

System basics checklist – Australian Bridge Team

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Constructive bidding

- All opening bids and responses.
- Discuss pre-empt style: first seat favourable, second seat nil, vul, third seat deviations.
- Continuations after common system bids:
 - Inverted minors
 - Jacoby 2NT
 - 2X-2NT inquiry
- 2/1 agreements (1M-2X-2M style – does it show 6?, 1♥-2m-2♠ style, 1♦-2♣ structure)
- System after 2NT rebids – check-back systems, setting up slam tries.
- System after 1NT rebids – e.g. two-way check-back, continuations.
- Long/short suit trials?, 1x-1M-2M-2NT system.
- Continuations after a reverse – Blackout? Something else?
- Slam try auctions: Serious/non-serious 3NT? RKC continuations (queen ask, king ask, 6x bids, when is 6x to play?), Exclusion situations responses.

Competitive bidding

- X/1♠ after they overcall 1♥? Transfers after 1M (X)?
- High-level doubles style/philosophy (e.g. after they open 4♠). Doubling a new suit after a takeout double e.g. (1♣) Dbl (1♠) Dbl. Double after a values-showing redouble (1M (Dbl), 1M (2NT) Dbl, others). Forcing pass philosophy.
- 2NT/FSJ in competition, scrambling 2NT situations, Lebensohl style/continuations.
- Good/bad 2NT – do we play it? When? What continuations?
- Support doubles (redoubles), continuations and responses. New suits by responder – forcing or non-forcing? Doubles by both hands after a support double?
- After they interfere over 2♣ opening/Jacoby/inverted/2-over-1 (what are pass/double/bids)
- After they double Stayman/transfers/Puppet/stopper asking cue; after they double our 1NT for penalties – how do we run?
- After they interfere with RKC – below the trump suit, higher.
- Defensive to common bids (1NT, strong 1♣, transfer responses/openings, Multi 2♦, doubling Stayman/transfers/splinters/stopper ask cues/artificial raises e.g. Bergen/Drury).
- Michaels/Unusual 2NT style (different vulnerabilities), continuations (2NT?). Leaping Michaels. Direct/jump cue. (1x)-P-(1y)-2x/2y/2NT.
- After they redouble our takeout double, what is pass? (over (1m) X (XX), (1M) X (XX), higher)

Carding

- Honour leads and style, any difference versus pre-empts/5-level?
- Attitude signals style (is it attitude about the suit or about the hand in general), Smith?
- Suit preference situations and style?
- What card to return after partner leads a suit at suit/NT. Cash-out and unblocking situations.