## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

## Jump raises - minors mixed raise

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Jump shifts after minor opening $1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{M} 6+\mathrm{M}$ INV, 1D-3C 6+C INV. Fit-showing if passed hand Jump shifts after Major opening 3C=3-card IM NV, 3D=4-card M INV. Jump oM natural INV
Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2D negative/waiting, others NAT
Responses to 2NT opening
muppet stayman, transfers, 3 S minors, 4 C to 4 S 2-under TRF

|  | 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS | ONS Show priorities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Versus Suit (or both) | Versus NoTrump (if different) |
| Leads Sequences: | overlead* (see notes below) | same, underlead for unblock |
| Four or more with an honour | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ from even, low from odd | $4^{\text {th }}$ |
| From 4 small | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ from even, low from odd | $2^{\text {nd }}$ (occasionally $1^{\text {st }}$ ) |
| From 3 cards (no honour) | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ from even, low from odd | $2^{\text {nd }}$ (occasionally $1^{\text {st }}$ ) |
| In partner's suit | can be ATT if supported, also -ì | $3^{\text {rd }}$ from $x x x$ if not supported |
| Discards | low enc, suit pref, reverse count | same |
| Count | reverse | same |
| Signal on partner's lead: | low enc |  |

Signal on partner's lead: low enc
Signal on declarer's lead: suit pref/smith or reverse count
Notes ATT situations = trick 1 and 1st discard. K from AK if about to switch to a singleton.
$K$ for count from AK if at 5 -level or declarer opened a preempt. Q can be from AKQ vs NT: leader lo-hi to enc the lead, their partner hi-lo to enc the lead or SP if ATT known

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood
RKCB 1430
4\% Gerber $\square$ when?
Slam Notes In many M-fit auctions, 3S nonserious in $\vee$, 3NT nonserious in
Cue Bids $\square$ $1{ }^{\text {st/ }} / 2^{\text {nd }}$ together Asking Bids $\square$

## 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

2C Drury by passed hand
Transfers starting at 1NT over 1M (X)
1NT 2C 2M 3oM slam try with some shortaf 1NT 2C 2M 4C BAL slam try
Kokish with transfer rebids after 2C-2D PDF Form Rev. 17K21 by RoL
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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

\& Names: 807435 James COUTTS
Basic System: 2/1 with transfer responses to 12
Brown Sticker $\square$ Classification: Green $\mathbf{X}$ Blue $\square$ Red $\square$ Yellow

## 1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning
Canape
1\% $2+$, transfer responses, normally $10+1 \smile 5+\boldsymbol{*}$ (maybe 4 in $3^{\text {rd }}$ ), normally $10+$
1 4+ , normally $10+$
14 5+4 (maybe 4 in $3^{\text {rd }}$ ), normally 10+

1NT (13)14-16 1st seat favourable, others (14)15-17 may contain 5 card Major $\mathbf{X}$

## 1NT Responses $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ simple stayman

2. TRF to $\downarrow$
3. range ask or
2v TRF to
2NT asks for 5M
other $3 \mathrm{C}=\star, 3 \mathrm{D}=$ minors $\mathrm{GF}, 3 \mathrm{H}=31(54), 3 \mathrm{~S}=13(54), 4 \mathrm{C}=\boldsymbol{}$, $4 \mathrm{D}=$
2\% GF or $22+B A L$
2-4ゅ, 5+『, 10-15
2 weak $2,5-6 \mathrm{~V}$ - vul dependent. Very weak $1^{\text {st }}$ favourable
24 weak 2, 5-6 - vul dependent. Very weak $1^{\text {st }}$ favourable 2NT (19)20-21 (more 19s 1st favourable) 3NT 5s 6v ~8-12 other
4. PRE-ALERTS

1st seat favourable: lighter than you expect
Flannery
Transfers over 1C and after 1C (1D)
Points are a guideline, judgement can be -ı̀ <-- used in all situations

## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through all Jump overcalls weak (except 3C over $1 \mathrm{M}=50 \mathrm{M}+5 \mathrm{D}$ )
Responsive doubles through all Unusual NT LUBS $5 / 5+$, strength is vul dependent
1NT overcall - immediate 15-18 Immediate cue of minor majors $5 / 5+$, vul dependent
1 NT overcall - re-opening 13-16 Immediate cue of Major $50 \mathrm{M}+5 \mathrm{C}$, vul dependent
Over weak twos Ghestem
Over opening threes Michaels
Over opponent's 1 NT direct: $X=P E N, 2 C=M M, 2 D=o n e M, 2 M=5 M 4+m, 2 N T=$ weak/strong,
$3 C=\diamond$ strong, $3 \mathrm{D}=\diamond$ weak, $4 \mathrm{C}=$ extreme majors
Balancing and passed hand vs str $N T$ : $X=$ one $m$ or $M M, 2 C=+M, 2 D=+M, 2 M=N A T$

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1\% 1 - 4+ 0+ | 2 5 5 , 4+■, ~3-8 | 3) PRE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - $4+0+$ | 2 - 6+ ${ }^{\text {- }}$ (8)9-11 | 34 PRE |
| 14 see 'other' below | 24. 6+ (8)9-11 | 34 PRE |
| 1NT 11-12 can have 4M | 2NT weak raise to 3s | 3NT to play |
| 24.5+20+ | 3\% 5+2 ~6-9 | 4\% PRE |

other 1C-1S: $\downarrow$ GF, 5-10 BAL no major, to play in a minor, or to play 3NT from other sid

| $1-1 v$ | NAT | $2 \vee$ | 6+ツ (8)9-11 | 34 | PRE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | NAT | 24 | 6+4 (8)9-11 | 34 | PRE |
| 1NT | NF up to 11 | 2NT | NAT INV | 3NT | ~12-14 usually 3334 |
| $2 \%$ | GF $2+$ | 30 | 6+\% (8)9-11 | $4 \%$ |  |
| 2 | 4+ 10+ | 3 | $4+\checkmark 6-9$ | 4 | PRE |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1411 | usually 5+ NAT | 2 | $\sim 7-10$ constructive | 3 | 4V INV |
| 1NT | see 'other' below | 24 | 6+ INV |  | mixed raise |
| $2 \%$ | GF $2+8$ | 2NT | $4+\bullet$ GF | 34 | $\wedge$ SPL |
| 2 | GF 5+ | 30 | $3 \checkmark$ INV | 3NT | - SPL |


| 14 1NT see 'other' below | 2^ ~7-10 constructive | $3 \vee 6+\cup$ INV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 GF $2+$ + | 2NT 4+ GF | 3^ mixed raise |
| 2 GF 5+ | 3\% 31 INV | 3NT $\downarrow$ SPL |
| 2 GF 5+V | 3-4, INV | 4\% SPL |


| 1NT 3\% | TRF to | 3^ | 13(54) | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | minors GF |  | to play | $4 \cdot$ |
| 30 | 31(54) | 4\% | TRF to $v$ | 41 |


| 2*2 negative or waiting | 2NT |  | 30 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2 \downarrow$ NAT good suit | 34 | NAT good suit | 34 |  |
| 24. NAT good suit | 3 | NAT good suit | 3NT |  |
| other 2C-2D-3M $=4 \mathrm{M}, 5+$ |  |  |  |  |
| 2 to play | 3\% | NAT NF | 34 | NAT INV |
| 2A to play |  | NAT INV |  | to play |
| 2NT GF ENQ | 30 | NAT INV | $4 \%$ | $\checkmark$ slam try, short |
| other 4D slam try, short ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |

Notes No fast arrival in 2/1 auctions - jump to 3NT shows $\sim 15-17$ not suitable for 1NT After reverse: cheapest of 4th suit/NT/impossible suit asks opener to bid 1st step with min

| 2V 2A ENQ* see note | 3 NAT (NF if favourable) | 3NT to play |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT forcing, $5+$ ¢* see note | 3 to play | 4\% mini KC (01122) |
| $3 \%$ NAT (NF if favourable) | 3 A | $4 \checkmark$ |
| other If we are 1st favourable, | 2 S is NAT NF and 2NT is O | gust |
| 24 2NT ENQ | 34 | 4\% mini KC (01122) |
| 3\% $V$ | 34 to play | 4 |
| 3- NAT (NF if favourable) | 3NT to play | 4. |
| other |  |  |
| 2NT 3\%\% muppet stayman | 34 minors GF | 4 - |
| 3) TRF to $\downarrow$ | 3NT to play | $4 \times$ |
| 3 TRF to | 4\% $V$ | 4* |
| other |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: LUBS 5/5+, strength depends on vulnerability
4th Suit Forcing One round $\square$ Game force $\square$

NT Checkback $\quad \square$ Priorities: 2C-->2D to play or INV, others transfers (not 2way CB)
Defence to 3NT opening

## Defence to Opening Twos

Multi $2 \quad X$ values, Leaping Michaels (major ambiguous)
RCO style 2-s
Other 2-s
Defence (1玉) : X majors, NT minors
to
strong (2s) :
1\%/2\%
Over 1NT Interference transfer Lebensohl
Lebensohl - other uses (2x)X (pass/bid); (1NT) X (pass/bid)
Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4\%/4 4

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## 10. OTHER NOTES

2NT in comp is rarely NAT
Jump to 3 M in comp is often a mixed raise if we don't have another mixed raise available After 2M-next step ENQ: steps are min unbal, max unbal, max bal, min bal
After 1st favourable 2M opening: 2NT Ogust
Jumping in 4th suit shows 5-5 INV
Trial bids after 1M-2M are long suit, including after overcall
DOPE if they interfere above our trump suit, DOPI below

