

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	Preempt
Jump raises - Majors	Preempt
Jump shifts after minor opening	2♥/♠ weak, 3-6 pts, 6 cards, Other minor Inv+ raise
Jump shifts after Major opening	3♣/♦ Bergen, 3♣ weaker. Jump other major 3 card limit raise
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	2♦ positive, 2♥ negative, others semi-positive
Responses to 2NT opening	Simple Stayman, transfers, 3♠ Minors, 4♣/♦ Natural

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
Leads Sequences:	Overlead, A-Attitude K-Count	
Four or more with an honour	4th highest	
From 4 small	2nd highest	
From 3 cards (no honour)	Middle	
In partner's suit	xxX unsupported	
Discards	Low Encourage	
Count	Low-High = Even	
Signal on partner's lead:	Low Encourage	
Signal on declarer's lead:	Reverse count	
Notes		

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RKCB	1430	4♣ Gerber	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asking Bids	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cue Bids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Bergen raises	Jacoby 2NT
XYZ	
Blackout (lower of 4th suit and 2NT is the weak bid after a reverse. Other bids all 8+)	

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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD



ABF Nos.	147680	David Smith
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Basic System: 2/1

Brown Sticker ☐ Classification: Green ☒ Blue ☐ Red ☐ Yellow ☐

1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé ☐

1♣ 11+, 2+♣	1♥ 11+, 5+♥
1♦ 11+, 4+♦	1♠ 11+, 5+♠

1NT 14.5-17 HCP may contain 5 card Major ☒

1NT Responses	2♣ Lavings range and 5/4 major enquiry, always 8+ HCP
2♦ Transfer ♥	2♠ TRF ♣ (2NT superaccept)
2♥ TRF ♠	2NT TRF ♦ (3♣ superaccept)
(Dbl) Same	other 3♣/♦/♥/♠ nat slam try. 4♣/♦ Texas

2♣ 23+ BAL or any game force

2♦ 7-11, both majors. May be 4-4.

2♥ 7-11 5+♥, 4+ minor

2♠ 7-11 5+♠, 4+ minor

2NT 20-22 balanced

3NT Gambling, solid minor, no side A or K

other

2. PRE-ALERTS

XYZ	2NT in competition often 4 card major raise
Bergen raises	Invitational plus

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Doubles	Negative DBL thru	4♥
	Responsive DBL thru	4♥

Jump overcalls Intermediate Unusual NT Lower 2 unbid suits

1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18 BAL (re-opening) 11-14

Immediate cue: (minor) Michaels 5/5 Majors (Major) 5 other Major & 5 minor

Over: Weak Twos 2NT 16-18, T/O X with LEB Opening Threes T/O X

Opponent's transfers X shows suit, taking their trsfr is takeout

Opponent's 1NT 2♣ Majors, 2♦ a long major, 2♥/♠ 5+ that suit and a 4+ minor

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 5+, 4+♦	2♦ Limit raise ♣ or better	3♦ splinter
1♥ 5+, 4+♥	2♥ 3-6, 6+♥	3♥ splinter
1♠ 5+, 4+♠	2♠ 3-6, 6+♠	3♠ splinter
1NT 5-11, natural	2NT 10-12 nat, no major	3NT 13-15 bal, no major
2♣ 5-9, 5♣	3♣ preempt	4♣
other		
1♦ 1♥ 5+, 4+♥	2♥ 3-6, 6+♥	3♥ splinter
1♠ 5+, 4+♠	2♠ 3-6, 6+♠	3♠ splinter
1NT 5-11, natural	2NT 10-12 nat, no major	3NT 13-15 bal, no major
2♣ 12+ GF, 4+♣	3♣ Limit raise ♦ or better	4♣ splinter
2♦ 5-9, 4+♦	3♦ preempt	4♦
other		
1♥ 1♠ 5+, 4+♠	2♥ 5-9 usually 3♥	3♦ Bergen, 10-12, 4+♥
1NT 5-11, natural	2♠ 3 card limit raise in ♥	3♥ 3-6 4+♥
2♣ 12+ GF, 4+♣	2NT GF raise	3♠ splinter
2♦ 12+ GF, 4+♦	3♣ Bergen, 6-9, 4+♥	3NT 12-14 bal 4 card raise
other		
1♠ 1NT 5-11, natural	2♠ 5-9 usually 3♠	3♥ 3 card limit raise in ♠
2♣ 12+ GF, 4+♣	2NT GF raise	3♠ 3-6 4+♠
2♦ 12+ GF, 4+♦	3♣ Bergen, 6-9, 4+♠	3NT 12-14 bal 4 card raise
2♥ 12+ GF, 5+♥	3♦ Bergen, 10-12, 4+♠	4♣ splinter
other	4♦, 4♥ splinter	
1NT 3♣ nat, slam interest	3♠ nat, slam interest	4♦ trans to 4♠; 4NT=KC
3♦ nat, slam interest	3NT to play	4♥ to play
3♥ nat, slam interest	4♣ trans to 4♥; 4NT=KC	4♠ to play
other	2♣ Lavings range and 5/4 major enquiry, always 8+HCP	
2♣ 2♦ Positive A and K or 8+	2NT semi-pos, good 5+♥	3♥ 1/0 loser, 6+♥
2♥ Negative	3♣ semi-pos, good 5+♠	3♠ 1/0 loser, 6+♠
2♠ Semi-positive, 5+♠	3♦ semi-pos, good 5+♦	3NT
other		
2♦ 2♥ To play	3♣ Natural, NF	3♠ Natural, NF
2♠ To play	3♦ Natural, NF	3NT To play
2NT F1 Enquiry	3♥ Natural, NF	4♣
other	After 2NT, 3♣ =44 MM, 3♦ nat, 3♥/♠ longer suit, 3NT 55 MM	

Notes

2♥ 2♠ Natural, NF	3♦ Natural, NF	3NT to play
2NT Enquiry re minor	3♥ Natural, NF	4♣
3♣ Natural, NF	3♠ Natural, NF	4♥ to play
other		
2♠ 2NT Enquiry re minor	3♥ Natural, NF	4♣
3♣ Natural, NF	3♠ Natural, NF	4♥ to play
3♦ Natural, NF	3NT to play	4♠ to play
other		
2NT 3♣ Puppet stayman	3♠ 10+ both minors	4♦ Natural, slam interest
3♦ Transfer to ♥	3NT to play	4♥ to play
3♥ Transfer to ♠	4♣ Natural, slam interest	4♠ to play
other		

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits

4th Suit Forcing One round ☐ Game force ☒

NT Checkback ☒ Priorities: XYZ cheapest major feature first

Defence to 3NT opening All natural

Defence to Opening Twos T/O doubles

Multi 2♦ 123 Doubles (values, T/O, penalty)

RCO style 2-s 123 Doubles (values, T/O, penalty)

Other 2-s

Defence (1♣) X = majors, 1NT = minors

to

strong (2♣) :

1♣ / 2♣

Over 1NT Interference rubinsohl (2NT/3♣/3♦/3♥ transfers to suit above)

Lebensohl - other uses After weak 2's

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ Double T/O

4♥ Double T/O

4♠ Double values

10. OTHER NOTES

1 any (X) system on including after 1NT

1NT (X) XX = bid 2♣, usually single suited minor

1NT (2♣) X = Stayman, all others system on ie transfers etc

1M - 2NT: 3 any= shortness, 3M = 6M, 3NT = 5M decent hand no shortage

4 new suit = good 4+, 4M = flat minimum

2NT in competition often 4 card major raise, invitational plus