## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors
Inverted, no 4c major, about 3-9 HCP in C, 3-5 HCP in D
$0-5$ shapely $4+$ trumps
Jump raises - Majors
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Jump shifts after minor opening } & 1 C-2 D=10+\text { nat, } 1 D-3 C=6-95+D, 1 m-2 M ~ 3-6 ~ H C P ~ 6+M \\ \text { Jump shifts after Major opening } & 3 C / 3 D=B e r g e n ~ 4 c ~ r a i s e ~ 6-9 / 10-12 . ~ O t h e r=s p l i n t e r ~\end{array}$
Jump shifts after Major opening
Responses to strong 2 suit open. After 2C: 2D=neg or waiting, other shows $5 \mathrm{c}+$ and $3+$ controls Responses to 2NT opening
$3 \mathrm{~m} / 5 \mathrm{~m}$ to play, $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ Minorwood

## 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS Show priorities

 Versus Suit (or both) Versus NoTrump (if different)|  | Versus Suit $\quad$ (or both) | Versus | NoTrump |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | (if different) |  |  |
| Leads $\quad$ Sequences: | AQ=attitude, $\mathrm{K}=$ count, overlead |  |  |
| Four or more with an honour | 4th highest |  |  |
| From 4 small | 2nd highest, then lowest |  |  |
| From 3 cards (no honour) | MUD |  |  |
| In partner's suit | either highest or normal lead |  |  |
| Discards | low encourage |  |  |
| Count | reverse |  |  |
| Signal | on partner's lead: | usually reverse attitude |  |
| Signal | on declarer's lead: | usually reverse count |  |
| Notes the 10 is not regarded as an honour |  |  |  |

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood
RKCB 1430
4\% Gerber $\square$ when? never Slam Notes after $Q$ ask sign off if no $Q$, bid cheapest $K$ otherwise or LNT if no $K$ Cue Bids X Asking Bids

## 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

4th suit forcing to game (except Blackout) transfer responses to 1 C opening splinters, mini-splinters TWERB over strong 1C and any 1NT

Bergen raises 3C/3D show 4c support $1 \mathrm{H}-2 \mathrm{~S}$ and $1 \mathrm{~S}-3 \mathrm{H}=10-123 \mathrm{c}$ raise trial bids Blackout after reverse $1 D-1 x-1 N T-2 C$ is an enquiry $6+$ DOPI(minors), DEPO(majors), ROPI ate

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after 1C-2C(inverted) responses show $C$ holding After 1C-1x-1NT 2C/2D=weak with D or inv/GF leaping Michael's after opp's weak 2 or 3C non leaping Michael's only after opp's 3D

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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

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Basic System: Standard American with transfer responses to 1C
Brown Sticker $\square$ Classification: Green $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ Blue $\square$ Red

## 1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning
Canape
1\% $\min 2,11-14$ NT or unbal (10)11+ with $_{\boldsymbol{f}} 1 \boldsymbol{m i n} 5,(10) 11+$
1 min 2 (18-19 bal), min 4(unbal 11+) 1A min 5,(10)11+
1NT 15-17 incl 1 point for 5 c suit, at least one 3 card major may contain 5 card Major $\mathbf{X}$

## 1NT Responses 2\& simple Stayman

2 transfer to H (superaccept with 4) 24 transfer to C (3C=superaccept)
2v transfer to S (superaccept with 4) 2NT transfer to D (3D=superaccept)
other after transfer 4NT as next bid is quantitative showing a 5332/6322 shape $\mathrm{M} / \mathrm{m}$
2\% 8.5 PT M, 9 PT minor, 23+ bal (Puppet Stayman)
2 multi: weak 2H, weak 2S, 20-22 bal (3C=Puppet, 3S=minor suit Stayman)
2v H+another 5+/5+5-10 HCP
24 S+minor 5+/5+5-10 HCP
2NT minors 5+/5+5-10 HCP
3NT gambling, solid suit no outside K/A
other

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

1C (when bal 11-14), 1D (when bal 18-19) Transfer responses to 1C and 1NT (bal 15-17) can all contain a 1C can have a (not good) 6c D suit five card major
3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through 4 H Jump overcalls weak
Responsive doubles through 4 H Unusual $\mathrm{NT} \quad 2$ lowest unbid suits, not 11-15
1NT overcall - immediate 15-18 Immediate cue of minor S+another, not 11-15
1NT overcall - re-opening good 10-14 Immediate cue of Major other major+minor not 11-15
Over weak twos $\quad X=$ takeout, Leb reply<=8 Over opening threes $\quad X=$ takeout
Over opponent's 1 NT Over weak NT X=penalty, suit=TWERB (shows the suit above or 2
below). Over strong NT $X=C$ or both red suits, suit=TWERB

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1\% 1 | 4+H, 6+ HCP | 2 | 10+, 5+D, forcing | 3 | splinter 12-14, 6+C |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4+S, 6+ HCP | 27 | weak 0-7 6c suit | 34 | splinter 12-14, 6+C |
| 14 | 6-10, transfer to 1NT | 24 | weak 0-7 6c suit | 34 | splinter 12-14, 6+C |
| 1NT | 11-12 bal, no good M | 2NT | 8-10 minors 5/4 + | 3NT | 13-15 no major, 4+C |
| 24 | 11-15: show C length | 3\% | weak 3-9, 5+C | 40\% | preemptive, long Cs |
| other | 4M - splinter $15+$ |  |  |  |  |
| $1 \times 1$ | 4+H, 6+HCP | $2 \downarrow$ | weak 0-7 6c suit | 30 | splinter 12-14, 5+D |
| 14 | 4+S, 6+HCP | 24 | weak 0-7 6c suit | 34 | splinter 12-14, 5+D |
| 1NT | 6-9 no 4c major | 2NT | 10-12 bal'd 5+D | 3NT | 13-15 no major 4+D |
| 24 | 4+C, 10+HCP | 306 | 6-9, 5+D | 4\% | splinter 12+ |
| 2 | 10-15: 5+D, no major | 3 | weak 2-5, 5+D | 4 | preemptive, long Ds |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1{ }^{1 / 1}$ | 4+S, 6+HCP | 20 | 6-9 3c raise | 3 | 10-12 4c raise |
| 1NT | 6-9HCP, <3H, <4S | 24 | splinter agreeing H | 30 | 0-5 4+ shapely raise |
| 24 | 3-way bid | 2NT | 12+4c raise GF | 34 | splinter |
| 2 | 4+D, 10+HCP | $3 \%$ | 6-9 4c raise | 3NT | 13-15 3c bal'd raise |
| other | 4C/4D splinters, 4 S ex | clusi | on Blackwood in H |  |  |
| 14. 1 NT | 6-9, <3S | 24 | 6-9 3c raise | 30 | splinter agreeing S |
| 24 | 3-way bid | 2NT | $12+4 \mathrm{c}$ raise GF | 34 | 0-5 4+ shapely rais |
| 2 | 4+D, 10+HCP | 300 | 6-9 4c raise | 3NT | 13-15 3c bal'd raise |
| $2 \checkmark$ | $5+\mathrm{H}$, usually $<3 \mathrm{~S}$ | 3 | 10-12 4c raise | 40 | splinter |
| other | 4D splinter, 4H to play |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT 3\% | Puppet Stayman | 34 | H shortage, 3c S suit | 4 | transfer to S |
| 3 | Minor suit Stayman | 3NT | 10-14 no major |  | to play |
| 30 | S shortage, 3c H suit | 4\% | transfer to H | 4N | to play |
| other | 4NT/5NT quantitative | 6 N | T/7NT |  |  |
| 24* 2 | negative or waiting |  | not used | 30 | not used |
| 2 | 5+H, 3+ controls | $3 \%$ | HHxxxx, 3+controls | 34 | not used |
| 24 | 5+S, 3+ controls | 3 | HHxxxx, 3+controls | 3NT | not used |
| other | Splinters apply after op | ener | 's rebid. Fast arrival show | ws a | weaker hand. |
| 2 2V | pass or correct | 3\% | non-forcing |  | pass or correct |
| 24 | pass or correct, 3+H |  | non-forcing | 3NT | 4+H 4+S no slam int. |
| 2NT | 14+ enquiry | 30 | pass or correct | 4\% | not used |
| other | responder does not ex | ceed | 3NT in case opener ha | 20-2 | 22 balanced | Notes


| 2V24 | pass or correct |  | pass or correct |  | to play |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT | 14+ enquiry | $3 \downarrow$ | preemptive raise | 4\% | pass or correct |
| 340 | pass or correct | 34 | pass or correct | $4{ }^{*}$ | to play |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24. 2 NT | 14+ enquiry | 30 | NF (forcing via 2NT) | 4\% | pass or correct |
| 36 | pass or correct | 34 | preemptive raise | 4 | splinter |
| 3 | pass or correct | 3NT | to play | 4N | to play |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% | to play | 34 | forcing: raise with 2+ | 4 | RKCB in D |
| 3 | to play | 3NT | to play |  | to play |
| $3 \checkmark$ | forcing: raise with ${ }^{+}+$ | 4\% | RKCB in C | 4N | to play |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: lowest 2 unbid suits
4th Suit Forcing One round $\square$ Game force $\mathbf{X}$
NT Checkback X Priorities: 1C-1x-1N 2-way checkback, 2C forces 2D, 2D GF
Defence to 3NT opening 4C/4D=both majors longer H/S
Defence to Opening Twos
Multi 2 2NT=15-18 bal, $X=15+$ in 1st seat, 12+ after relay. Leb after $X$
RCO style 2-s VTP doubles with Leb. Suit=very good 6c suit.
Other 2-s Weak 2s dbl=takeout. Acol 2s TWERB
Defence 12: TWERB, suit shows the suit above or 2 below, NT=2 non-touching suits
to
strong $22:$ TWERB, suit shows the suit above or 2 below, $N T=2$ non-touching suits
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Over 1NT Interference system on after 2C, else dbl for takeout (optional on 3-level), Leb. Lebensohl - other uses after opps single raise their suit and we double
Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4ヶ/4 $\quad$ X=takeout
4V X=takeout
4N $X=$ penalty, $4 N T=$ takeout at least 2 suits

## 10. OTHER NOTES

After 1NT: superaccept major with 4 c support - raise with min, bid other with max superaccept minor with Hxx or xxxx by bidding 3 m , else bid suit below
After Puppet Stayman and 3D reply: 4C=both majors slam interest, 4D ditto no slam int. In Minorwood sequence 5m and 4NT are signoffs

After multi 2 interference and opener's dbl showing big hand Lebensohl applies

