## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors Jump raises - Majors
Jump shifts after minor opening
Jump shifts after Major opening
Responses to strong 2 suit open.
Responses to 2NT opening
$0-6$, pre-emptive 0-6 pre-emptive
1* : 2 = raise; 1 : 3\% = D raise; 12: 2v/2 weak

$2: 2$ = waiting or negative; others natural, FG
$3 \boldsymbol{*}=5 \mathrm{CM}$ Stayman; $34=$ minors Stayman; $3 \checkmark / 3 \vee=$ tfrs

## 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS Show priorities

 Versus Suit (or both) Versus NoTrump (if different)Leads Sequences: Overlead All

Four or more with an honour 3rd/Low attitude
From 4 small 3rd vs suit
From 3 cards (no honour) Bottom
2nd highest
Top or Middle
In partner's suit

## Discards

Count Same
Odd/Even; 2nd discard REV ATT
Low-High = Even
Low Encourage; \#\#
reverse count; suit-preference in some contexts
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## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB 0314 4* Gerber $X$ when? If jump agreeing clubs $4 \diamond$ can also be RKCB.
Cue Bids $\mathbf{X}$ Show first or second round control
Asking Bids $\mathbf{X}$ In new suit after RKCB answer, ask for $K$ and $Q$ in asked suit
7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Cue-bids = 1st or 2nd round control After major set, 3NT = pivot for cue-bids We use 5-4-3-2-1 $(A=5 / 10=1)$ to value balanced hands (1NT 22-25, 2NT = 30-33)

Cheapest jump-overcall = next 2 suits Other jump-overcalls = intermediate 2NT jump-overcall $=$ non-touching suits $1 \diamond: 2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ game invite with $4+$ clubs
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NLM $=$ non-leaping Michaels
Banzai count $=5-4-3-2-1$ count

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Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1\% 9+pts, 3+ \% | 1 - $9+\mathrm{pts}, 5+$ s |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1-9+ pts, 3+ * | 1^ 9+pts, 5+ ${ }_{\text {c }}$ |

1NT (14)15-17(18) (we use 22-25 5-4-3-2-1 pts) may contain 5 card Major X
1NT Responses 2\% Extended Stayman; 5-card major inquiry
2 TRF to Vs
24 TRF to es
2v TRF to s
2NT TRF to *s
other $3 * / 3 * / 3 v=$ shortage in $/\langle/ v /$
24. Strong

2 18-20 points balanced (26-29 Banzai Points 5-4-3-2-1 count)
$2-$ weak 2 in hearts
24 weak 2 in spades
2NT (20)21-22(23) [30-33 in Banzai count] 3NT Specific Ace Ask
other

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

1-Major : 2 = Force to Game, artificial Transfer responses at 1-level, including
1-Major : $2=(9) 10-12(13)$ points, artificial DBL and redouble; Leaping Michaels;
1-Major : 2NT $=4+$ trumps, 6 -13 points Non-leaping Michaels; Specific 2-suiters
3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through
5v Jump overcalls 2-suits / interm
Responsive doubles through 50 Unusual NT 2-suiter, non-touching suits
1NT overcall - immediate (14)15-18(19) Immediate cue of minor 2-suiter, next two suits along
1NT overcall - re-opening (10)11-14(15) Immediate cue of Major 2-suiter, next two suits along
Over weak twos $\quad X=$ takeout + Lebensohl $\quad$ Over opening threes $\quad X=$ takeout; 4C/4D $=$ NLM
Over opponent's 1NT
(weak) $2=\leqslant$ or majors or minors; $2 \leqslant$ any 1-suiter except diamonds
$2 \mathrm{~V} / 24=5$-major, $4+$ minor; 2NT = freak 2-suiter (vs strong 1NT) Ditto

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1\% 1 4+凶, can be weak |  | 6-9 points, club raise |  | splinter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-4+ ${ }^{\text {c }}$, can be weak | $2 \downarrow$ | 0-6, 6+ vs |  | splinter |
| 14 4+*, can be weak | 24 | 0-6, 6+ ${ }_{\text {c }}$ |  | splinter |
| 1NT 6-10 | 2NT | 11-12, natural, NF |  | 13-15, natural |
| 2\% 10+, club raise, forcing | 340 | 0-6, club raise | 4\% | pre-emptive |
| other natural |  |  |  |  |
| 1-1 4+ suit, can be weak | $2 \checkmark$ | game-INV, 4+\%, no 4M |  | splinter |
| 14 4+ suit, can be weak | 24 | 0-6, 6+ ${ }_{\text {s }}$ |  | splinter |
| 1NT 6-10 | 2NT | 11-12, natural, NF | 3NT | 13-15, natural |
| 2\% game-forces, 4+ clubs | $3 \%$ | 6-9, raise |  | Pre-emptive |
| 2 10+, raise, forcing | 3 | 0-6, diamond raise |  | Pre-emptive |
| other Natural |  |  |  |  |
| 1-14 4+ 4, can be weak | $2 \downarrow$ | 6-9, 3-4 trumps |  | 4-8, 6+ diamonds |
| 1NT 6-10 | 24 | FG, $5 / 5$ c + * |  |  |
| 2\% 10-13, ART game-try | 2NT | 6-13, 4+ trumps |  | ¢ spl |
| 2 13+, ART game-force | 30 | 4-8, 6+ clubs |  | - spl |
| other and splinter |  |  |  |  |
| 14. 1 NT 6-10 | 24 | 6-9, 3-4 trumps | 34 | FG 5-5 + |
| 2\% 10-13, ART game-try | 2NT | 6-13, 4+ trumps | 34 |  |
| 2 13+, ART game-force | 30 | 4-8, 6+ clubs | 3NT | $\checkmark$ spl |
| 2 5 $+\boldsymbol{\nu}$, game-force | 3 | 4-8, 6+ diamonds | 4\% | splinter |
| other $4 *$ splinter |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT 3\% short in *, FG | 34 | short in 2 , FG | 4 | Transfer to 44 |
| 3) short in $\downarrow$, FG | 3NT | To play |  | To play |
| 3) short in ¢, FG | 4\% | Transfer to 4V | 4. | To play |
| other |  |  |  |  |
| 2\% 2 Negative or waiting | 2NT | 10+ balanced | $3 \checkmark$ | 6+ 1-suiter, little else |
| 2 nat, positive, good suit | $3 \%$ | nat, positive, good suit | 34 | 6+ 1-suiter, little else |
| 2^ nat,positive, good suit | 3 | nat, positive, good suit | 3NT | Not used |
| other |  |  |  |  |
| 2 2 4+ hearts, not forcing | $3 \%$ | Transfer to *s | 34 | + + , slam interest |
| 24. Puppet to 2NT |  | Transfer to vs |  | Sets spades, starts $\mathrm{Cl}_{\ddagger}$ |
| 2NT Transfer to * | 30 | Transfer to |  | Transfer to 4V |
| other $4 \checkmark$ Tfr to 4 4 , $4 \checkmark=5-5$ | $\checkmark+$ | ¢, no slam intent; 4S = 5 | $5 V+$ | 5 slam intent | Notes


| 2V 24 Natural, forcing | 3 | Natural, forcing | 3NT | To play |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT Artificial, inquiry | 30 | Natural, not inviting | 40\% | 2 splinter |
| 3\% Natural, forcing | 34 | ¢ splinter | $4 \checkmark$ | To play |
| other $4 \diamond$ splinter |  |  |  |  |
| 24. 2NT Artificial, inquiry | 30 | Natural, forcing | 40\% | * splinter |
| 3\% Natural, forcing | 34 | Natural, not inviting | 4 | $\checkmark$ splinter |
| 3 Natural, forcing | 3NT | To play | 4N | To play |
| other $4 \diamond$ splinter |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% 5-card major Stayman | 34 | Minor suit Stayman | 4 | 6+», slam-interest |
| 3- Transfer to hearts | 3NT | To play |  | To play |
| 3V Transfer to spades | 4\% | 6+\%, slam-interest | 4N | To play |
| other |  |  |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

## Unusual NT: <br> 4th Suit Forcing

2 non-touching suits One round $\qquad$ Game force X
NT Checkback $\square$ Priorities: $2=$ puppet to $2 *$ = artificial force to game
Defence to 3NT opening $4=$ majors, $\mathrm{vs}=$ or longer; $4=$ majors, s longer
Defence to Opening Twos Usually $\mathrm{X}=$ values; $2 \mathrm{nd} \mathrm{X}=$ takeout; 3rd $\mathrm{X}=$ penalties
Multi $2 \quad \mathrm{X}=5+$ overcall in one major; $2 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ of $\mathrm{Hs} ; 2 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ of spades
RCO style 2-s $\mathrm{X}=$ values; $2 \mathrm{nd} \mathrm{X}=$ takeout; 3 rd $\mathrm{X}=$ penalties
Other 2-s Ditto

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Defence (1&): 1*/1V/14 = natural; X = s; 1NT = odd suits; 2% = 2-suiter, rank
    to 2* = 2-suiter, colour; 2V/2 = good 1-suiter
strong (2&): Same as above, but one level higher
1% / 2%%
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## Over 1NT Interference Rubensoh

Lebensohl - other uses After X of weak twos: Lebensohl
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \psi / 4 \diamond X=T / O$
4V $\mathrm{X} / 4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ 4N X and 4NT = T/O

## 10. OTHER NOTES

Opener's no-trump rebids including jumps are not 18-20 balanced After opener's 1-level rebid, 2NT = puppet to $3 \boldsymbol{e}$ (sign-off or FG with some 5-5 hand) After $1 * / 1 \vee$ and next hand doubles, redouble $=4+$ in next suit

Double by responder at 1-level often $=4+$ in next suit


