## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors Weak, 5+ crd support

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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

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| Basic System: | Two-over-one GF, 5 -crd M; 15-17 NT |  |

1NT 15-17 balanced, 5M or (occasionally) 6 m possible may contain 5 card Major $\mathbf{X}$

## 1NT Responses 2\& Simple Stayman

2) Transfer to $V$
24 Transfer to
2v Transfer to
2NT Transfer to *
other $3-x$ shows shortness; $4</ 4$ transfer, then RKBC; Smolen; Ignore dbl, rdbl or
2\% Strongest opening bid; includes $23+$ balanced
2 Weak, two , $5+$ (generally 6 vulnerable)
2. Weak two, $5+\boldsymbol{+}$ (generally 6 vulnerable)

24 Weak two, $5+$ (generally 6 vulnerable)
2NT 20-22 balanced, 5 M or 6 m possible 3NT Gambling (minors only) other

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

4th suit GF, except at 1-level (natural)
Two-way check-back
Support (re-)dbl up to our 2-level
$1 \mathrm{~m}(1 \mathrm{~N}) 2$ = both majors, competitive
Blackout
After overcalls, cues invitational or better
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6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood Slam Notes
Cue Bids $\mathbf{X}$ 1st and 2nd
Asking Bids $\mathbf{X}$ Next step after RKCB is Q ask; 5NT is grand slam try
7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Four or more with an honour 4th
From 4 small 2nd
From 3 cards (no honour) 2nd
In partner's suit Same
Discards Low encourage

Count Low even
Signal on partner's lead: Low encourage
Signal on declarer's lead: Low even
Notes McKenney suit preferences in any "obvious" situation
reverse present count RKCB 1430

4\% Gerber when?

## Negative doubles through

Responsive doubles through
1NT overcall - immediate 15-18 balanced Immediate cue of minor Both majors
1NT overcall - re-opening 14-16, balanced Immediate cue of Major Other major + minor

Over weak twos 2NT 16-18; Lebensohl Over opening threes
Over opponent's $1 N T \quad 2$ is both majors (at least $5-4$ ); 2 is one major; 2 M is $\mathrm{M}+$ minor
"System on" after 1NT/2NT overcall (both immediate and re-opening)
If the opponents' last bid was 4 M , then 4 NT is takeout (unless we have agreed a suit)

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning


| 2\% 2 | Waiting |  | 9+ HCP, balanced | $3 V$ | 9+ HCP, good $\vee$ suit |
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| $2 \checkmark$ | Less than 1K or 2Qs |  | 9+ HCP, good suit | 31 |  |
| 24 | 9+ HCP, good suit |  | 9+ HCP, good $\leqslant$ suit | 3NT |  |


| $2 \checkmark 2 \checkmark$ | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) | $3 \%$ | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) | 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) | 3 | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) | 3 N | To play |
| 2NT | Relay, see below | $3 V$ |  | 4\% |  |

other $2-2 \mathrm{NT}$ : 3 worst, 3 better, $3 \vee$ normal, $3 \uparrow$ amazing
Notes 1NT responses are not forcing, but "stretched" by the nature of two-over-one bids $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{NT}$ is invitational+ and asks for 3 or 4 card support

| $\begin{array}{r} 2 \sim \\ 2 N T \\ 30 \% \\ \text { other } \end{array}$ | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) |  | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) |  | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Relay, see below |  | Barrage | 4\% |  |
|  | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) | 34 |  | 4 | To play |
|  | 2 - 2NT: 3- worst, | bett | r, $3 \bigcirc$ normal, 3 am |  |  |
| 24. 2NT | Relay, see below |  | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) | $4 \%$ |  |
| $3 \%$ | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) |  | Barrage | 4 | To play |
| 3 | Nat NF (nv), F (vul) |  | To play | 4 | To play |
| other $2 \checkmark-2 N T$ : 3 worst, $3 \checkmark$ better, $3 \checkmark$ normal, 3 amazing. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% | Simple Stayman | 34 | Slam-going, + + | 4 | Natural, slam-going |
| 3 | Transfer to $\downarrow$ |  | To play | $4 \checkmark$ | Natural, slam-going |
| $3 \checkmark$ | Transfer to |  | Natural, slam-going | 44 | Natural, slam-going |
| other After transfers, 4NT is quantitative |  |  |  |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lowest unbid suits
4th Suit Forcing One round
Game force $\mathbf{X}$
NT Checkback X Priorities: Two-way; up the line over $2 \downarrow$

## Defence to 3NT opening

Defence to Opening Twos 2NT 16-18; Lebensohl; leaping Michaels; cue = stop ask
Multi $2 \checkmark$ 2NT 16-18; Lebensohl
RCO style 2-s Natural
Other 2-s

## Defence (1e) : Dbl is majors; 1NT is minors

to
strong (2\&) :
1\%/2\%
Over 1NT Interference Take-out dbl; Lebensohl. Ignore dbl (rdbl is or $\downarrow$ )
Lebensohl - other uses After any first-opportunity dbl over 2-level bids

Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4
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4.

## 10. OTHER NOTES

HCP range, suit length subject to judgement, mainly based on position, vulnerability and level of desperation
Two-over-one GF
Two-over-one F1R after overcalls
2NT scramble in competitive auctions

