

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	Preempt
Jump raises - Majors	Preempt
Jump shifts after minor opening	1♣-2♦/♥=WK TRF, 1♣-2♠=L/R, 1♦-2♥/♠=WK NAT, 1♦-3♣=L/R
Jump shifts after Major opening	Bergen. Into OM = 3 card L/R
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	Not applicable
Responses to 2NT opening	3♣=INQ (then 3♥=no M, 3NT=5♥). 3♦/♥=TRF, 3♠=m suit STAY

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities

	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
Leads Sequences:	Overlead, A-Attitude K-Count	Overlead, A-Attitude K-Count
Four or more with an honour	4th highest	4th highest
From 4 small	2nd highest	2nd highest
From 3 cards (no honour)	Middle	Middle
In partner's suit	As above	As above
Discards	Odd = enc / Even = SP	Odd = enc / Even = SP
Count	Low-High = Even	Low-High = Even
Signal on partner's lead:	REV count (*low ENCRG)	REV count (*low ENCRG)
Signal on declarer's lead:	1.REV count; 2.S/P sometimes; 3.NAT Smith Peters in NT sometimes	
Notes Vs NT, Ace or Queen asks for REV ATT (*low ENCRG), King asks for unblock/REV count		
Vs Suit, Ace or Queen asks for REV ATT (*low ENCRG), King asks for REV count		
In cash out situations, low ENCRG to partner's honour lead/odd ENCRG discard		

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

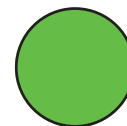
4NT: Blackwood ☒	RKCB 1430	4♣ Gerber ☐ when?
Slam Notes	4m is often Minorwood, D0P1/R0P1 (for numbers) & PEDO	
Cue Bids ☒	1st/2nd round CNTRLs in ascending suit order. 3NT can be trump CUE	
Asking Bids ☐		

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

4SF FG	LEB
Bergen and Jacoby raises	Leaping & Non-leaping Michaels
Drury after 3rd/4th seat M opening	Cue raises
D0P1, R0P1 (for numbers), PEDO	4m often Minorwood
Blackout	123 Xs
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PDF Form Rev. 17I21 by RoL	3rd suit forcing after suit rebid
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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

ABF Nos.	196134	Arjuna de Livera
& Names:	229342	Nicolas Croft
Basic System:	Standard	
Brown Sticker ☐	Classification:	Green ☒ Blue ☐ Red ☐ Yellow ☐

1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape ☐

1♣ 11+, 2+♣	1♥ 11+, 5+♥
1♦ 11+, 4+♦	1♠ 11+, 5+♠
1NT 15-17	may contain 5 card Major ☒

1NT Responses		2♣	Simple Stayman	Smolen
2♦	TRF to ♥ (can be mild S/T)	2♠	TRF to ♣ (3♣ = super accept)	
2♥	TRF to ♠ (can be mild S/T)	2NT	TRF to ♦ (3♦ = super accept)	
other	Super accepts of TRF to M. 3♣/♦/♥/♠ = 6+ card suit S/T			

2♣	Acol 2 any suit or any Game Force or 22+ BAL/semi-BAL	
2♦	0-10 HCP 4+♦ and 4+♠ (1st/2nd)/ Weak 2 (can be 5 NV) (3rd) / Int 2 (11-15ish) (4th)	
2♥	0-10 HCP 4+♥ and 4+♠ (1st/2nd)/ Weak 2 (can be 5 NV) (3rd) / Int 2 (11-15ish) (4th)	
2♠	0-10 HCP 5+♠ and 4+♣ (5+/5+ if min) (1st/2nd)/ Weak 2 (can be 5 NV) (3rd) / Int 2 (11-15ish) (4th)	
2NT	20/21 HCP BAL/semi-BAL	3NT Gambling, no more than a Q outside
other		

2. PRE-ALERTS

TRF responses to 1♣ opening	Bergen raises
2♦/2♥/2♠ openings	

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through	4♥	Jump overcalls	WK
Responsive doubles through	4♥	Unusual NT	Lower 2 unbid suits 5+/5+
1NT overcall - immediate	15-17	Immediate cue of minor	Both M 5+/5+
1NT overcall - re-opening	11-14	Immediate cue of Major	OM+m 5+/5+
Over weak twos	X = T/O	Over opening threes	X = T/O
Over opponent's 1NT	WK NT: X = PEN, 2♣ = Both M, 2♦ = 1M, 2♥/♠ = 5+♥/♠ & 4+ m		
STR NT (ie 14+ HCP):	X = 4M + 5m, else as above		

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 5+ HCP, 4+♥	2♦ 4-7 HCP, 6♥	3♦ FG SPL raise, 5+ *CPs
1♥ 5+ HCP, 4+♠	2♥ 4-7 HCP, 6♠	3♥ FG SPL raise, 5+ *CPs
1♠ 5+ HCP, 4+♦ or BAL	2♠ 10-11 HCP 5+♣ raise	3♠ FG SPL raise, 5+ *CPs
1NT 10-11 HCP NAT	2NT S/T 5+♣ raise	3NT To play
2♣ 5-9 HCP 5+♣ raise	3♣ PRE 5+♣ raise	4♣ Minorwood
other		
1♦ 1♥ 5+ HCP, 4+♥	2♥ 4-7 HCP, 6♥	3♥ FG SPL raise, 5+ *CPs
1♠ 5+ HCP, 4+♠	2♠ 4-7 HCP, 6♠	3♠ FG SPL raise, 5+ *CPs
1NT 6-10 HCP NAT	2NT S/T 4+♦ raise	3NT To play
2♣ NAT,FG unless rebid 3♣	3♣ 10-11 HCP raise	4♣ FG SPL raise, 5+ *CPs
2♦ 5-9 HCP raise	3♦ PRE raise	4♦ Minorwood
other		
1♥ 1♠ 5+ HCP 4+♠	2♥ 6-9 HCP 3 card raise	3♦ 10-12 HCP 4+ card raise
1NT 6-10 HCP NAT	2♠ 10-12 HCP 3 card raise	3♥ PRE raise
2♣ NAT,FG unless rebid 3♣	2NT FG 4+ card raise	3♠ 10-14 HCP SPL raise
2♦ NAT,FG unless rebid 3♦	3♣ 6-9 HCP 4+ card raise	3NT 13-15 HCP likely (4333)
other 1♥ - 4♣/♦ = 10-14 HCP SPL raise		
1♠ 1NT 6-10 HCP NAT	2♠ 6-9 HCP 3 card raise	3♥ 10-12 HCP 3 card raise
2♣ NAT,FG unless rebid 3♣	2NT FG 4+ card raise	3♠ PRE raise
2♦ NAT,FG unless rebid 3♦	3♣ 6-9 HCP 4+ card raise	3NT 13-15 HCP likely (4333)
2♥ NAT,FG unless rebid 3♥	3♦ 10-12 HCP 4+ card raise	4♣ 10-14 HCP SPL raise
other 1♠ - 4♦/♥ = 10-14 HCP SPL raise		
1NT 3♣ 6+♣, S/T(RKCB RESPs)	3♠ 6+♠, S/T(RKCB RESPs)	4♦ TRF to ♠
3♦ 6+♦, S/T(RKCB RESPs)	3NT To play	4♥ To play
3♥ 6+♥, S/T(RKCB RESPs)	4♣ TRF to ♥	4♠ To play
other 4♣/♦ can be definite slam going. TRF to M at 2 level can be mild S/T		
2♣ 2♦ 0/1 controls	2NT 4 controls	3♥ 0-2 cont, 6+ solid ♥
2♥ 2 controls	3♣ 5 controls	3♠ 0-2 cont, 6+ solid ♠
2♠ 3 controls	3♦ 6+ controls	3NT 0/1 cont, 9+ HCP Bal
other 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ = ART FG (then 2♠ = ART 0 controls)		
2♦ 2♥ To play	3♣ To play	3♠ To play
2♠ To play	3♦ To play	3NT To play
2NT INQ	3♥ To play	4♣ To play
other		

Notes * CPs = Control points (4 Aces and K of trumps = 2 CPs each; Q of trumps = 1 CP; Kings outside SPL suit = 1 CP each)

2♥ 2♠ To play	3♦ To play	3NT To play
2NT INQ	3♥ To play	4♣ To play
3♣ To play	3♠ To play	4♥ To play
other		
2♠ 2NT INQ	3♥ To play	4♣ To play
3♣ To play	3♠ To play	4♥ To play
3♦ To play	3NT To play	4♠ To play
other		
2NT 3♣ INQ (3NT RESP = 5♥)	3♠ m suit STAY	4♦ NAT Minorwood RESPs
3♦ TRF to ♥	3NT To play	4♥ NAT, to play
3♥ TRF to ♠	4♣ NAT Minorwood RESPs	4♠ NAT, to play
other TRF to M and raise = mild slam interest		

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT:	Lower 2 unbid suits	Wk or very Str
4th Suit Forcing	One round ☐	Game force ☒
NT Checkback ☒	Priorities: 2♣ PUP to ♦ or INV; 2♦ FG; 2NT PUP to 3♣ or INV	
Defence to 3NT opening	123 Xs, 4♣/♦ = Both Ms	
Defence to Opening Twos	X for takeout	
Multi 2♦	123 Xs, 2NT and suits NAT	
RCO style 2-s	123 Xs, 2NT and suits NAT	
Other 2-s	X = T/O, 2NT and suits NAT	
Defence	1♣ : X = Ms, 1NT = ms, jumps = WK, NAT	
to		
strong	2♣ : X = Ms, 2NT = ms, jumps = WK, NAT	
1♣ / 2♣		

Over 1NT Interference	Lebensohl
Lebensohl - other uses	After T/O Xs of OPPTs weak 2s
Take out of 4 level pre-empts	4♣/4♦ X
4♥ X	4♠ 4NT (X = cards)

10. OTHER NOTES

Invisible CUEs - an eg is 1♥ - (2NT) - 3♣ = L/R in ♥
- 3♦ = 5+♠, NF
- 3♥ = less than L/R in ♥
- 3♠ = 5+♠, FG
1M - 1NT - 2NT = artificial FG
Mini-splinters by opener require 5+ *CPs. Some responses by opener to Jacoby raises of M require 5+ *CPs, and to Jacoby raises of m require 4+ CPs