## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

## Jump raises - minors Preempt 5-9 HCP, 5+ cards

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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD



1NT $\quad 15-17 \mathrm{HCP}$
may contain 5 card Major $\mathbf{X}$

## 1NT Responses 2\& Drop Dead Stayman

2 Transf $\mathcal{V}$, super accept all 4+support 2A Transf enen $2 N T=$ good fitting hand 2 Transf 4 , super accept all 4+support 2NT Transf *, then 3\%=good fitting hand other system on after $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{XX}=$ bid $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ then pass
2\% GF
2 Weak two in Major, 6-10 HCP
2v 5-Hearts and 4+minor, 6-10 HCP vul 5/5
2A. 5-Spades and 4+minor, 6-10 HCP vul $5 / 5$
2NT 20-22 HCP, BAL 3NT 1st/2nd: Gambling 3rd/4th: TP
other 4 suit $=$ nat preempt. $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors, preemptive (can be very weak)

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

Support double redoubles
After 12 open 2 o'call=s 2 =Majors 5/5
After 1* opening 1 o'call $x=4+\downarrow$
1M - 2e=3way, incl limit 3 card raise of $M$.
3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through
4. Jumpovercalls Weak

Responsive doubles through 4e Unusual NT lower 2 unbid suits after 12-2NT=minors
1NT overcall - immediate 15-18 BAL Immediate cue of minor Both Majors 5+/5+
1NT overcall - re-opening 10-14 BAL Immediate cue of Major Other Major \& minor (5+/5+)
Over weak twos Dble=Take out Over opening threes Dble=Take out
Over opponent's 1NT dble= good hand VTP 2\&=5(4)/4+ Majors; 2 $=5+\mathrm{M} ; 2 \mathrm{M}=5+\mathrm{M} \& 4+\mathrm{m}$ 2NT=GF big 2 suiter

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| $14 \%$ | 5+ points 4+ | 2 | 9-11 HCP, 5+ | $3 \checkmark$ | 13-14 HCP, splinter |
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| 1 | $5+$ points 4+4 | $2 \checkmark$ | 3-6 HCP, 6+४, weak | 30 | 13-14 HCP, splinter |
| 11 | 6-9 Bal or ${ }^{\text {s }}$ | 24 | 3-6 HCP, 6+4, weak | 34 | 13-14 HCP, splinter |
|  | 11-12 HCP, nat | 2NT | 13+GF 4 clubs Bal | 3NT | To play |
| 24 | 12+ HCP, 5+ | 30 | 3-6 HCP, 5+2 | 40\% | preempt |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 \times 10$ | 5+ HCP, 4+ ${ }^{+}$ | 2 | 3-6 HCP, 6+४, weak | 30 | 13-14 HCP, splinter |
| 1A | 5+ HCP, 4+ | 2 | 3-6 HCP, 6+ ${ }_{\text {, weak }}$ | 34 | 13-14 HCP, splinter |
| 1NT | 6-11 HCP, nat | 2NT | 11-12 HCP,bal no M | 3NT | 13-15 HCP, bal,only |
| 2\% | 10+ HCP, 4+ | 36 | 9-11 HCP, 4+ ${ }^{\text {, no M }}$ | 4\% | 13-14 HCP, splinter |
| 2 | 12+ HCP, 4+ | 3 | 5-9 HCP, 5+ ${ }^{\text {, no M }}$ | 4 | preempt |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1514 | 5+ HCP, 4+ | 2 | 5-9 HCP, 3v | 3 | 10-12 HCP, 4+ ${ }^{\bullet}$ |
| 1NT | 6-11 HCP, nat | 24 | nat, 6+ card, 7-9HCP | 30 | 0-5 HCP, 4+ |
| $2 \%$ | 10+3way | 2NT | 12+HCP, GF, 4+ | 34 | 10-14 HCP, splinter |
| $2 \checkmark$ | 10+ nat | $3 \%$ | 6-9 HCP, 4+ | 3NT | 13-15 HCP, bal, $3 \mathbf{}$ |
| other $4 \boldsymbol{e} / 4=10-14$ HCP splinter |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14.1NT | 6-11 HCP, nat | 24 | 5-9 HCP, 34 | 34 | nat, 6+card, 7-9HCP |
| $2 \%$ | 10+3way | 2NT | 12+ HCP, GF, 4+ | 34 | 0-5 HCP, 4+ |
| 2 | 10+ nat | $30 \%$ | 6-9 HCP, 4+ | 3NT | 13-15 HCP, bal, 34 |
| $2 \checkmark$ | 10+ HCP, 5+ | 3 - | 10-12 HCP, 4+ | 4\% | 10-14 HCP, splinter |
| other $4 \checkmark / 4 \checkmark=10-14 \mathrm{HCP}$, splinter |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT 3\%\% | Puppet |  | short ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 4 | transfer to 4 |
| $3)$ | 5+/5+ ms, GF | 3NT | TP | 4 | nat, TP |
| $3 \checkmark$ | short |  | transfer to 4V | 4N | nat, TP |
| other $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ quantitative. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2\% 2 | 5-7 or waiting |  | 5+4s | $3 \checkmark$ | Solid or near Suit |
| $2 \checkmark$ | 0-4 double neg | $3 \%$ | nat, 1 loser max suit | 34 | Solid or near Suit |
| 24 | $5+\sim s$ | 3 | nat, 1 loser max suit | 3NT |  |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 2V | P/C |  | nat, 1-round force | 34 | P/C |
| 24 | P/C | 3 | nat, 1-round force |  | (\& 42) to play |
| 2NT | strong enquiry | $3 \checkmark$ | P/C | 4\% | asks for suit |
| other $4 \diamond$ =asks for Major; $4 \checkmark=$ P/C ; 4 $/ 5 / 5 / \downarrow=$ to play |  |  |  |  |  |

Notes After $2-2 N T$ Enquiry; $3</ 3=$ max hearts/spades; 3V/3s = min bid Major

| 2 24 | Nat, NF |  | to play |  | to play |
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| 2NT | strong enquiry |  | pre emptive |  | P/C |
| 3\% | P/C |  | natural, forcing |  | to play |
| other After 2NT enquiry, 3m =min; 3v/3s = max ( $\%$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 2NT | strong enquiry |  | nat, forcing | 40 |  |
| 3\% | P/C |  | preemptive |  | to play |
| 3 | to play |  | to play | 44 | to play |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% | Puppet Stayman |  | minors Stayman |  | nat, Min |
| 3 | Transfer to $\downarrow$ | 3NT | TP |  | To Play |
| $3 \checkmark$ | Transfer to |  | nat, Minorwood | 4N | To Play |
| other | 4NT=quantitative |  |  |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits after 12 $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors
4th Suit Forcing One round $\square$ Game force $\mathbf{X}$

NT Checkback X Priorities: $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ force2 then next is inv; 2 =art, GF; 2NT=force $3 \boldsymbol{2}$
Defence to 3NT opening CTP X; over gambling,4e for majors all else natural
Defence to Opening Twos CTP X; T/O $X$ of nat 2's
Multi 2 CTP X
RCO style 2-s CTP X
Other 2-s Over nat 2's: T/O X; Leaping Michaels; Michaels over nat 2

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Defence 1e: X=Majors 5+/4+; 1NT=minors
    to
strong 2*: X=Majors; 2NT=minors
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Over 1NT Interference $\quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} . \mathrm{O}$. 2NT Step to 3\% SLOW SHOWS DIRECT DENIES
Lebensohl - other uses After weak2 M, dble 2NT transfer to 3e
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \boldsymbol{\omega} / 4 \diamond \quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$; 4NT=Nat
4 $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$; 4NT= Nat 4N $\mathrm{X}=$ values; 4NT=T/O

## 10. OTHER NOTES

CTP X (1st=cards/2nd=Takeout/3rd=Penalty) when they open/overcall weak \& artificial (1m) - 3m=natural intermediate jump (good $6 c$ suit, 11-15HCP).
Passed hand bidding system on, protective NT10-14
After $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{M} ; 2 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{Enq}$, then $3 \boldsymbol{2}=\min 3,3=\max 3,3 \mathrm{~V}=\min 4,3 \mathrm{~s}=\max 4$

