AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE 4. BASIC RESPONSES FEDERATION LTD. Jump raises - minors Weak with inverted minors STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Jump raises - Majors Weak with Bergen raises (3C 6-9, 3D 10-11) ABF Nos. Arlene Dalley 2M = 3-7 HCP, 6+ card suit Jump shifts after minor opening & Names: Michael Courtney Bergen 4+ card support, 3C 6-9, 3D 10-11 Jump shifts after Major opening Basic System: 2 OVER 1 GF, Transfers after 1C opening bids; Natural Signals Natural, 2D weak or waiting, 2C 2D 2H Kokish (24+ if bal) Responses to strong 2 suit open. Classification: Green X Red Brown Sticker Blue Yellow Puppet Stayman, 3S = minors Responses to 2NT opening 1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS 1 2+ clubs + transfers 1 5+ hearts Versus Suit Versus **NoTrump** (if different) (or both) Show priorities 1♦ 5+ diamonds (unless 4-4-4-1 clubs) 5+ spades Sequences: Top Leads **1NT** 14/15-17 HCP may contain 5 card Major 4th highest Four or more with an honour 1NT Responses 2 Stayman (or invite) 2nd highest From 4 small 2♠ Clubs 2♦ Hearts Αt From 3 cards (no honour) 2♥ Spades 2NT Diamonds Attitude (unless supported) In partner's suit (Dbl) XX = 1 suited, Bid = lower of 2 suits other 1st: low = like, other = SP **Discards** High low = even 24 22+ balanced or GF any (Kokish) Count High = encouraging (nat count) Weak. 6 card suit **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: If used: natural count 2♥ Weak, 6 card suit 2♠ Weak, 6 card suit Notes Suit preference 2NT 20-21 HCP bal/semi bal **3NT** Gambling (no A/K outside) other 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 4. Gerber 2. PRE-ALERTS Transfer responses to 1C opening bids RKCB 03/14 3NT = serious slam try 4NT: Blackwood Inverted minors: GF Cue Bids X 3 Asking Bids Light pre-empts at favourable vul 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Doubles Support X and XX Negative DBL thru 4S 2-way checkback (after opener's 1NT rebid) Support X and XX Responsive DBL thru **4S** Unusual NT Lower 2 unbid suits Drury (passed hand) XYZJump overcalls Weak Blackout (after reverse) (re-opening) 14-16 1NT overcall: (immediate) 15+ - 18-Fourth suit game forcing 1m - (1NT) - 2C = Majors Immediate cue: (minor) Both Majors (Major) Other Major + clubs ** (below) Opening Threes X, non Leaping MCB Over: Weak Twos X, Leaping MCB, Leb Opponent's transfers Double = takeout of suit shown www.abf.com.au Opponent's 1NT X = good hand, 2C = both Majors PDF Form Rev. 21E29 by RoL MyRev. May2024 Copyright © ABF 2021 ** (1M) - 3C = other Major + diamonds

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1♦	4+ hearts	2	3-7, 5 spades/4+hearts	3			
1 💙	4+ spades	2	3-7 6 hearts	3			
1♠	no M or GF 5+ diamo	2	3-7 6 spades	3 ^			
1NT	11-12 bal NF	2NT	Nat, GF	3NT	To play		
2♣	clubs, GF	3 -	6-9 raise		Preemptive		
other							
1♦ 1♥	4+ hearts	2	3-7 6 hearts	3 💙			
1♠	4+ spades	2	3-7 6 spades	3			
1NT	to 11 HCP, NF	2NT	Nat, GF	3NT	To play		
2♣	GF	3 -		4 ♣			
2	diamonds, GF	3	6-9 diamonds	4	Preemptive		
other							
1♥ 1♠	4+ spades	2	6/7 - 10-	3 🄷	10-11 4+ hearts		
1NT	to 11 HCP, SF	2	3 card LR	3	0-6 4+ hearts		
2♣	GF	2NT	J2NT, GF, 4+ hearts	3 ^	splinter		
2	GF	3 -	6-9 4+ hearts	3NT			
other	4C/D splinter						
1 ♠ 1NT	to 11 HCP, SF	2	6/7 - 10-	3 V	3 c		
2♣	GF	2NT	J2NT, GF, 4+ spades	3 ♠	0-6 4+ spades		
2	GF	3 -	6-9 4+ spades	3NT			
2	GF	3◆	10-11 4+ spades	4	splinter		
other	4D/4H splinter	3H	3 card LR				
1NT 3♣	Puppet Stayman	3	GF 1-3 (5-4)	4	Spades (? RKCB)		
3◆	GF both minors	3NT	To play	4	To play		
3♥	GF 3-1 (5-4)	4 ♣	Hearts (? RKCB)	4	To play		
other							
2♣ 2♦	Weak or waiting	2NT		3			
2		3 -		3 ^			
2♠		3		3NT			
other	2C 2D 2H Kokish						
2♦ 2♥	NF	3♣	NF	3♠	Nat, forcing		
	NF		Preemptive		To play		
2NT	Feature ask **	3 Y	Nat, forcing	4			
other	** 3-evel = A/K		-				

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2♥ 2♠	NF	3◆	NF	3NT	To play				
2NT	Feature ask **	3 Y	Preemptive	4					
3♣	NF	3 ♠	GF	4					
other	** 3-level = A/K, 4-level = shortage								
2 ♠ 2NT	Feature ask **	3 Y	GF	4					
3♣	NF	3 ^	Preemptive	4					
3◆			To play	4					
other	** 3-level = A/K, 4-level = shortage								
2NT 3♣	Puppet Stayman	3 ^	both minors	4	Spades				
3◆	Hearts	3NT	To play	4	Clubs (slam int+)				
3 Y	Spades	4 ♣	Hearts	4	Diamonds (slam int+)				
other									
9. C	ONVENTIONS	_							
Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits									
4th Suit Forcing One round Game force X									
	kback X Priorities: 2 \	vav d	checkback, XYZ						
	to 3NT opening								
Defence to Opening Twos X X X 1st X = 13-15 bal or strong									
Multi 2 X X X									
Width 2									
RCO style 2-s XXX									
Other 2-s		_							
Defence (1♣) : X = Majors, 1NT = minors									
to									
_	(2♣):								
1 % / 2 %	Both Majors (even if 1	C = 1	2+ cards)						
Over 1NT Interference Lebensohl, X = t/out									
Lebensohl - other uses									
	t of 4 level pre-empts 4								
4 ♥ X			4♠ X = value	S					
	OTHER NOTES	•							
1M - J2NT: 3-level = shortage, then next suit asks: 1 Good, 2 Void min. 3 Void interm.									
4 Void max. and 3NT = serious. Then cues.									
4 VOIU I	nax. and SNT - Serious	o. 111	en dues.						
1NT (X)	INT (X): 2C = clubs + higher, 2D = diamonds + major, 2H = majors, 2S = constructive,								

3-evel = preemptive. Pass = happy. XX = forces 2C, single-suiter