards ◆, ♣ value, No Majors A/K, non-minimum FG
  - 3 → = promise 4 cards →, Unbalance, minimum
  - O 3M = 4 cards M, no 4 cards ◆, 18-19 HCP
  - 3NT = No 4 cards M and No 4 cards ◆, 18-19 HCP

# Note 16: Development after 1m-2X

(Last updated: 05th January 2024)

System ON only after being X, system OFF for all other overcalls.

### Note 16a: Development after Major Flannery 1♣ - 2 • /1 • - 2 •

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1 ♣ - 2 • /1 • - 2 • = 6-9 HCP, 5+ cards • and 4+ cards •
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- After that opener:
  - 2M = To play
  - 2NT = INV+ asking:
    - responder further response:
      - 3♣ = any minimum, then 3 by **opener** = FG further asking:
        - 3♥ = extra ♠, 5+ cards ♠, then 4m = fit ♠ cue bid
        - 3♠ = extra ♥, 6+ cards ♥, then 4m = fit ♥ cue bid
        - 3NT = no extra length in Majors
      - 3 → = Maximum FG, no extra length in Majors
      - 3♥ = Maximum FG, extra ♠, 5+ cards ♠, then 4m = fit ♠ cue bid
      - 3♠ = Maximum FG, extra ♥, 6+ cards ♥, then 4m = fit ♥ cue bid
  - 3m = Natural, NF
  - o 3om = 17+HCP with good 6+ cards m, usually with om concern or S/T
  - $\circ$  3M = Slam try in M
  - 3NT = To play

# Note 16b: Development after minor Reverse Flannery 1. → - 2.

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1♣ - 2♥ = 6-9 HCP, 5+ cards ♦ and 4+ cards ♣
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### **General Principle:**

After FG is established, 4m = Slam try in m

3M by opener is value-showing, 3M by responder is shortness

- After that, opener:
  - $2 \triangleq INV + asking$ :
    - responder further response:
      - 2NT = any minimum, then **opener**:
        - 3m = To play
        - 3M = value showing, FG
        - o 3NT = To play
        - $\circ$  4m = INV to 5m
      - 3♣ = Maximum FG, extra , 6+ cards , then 3M = fit cue bid
      - 3 → = Maximum FG, extra ♣ , 5+ cards ♣ , then 3M = fit ♣ cue bid
      - 3♥ = Maximum FG, no extra length in minors, shortness ♥
      - 3♠ = Maximum FG, no extra length in minors, shortness ♠
      - 3NT = Maximum FG, 2=2=5=4
  - o 2NT = 20-21 HCP balance, FG
    - responder further response:
      - 3♣ = extra , 6+ cards , then 3M = fit cue bid

- 3 = extra ♣ , 5+ cards ♣ , then 3M = fit ♣ cue bid
- 3♥ = no extra length in minors, shortness ♥
- 3♠ = no extra length in minors, shortness ♠
- 3NT = 2=2=5=4
- 3♣ = To play
- $3 \rightarrow$  = To play
- 3M = value showing, usually stopper ask in other Major, forcing to 4♣
- 3NT = To play
- 4m = Slam try in m

### Note 16c: Development after weak minor pre-empt 1m - 2

- After that, opener:
  - o 2NT = 20-21/18-19 HCP balance, may be 2 cards m
  - $\circ$  3m = To play
  - o 3X = value showing, ask responder to show value or bid m if valueless
  - 3NT = To play

# Note 17: Against Strong/Artificial openings

(Last updated: 27th December 2023)

- Against Precision 1♣/Strong 1♦/2♣/2♦:
  - Modified Suction (apply to ANY levels)
    - X = both Majors

    - **∨** = **∨** or **∧** + **♣**
    - **♦** = **♦** or **♣** + •
    - NT = ★ + ♦ or ♥ + ♣
    - Responder subsequence Pass/bid = Pass or correct, XX = 55+ two suiters
- Against 1 = Any strong or weak balance (e.g. Polish :):
  - o Pass = any weak or any 15+ HCP (need to alert), subsequence X is takeout-oriented
  - X = 11-14 Balance/semi-Balance
  - 1 ♦ /1 ♥ /1 ♠ = natural with <=14 HCP
    </p>
  - o 1NT = ♣ with <=14 HCP</p>
  - 2♣ = Both Majors, 8-11 HCP or strong, subsequence actions same as 2♣ opening
  - Others = natural, preemptive
- Against 2NT = Both minors:
  - X = Penalty on at least one suit
  - o 3♣/♦ = Strong ♥/♠
  - $3 \checkmark / \spadesuit = Competitive \checkmark / \spadesuit$ , NF
  - 3NT = Strongest Both Majors, <= 3 losers, responder bid his minor A or 4M if none</li>
  - 4♣/♦ = Both Majors 55+, shortness
  - 4 ♥/♠ = To Play
  - o 4NT = Specific A asking
- Against 2NT = Strong Balance:
  - Lionel (similar to against Strong 1NT)
    - X = 55+ and lower
    - 3m = 55+ m and •
    - 3M = natural
    - 3NT = minors
    - 4X = natural, **pre-emptive**