### 4. BASIC RESPONSES Jump raises - minors mixed, 6-10 TP Jump raises - Majors mixed, 6-10 TP invitational, forcing after an overcall Jump shifts after minor opening invitational, forcing after an overcall Jump shifts after Major opening Responses to strong 2 suit open. Responses to 2NT opening natural, 3♥/♠ could be notrump probes 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS **Show priorities** Versus Suit (or both) Versus **NoTrump** (if different) Q/J/T/9 = 0 or 2 higher same, plus K = AKJx or KQTx**Leads** Sequences: 3rds & 5ths 3rds & 5ths, not strict Four or more with an honour From 4 small 2nd highest bottom top From 3 cards (no honour) In partner's suit reverse count, or low encourage **Discards** Count reverse present Signal on partner's lead: low encourage, some count reverse count, some reverse Smith Peters **Signal** on declarer's lead: Notes 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 44 Gerber **4NT:** Blackwood **X** RKCB 1430 Asking Bids X Cue Bids denial cues 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Relays over all openings Most other responses non-forcing www.abf.com.au PDF Form Rev. 21E29 by RoL MyRev. Copyright © ABF 2021



# **AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE**



STANDARD S	131LW CARD			
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Basic System: 1♣ 16+, 1♦ opening = 4+♠ (P	recision-style in 3rd/4th seats)			
Brown Sticker Classification: Green	Blue Red X Yellow			
1. OPENING BIDS Describe streng	gth, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé			
1♣ 16+ pts, any shape	1♥ 4+♥, 11-15, not 4♠ (in 1st/2nd)			
1♦ 4+♠, 10-15, not 4♥ (2+♦ in 3rd/4th)	1♠ Majors (4+4+) 11-15 (natural in 3rd/4th)			
<b>1NT</b> 12-15 no 4cM, could have a stiff major (	14-16 in 3rd/4th) may contain 5 card Major			
1NT Responses 2♣ 13+ shape-ask (Stayman	after 3rd/4th seat 1NT)			
2♦ transfer, 5+♥	2♠ usually a raise to 2NT			
2♥ transfer, 5+♠	2NT minors (4+ 4+)			
(Dbl) system on if non-penalty	other 3♣/♦ to play, 3♥/♠ shortage			
2♣ 6+♣ or 4-5 minors, no major, 10-14 pts				
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<b>2NT</b> 5-5 minors, 10-14 pts	3NT gambling			
other				
2. PRE-ALERTS				
1♦ = 4+♠, not 4♥, could be canapé	1♦/♥/♠ are natural in 3rd/4th			
1♥ = 4+♥, not 4♠, could be canapé	Responses in a major denied by opener			
1♠ = Majors (4+ 4+)	are occasionally made on shortage			
3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCAL	LS			
Doubles	Negative DBL thru 4♥			
	Responsive DBL thru 4♠			
Jump overcalls weak	Unusual NT lower unbid (over 3+ suits)			
1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18	(re-opening) 11-14			
Immediate cue: (minor) majors vs 3+; natural vs fe	wer (Major) Michaels			
Over: Weak Twos X tko with 2NT Leb Op	pening Threes			
Opponent's transfers X = tko of shown suit; cue =	natural at 1-level, Michaels at 2-level			
Opponent's 1NT ASPRO: 2♣ = hearts & anothe	r, 2♦ = spades & a minor			

#### 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1♦	0-7(8) pts, any shape	2	8+ bal, no 4-cd Maj	3	3-3-1-6	
1♥	4+♠, 8+ pts	2	3-suiter, short major	3 <b>Y</b>	2-3-1-7	
1♠	4+♥, 8+ pts	2♠	6+♣, 8+ pts	3 <b>♠</b>	3-2-1-7	
1NT	4+♦, 8+ pts	2NT	6+♣, 0-1♥	3NT	3-3-0-7	
2♣	8+ bal with a 4-cd Maj	3 <b>-</b>	6+♣, no singleton	4 <b>♣</b>	3-3-0-7, max	
other						
1♦ 1♥	10-12 any; or LESS *	2	5+♥, 0-10 pts **	3	6+♥, invitational	
1♠	shape-ask, 13+ any	2♠	raise, 6-10 TP	3 <b>♠</b>	mixed raise, 6-10 TP	
1NT	6-10, may have 4+♥	2NT	limit+ raise	3NT	to play, semi-gambling	
2♣	5+♣, 0-10 pts	3 <b>-</b>	6+♣, invitational	4 <b>♣</b>	fit-showing	
2	5+♦, 0-10 pts	3◆	6+♦, invitational	4	fit-showing	
other	4♠ wide-range					
1♥ 1♠	shape-ask, 11+ any	2	raise, 6-10 TP	3	6+♦, invitational	
1NT	6-10, may have 4+♠	2	6+♠, 6-10 pts **	3	mixed raise, 6-10 TP	
2♣	5+♣, 0-10 pts	2NT	limit+ raise	3	pre-emptive	
2	5+♦, 0-10 pts	3	6+♣, invitational	3NT	to play, semi-gambling	
other	4♥ wide-range; 4♣/♦ fit	-sho	wing			
1 <b>♠</b> 1NT	6-10, semi-forcing	2	raise, 6-10 TP	3	mixed raise, 6-10 TP	
2♣	shape-ask, 11+ any	2NT	limit+ heart raise	3 <b>♠</b>	mixed raise, 6-10 TP	
2	5+♦, 0-10 pts	3♣	6+♣, invitational	3NT	to play	
2	raise, 5-9 TP	3◆	6+♦, invitational	4 <b>♣</b>	spade fit plus clubs	
other	4♥/♠ wide-range					
1NT 3♣	to play	3♠	shortage	4	6+♠	
3◆	to play	3NT		<b>4</b>		
3♥	shortage	4	6+♥	4		
other	X = penalty					
2♣ 2♦	shape-ask, 13+ any	2NT	11-13	3	6+♥, invitational	
2	5+♥, constructive **	3 <b>-</b>	constructive, 8-12 TP	3	6+♠, invitational	
2🌧	5+♠, constructive **	3	6+♦, invitational	3NT		
_	X = penalty					
2♦ 2♥	shape-ask, 13+ any	3♣	5+♣, invitational	3	6+♠, invitational	
	5+♠, constructive **	3	constructive, 8-12 TP	3NT		
_	11-13	3	6+♥, invitational	4		
other				•		
Notes						

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2NT	5+♠, constructive ** strong enquiry 5+♠, constructive	3♥	5+♦, constructive to play 5+♠, forcing	3NT 4♣ 4♥	fit-showing
3 <b>-</b>	strong enquiry 5+♣, constructive 5+♠, constructive		5+♥, constructive ** to play		fit-showing to play **
3◆	to play to play could be a stopper	3NT	could be a stopper invite	4 <b>*</b>	invite to play ** to play **

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT:	lower suits where opponents have not shown 3+ cards				
4th Suit Forc	ing One round X	Game force			
NT Checkbac	ck				
Defence to 3I	NT opening ASPRO: 4♣ = hearts & another, 4♦ = spades & a	minor			
Defence to Opening Twos					
Multi 2◆	X = tko of spades, 2♥ = tko of hearts				
RCO style 2-s	X = length in their bid suit plus its companion				
Other 2-s	X = tko of any weak 1-suited option				
Defence (1	♣) : X = hearts & another, 1♦ = spades & a minor, 1NT = minors	6			
to					
strong (2	♣) : ASPRO as above				
14/24					

# Over 1NT Interference suit transfers after 2♥/♠ overcall, 2NT = natural

Lebensohl - other uses some Rubensohl

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ X

4**♥** X

# 10. OTHER NOTES

- \* 1♦ 1♥ = 10-12 any; OR weaker hands unsuited to other actions
- \*\* When NOT vulnerable, responses in a major denied by opener are occasionally made with shortage in the bid suit.

4♠ X