

## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	Pre-empt
Jump raises - Majors	Pre-empt
Jump shifts after minor opening	1♣-2♦ 7-10 5+♣; 2M 4-7HCP 6+ suit; 3 level SPL; 1♦-3♣ 7-10 5+♦
Jump shifts after Major opening	Other M = 3 card limit raise; 3 level Bergen raises with 4 cd supp
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	2♦ weak or waiting; other = good suit and constructive
Responses to 2NT opening	Puppet Stayman and transfers

## 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities

	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
<b>Leads</b> Sequences:	Overlead, A or Q-ATT, 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	as above	
<b>Discards</b>	Low Encourage	
<b>Count</b>	High-Low = Even	
<b>Signal</b> on partner's lead:	Low Encourage	
<b>Signal</b> on declarer's lead:	NAT count	
<b>Notes</b>	Overlead partner's suit but lead of the K still asks for count (so could have the Ace)	

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RKCB 1430	4♣ Gerber <input type="checkbox"/> when?
<b>Slam Notes</b>	Queen ask after 5m response; return to trump suit without Q	
Cue Bids <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	First and second indiscriminately	
Asking Bids <input type="checkbox"/>	where obvious	

## 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Jacoby	Lebensohl
Puppet Stayman over strong 2NT	Support X/XX
mini splinters	cue raise with values (2NT 4 cd M raise)
Long suit trials	Sandwich 1NT
Blackout	4NT opening: specific Ace ask

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System on over penalty X of our 1NT except XX suggests

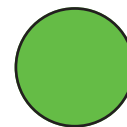
a minor escape

Leaping Michaels

2♦: 4♣ = bid suit below your major



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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

ABF Nos.	61395	Judith Tobin
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Basic System:	Standard	
Brown Sticker <input type="checkbox"/>	Classification:	Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/>

## 1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape

1♣ (10) 11+ HCP 3+	1♥ (10) 11+ HCP 5+
1♦ (10) 11+ HCP 3+	1♠ (10) 11+ HCP 5+
1NT 14-17 HCP	may contain 5 card Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>1NT Responses</b>	2♣ Lavings
2♦ TRF to ♥	2nd suit = nat
2♥ TRF to ♠	2nd suit = nat
2♠ TRF to ♣	2nd suit = nat
2NT TRF to ♦	2nd suit = nat
other	

2♣ 23+ HCP or GF	
2♦ <11 HCP 6+ ♥ or ♠	
2♥ <11 HCP 5+ ♥+ 4+ minor	
2♠ <11 HCP 5+ ♠+ 4+ minor	
2NT 20-22 HCP	3NT Long running minor
other	

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

Support X/XX Bergen raises	
Good Bad 2NT in competition	2♣ over Oppt 1NT overcall of our 1 minor
Mini splinters	opening = both majors (4+/4+)

## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through	4♥	Jump overcalls	WK
Responsive doubles through	4♥	Unusual NT	Lower unbid suits any range
1NT overcall - immediate	15-18 HCP	Immediate cue of minor	Both Ms 5+/5+ any range
1NT overcall - re-opening	11-14 HCP (syst on)	Immediate cue of Major	5+/5+OM +1m any range
Over weak twos	X T/O + LEB; 2NT:15-18HCP	Over opening threes	X for T/O + Non-leaping Michaels
Over opponent's 1NT	DBL penalties (1/2/3 doubles)		
2♣=Ms; 2♦ 6 card M, 2♥=♥ and ♣ or ♦ (5+/4+); 2♠=♠ and ♣ or ♦ (5+/4+), 2NT= minors			

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 5+ HCP 4+♦	2♦ 7-10 5+♣	3♦ SPL 10-14 HCP
1♥ 5+ HCP 4+♥	2♥ 6+♥, 4-7 HCP+ Ogust	3♥ SPL 10-14 HCP
1♠ 5+ HCP 4+♠	2♠ 6+♠, 4-7 HCP+ Ogust	3♠ SPL 10-14 HCP
1NT 6-10 HCP	2NT 11-12 HCP no 4 M	3NT 13-15 HCP BAL no 4 M
2♣ 11+ 5+♣ (not bal)	3♣ PRE, max 7 HCP, 5+♣	4♣ PRE
other 4♦ Void SPL		
1♦ 1♥ 5+ HCP 4+♥	2♥ 6+♥, 4-7 HCP+ Ogust	3♥ SPL 10-14 HCP
1♠ 5+ HCP 4+♠	2♠ 6+♠, 4-7 HCP+ Ogust	3♠ SPL 10-14 HCP
1NT 6-10 HCP	2NT 11-12 HCP no 4 M	3NT 13-15 HCP no 4 M
2♣ 10+ HCP 3+♣	3♣ 7-10 (4) 5+♦	4♣ SPL 10-14 HCP
2♦ 11+HCP (4)5+♦ not bal	3♦ PRE, max 7 HCP, 5+♦	4♦ PRE
other		
1♥ 1♠ 5+ HCP 4+♠	2♥ 5+ HCP 3♥	3♦ 6-9 HCP 4+♥
1NT 6-10 HCP	2♠ 3 card limit raise	3♥ PRE 4+♥
2♣ 10+ HCP natural	2NT GF raise, 4+ SUPP	3♠ SPL 9-12 HCP
2♦ 10+ HCP natural	3♣ 10-11 HCP 4+♥	3NT 12-15 HCP BAL 3♥
other 4♣ and 4♦ SPL 9-12 HCP		
1♠ 1NT 6-10 HCP	2♠ 5+ HCP 3♠	3♥ 3 card limit raise
2♣ 10+ HCP natural	2NT GF raise, 4+ SUPP	3♠ PRE 4+♠
2♦ 10+ HCP natural	3♣ 10-11 HCP 4+♠	3NT 12-15 HCP BAL 3♠
2♥ 10+ HCP natural 5+♥	3♦ 6-9 HCP 4+♠	4♣ SPL 9-12 HCP
other 4♦ and 4♥ SPL 9-12 HCP		
1NT 3♣ Minors 5/5 INV	3♠ sing ♠ in 31(54) GF	4♦ NAT GF
3♦ Minors 5/5 GF	3NT to play	4♥ to play
3♥ sing ♥ in 31(54) GF	4♣ NAT GF	4♠ to play
other		
2♣ 2♦ weak or waiting	2NT constructive	3♥ solid 6+ suit
2♥ constructive	3♣ constructive	3♠ solid 6+ suit
2♠ constructive	3♦ constructive	3NT solid 6+ minor
other 2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠: Kokish		
2♦ 2♥ P/C	3♣ NAT, INV	3♠ P/C
2♠ P/C (shows better ♥)	3♦ NAT, INV	3NT to play
2NT STR enquiry (Ogust resp)	3♥ P/C	4♣ bid step below yr suit
other 4M to play		

**Notes** \* After 1M-2NT: 3Y singleton/void; 3M non min 6+ suit, asks for cues;

3NT non min with 5 card suit; 4Y 5 cd suit

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2♥ 2♠ to play	3♦ P/C	3NT to play
2NT STR enquiry	3♥ to play	4♣ P/C
3♣ P/C	3♠	4♥ to play
other 4♦ P/C, 4♠ to play		
2♠ 2NT STR enquiry	3♥ to play	4♣ P/C
3♣ P/C	3♠ to play	4♥ to play
3♦ P/C	3NT to play	4♠ to play
other		
2NT 3♣ Puppet Stayman	3♠ 5 ♠ and 4 ♥	4♦ Natural GF
3♦ Tfr to ♥	3NT to play	4♥ to play
3♥ Tfr to ♠	4♣ Natural GF	4♠ to play
other		

## 9. CONVENTIONS

**Unusual NT:** Lower unbid suits

**4th Suit Forcing** One round  Game force

**NT Checkback**  Priorities: 2-way checkback; over 2♣ responder must bid 2♦

**Defence to 3NT opening** DBL= values, 4♣ T/O better ♥, 4♦ T/O better ♠

**Defence to Opening Twos** 1, 2, 3 doubles; NAT overcalls

Multi 2♦ 1, 2, 3 doubles; 2NT= 15-18 BAL (Puppet Stayman applies)

RCO style 2-s 1, 2, 3 doubles

Other 2-s X= 15+, 1,2, 3 doubles: NAT overcalls

**Defence** 1♣ : DBL= Ms; 1♦= minors, 1NT: odd suits; 1M or 2m NAT, 2M WJO

**to** (1♣) - P - (1♦) - DBL= majors; 1NT= minors

**strong** 2♣ : DBL= Ms; 2♦= minors, 2M or 3m NAT

♣

**Over 1NT Interference** Lebensohl

**Lebensohl - other uses** over weak 2s

**Take out of 4 level pre-empts** 4♣/4♦ X

4♥ X 4♠ 4NT

## 10. OTHER NOTES

1x - 1M - 2M - 2NT asks about the raise which may be 3 card:

3♣ = 3 card raise and min; 3♦ = 3 card max; 3♥ = 4 card min; 3♠ = 4 card max

1-2-3 style after pen DBL of 1NT or T/O DBL of weak twos

Over opponent's 1NT overcall of our 1 of a minor openings: < approx 10 HCP - 2♣: both majors

2♣: invitational checkback 2♦: game forcing checkback