

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors 1♦-3♦=To play

Jump raises - Majors PRE

Jump shifts after minor opening 1♦:2♥=5♠+/5♥+ non-INV, 2♠=5♠+/5+♥ INV, 3♣ & 3♦ to play

Jump shifts after Major opening To play, 4♣ & 4♦=serious SPL

Responses to strong 2 suit open. N/A

Responses to 2NT opening 3♣=asking M, 3M=F1, 4♣=PRKC in ♦, 4M=to play, 4NT=SABW

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
Leads Sequences:	top	Underlid from 4+ except STR K
Four or more with an honour	3rd/5th	attitude
From 4 small	3rd highest	2nd or 3rd (attitude)
From 3 cards (no honour)	Bottom	middle but small in partner's suit
In partner's suit	As above unless raised	3rd
Discards	O/E first then ATT, SP	O/E first then ATT, SP
Count	Low-High = Odd when needed	Low-High = Odd when needed
Signal on partner's lead:	Suit Preference	Low Encourage
Signal on declarer's lead:	Mainly SP	REV Smith echo

Notes We give very little count, mostly SP (also in trump suit)

Vs suits from interior sequences we lead 3rd from even 2nd from odd.

Leads and carding may be deceptive

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4♣ Gerber

4NT: Blackwood RKCB 1430 OR NAT, QUANT, T/O OR cue, to play at 5-level

Asking Bids Cue Bids 4♣(♦ if clubs bid) is PRKC>1st step="joke" when NV

If Vul: 0,1,1+,2,2+). These responses also to Exclusion (no "joke" step).

5♣ Gerber when 4NT is NAT

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

2NT rarely natural in competition	2-way Drury: Rebid suit is (sub)-min
TRF LEB: 1NT-(2M or natural 2D)	Bid suit 3 times=subminimum
Smolen (only used with 5422 shape)	Responder/advancer's relay dbl:1M-(3y)-x=puppet to next step to place contract
Retransfers	1♣/D/NT-3z): TRFs inc Dbl
Many relays & TRFs	

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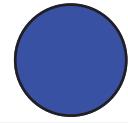
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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD



ABF Nos.	226963	Kate McCallum
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Basic System:	ViKing club (1♣ is usually 15+), Variable NT, Short diamond, aggressive	
Brown Sticker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Classification: Green <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/>
1. OPENING BIDS		Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé <input type="checkbox"/>

1♣ ART STR -15+ (16+ if BAL) 1♥ 9-14 5+

1♦ 9-14, usually 2+ (0-1 possible) 1♠ 9-14 5+

1NT NV 1&2:10-12, 3&4:10-15. VUL 1&2: 14-15, 3:15, 4th:<14 may contain 5 card Major

1NT Responses 2♣ STAY

2♦ 5+♥ (but ART FG if WK NT) 2♠ Size ask or 6+♣ (but to play if WK NT)

2♥ 5+♠ (but to play if WK NT) 2NT 6+♦ (but INV+ w minor if WK NT, F1

(Dbl) 2y=5+(2m may be scramble),XX=PEN other See inside

2♣ 9-14 6+♣

2♦ 3-9, 5M (6 when VUL)

2♥ 5/4+ MM, NV: 3-9, VUL: 6-10

2♠ NV: 3-9 4♣ and 6+m, VUL: 6-10 5+♠ & 5+m

2NT 4M & 6+♦ good PRE 3NT PRE in a minor including the Ace

other 4m=solid M, 3.5 to 4.5 losers, 4NT=SABW

2. PRE-ALERTS

STR club, short (0+) diamond, variable NT 1NT:10-12, 10-13, 10-15, 14-15 OR 15

HCP only a guide, v aggr O/C, open & resp many unusual double/rdbl,

Unusual carding, Several ART (FG) relays unusual openings from 2H-2NT and 3NT

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Doubles Support dbl/rdbl, lead directing, anti-lead, Negative DBL thru 2♣ + 3♠

responsive. Relay/TRF or 4/1 dbl at 3-level Responsive DBL thru 2♣ + 3♠

Jump overcalls PRE but 1♣-2♦ & 1♦-2M=Mich Unusual NT Lowest 2 unbid suits

1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-17 BAL (re-opening) 10-14 (1♣: 11-16)

Immediate cue: (minor) (1♣)-2♣:5/4 MM,(1♦)-2♦:5♣/4♥ (Major) 5+ OM & 5+m, wide range

Over: Weak Twos X with LEB, 2NT=15-17 Opening Threes Non-leaping Michaels

Opponent's transfers X=lead dir, bid of their shown suit=T/O (but NAT if a jump)

Opponent's 1NT STR(includes 16HCP); X=♣+♠ or ♦+♥, 2♣=♣+♥ or ♦+♠, 2♦=MM, 2N=mm

WK: X=PEN, 2♣=MM, 2♦=6M, 2M=5 and 4+m, 2N=mm, 3m=constructive, 3M=PRE

8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ ART 0-7	2♦ ART BAL FG 8-10/14+	3♦ 11-13: 3-4-2-4
1♥ 4+♠ FG	2♥ Any 5332 8-10	3♥ 11-13: 4-2-4-3
1♠ 4+♥ FG	2♠ 11-13BAL 4333 OR...	3♠ 11-13: 2-4-3-4
1NT 5(4)+♣ FG	2NT 11-13BAL MM or mm	3NT 11-13: 4-3-4-2
2♣ 5+♦ FG	3♣ 11-13BAL 4333 w/4m	4♣ 8(7)♥ 1-4 hcp
other 1♣-4♦/♥/♦=8(7) TRF 1-4 hcp		

1♦ 1♥ usually 6+ HCP 4+♥	2♥ 5♠+/4♥+ non-INV	3♥ To play
1♠ usually 6+ HCP 4+♣	2♠ 5♠+/4♥+ INV	3♠ To play
1NT <11 HCP	2NT pick a minor	3NT To play
2♣ usually 10+ 4(3)+♣	3♣ To play	4♣ To play
2♦ usually 10+ 5+♦	3♦ To play	4♦ To play
other Responses may be light. 4M=To play, 4NT=Aces?		

1♥ 1♠ usually 6+, F1, 4+♣	2♥ 3♥, 8.5+ losers	3♦ To play
1NT usually 6+, NF <4♣	2♠ To play	3♥ PRE
2♣ ART FG asking	2NT 4♥ INV+	3♠ To play
2♦ pup to 2♥, any INV	3♣ To play	3NT Any 4333, NF
other Responses may be light. 4m=SPL, 4M=To play, 4NT=Aces?		

1♠ 1NT 6+, NF	2♠ 3♠, 8.5+ losers	3♥ To play
2♣ ART FG asking	2NT 4♣+ INV+	3♠ PRE
2♦ PUP 2♥, usly 6+, 4+♥	3♣ To play	3NT Any 4333 NF
2♥ Any INV, F1	3♦ To play	4♣ SPL
other Responses may be light. 4m=SPL, 4M=To play, 4NT=Aces?		

1NT 3♣ TRF to ♦>3M=NAT FG	3♠ 4♣ & 6(5)+♣, FG	4♦ mild S/T in ♠ 4-5 CTRL
3♦ 4(5)♦ & 6(5)+♣, FG	3NT To play	4♥ To play
3♥ 4♥ & 6(5)+♣, FG	4♣ mild S/T in ♥ 4-5 CTR	4♣ To play
other Over WK NT:2♦=ART GF, 2♥, 2♠, 3♣ & 3♦=to play, 3M=INV		

2♣ 2♦ ART INV+ asks	2NT NAT INV	3♥ NAT S/T
2♥ 5+ NF constructive	3♣ NAT less than INV	3♠ NAT S/T
2♠ 5+ NF constructive	3♦ NAT S/T	3NT To play
other		

2♦ 2♥ P/C	3♣ How many ♥? 0/1,2..	3♠ P/C, not promising ♥
2♠ P/C, not promising ♥	3♦ How many ♠? 0/1,2	3NT To play
2NT INV+ asks	3♥ P/C not promising ♠	4♣ asks TRF to suit
other 4♦: asks to bid suit, 4M=To play		

Notes 14+ NT: coded shortness after TRFs & STAY: 1N-2♠-2N/3♣-3♦/♥/♦=clubs with short ♠, ♥ or ♦ in that order 1N-2N-3♣/♦-3Z=coded shortage with diamonds but 1N-3♣-3♦-3M=NAT and 3N=4♣ NF 1N-2♣-2Z-3♣=3-card raise of Z, 3♦=short Z

2♥ 2♠ To play	3♦ To play	3NT To play
2NT INV+ asks	3♥ To play	4♣ PRKC in ♥
3♣ To play	3♠ To play	4♥ To play
other 4♦=PRKC in/♠		
2♠ 2NT asks>3♥=max w ♣	3♥ NAT NF	4♣ P/C
3♣ P/C	3♠ PRE	4♥ To play
3♦ To play	3NT To play	4♠ To play
other 4♦=P/C. Same responses VUL and NV		
2NT 3♣ Asking for M	3♠ NAT F1	4♦ PRE
3♦ To play	3NT To play	4♥ To play
3♥ NAT F1	4♣ PRKC in ♦	4♣ To play
other		

9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lowest unbid, wide range

4th Suit Forcing One round Game force

NT Checkback Priorities: 2♣=puppet to 2♦ (but to play by PH), 2♦=FG relay

Defence to 3NT opening 4♣=TO, 4♦=ART S/T, 4♥♣/5♣/♦=To play, 4NT=SAB

Defence to Opening Twos X=TO > Normal Lebensohl

Multi 2♦ Dbl=Defensive hand>PEN dbls, 2NT=Nat with source of tricks, 2M=Short

RCO style 2-s X-X-X

Other 2-s Bid of opponents known suit=TO. Dbl of specific 2's=preference for defence

Defence (1♣):CRO and TWERB:2♣=2♦/MM,2♦=♥/♦+♣,2♥=♠/mm,2♣=♣/♥+♦,
to 2N=non-touch. (1♣)-no-(1♦): dbl=col, 1N=non-touch, 2♣=rank, similar at 3-lvl
strong (2♣): CRO, 2M=NAT, 2NT=non-touching and higher bids=TWERB
1♣ / 2♣ (2C)-no-(2D): dbl=col, 2N=non-touch, 3♣=rank, higher=TWERB

Over 1NT Interference (2♣/2♦-1M):SYSON,2Z(NAT):X=T/O,2NT=Leb,3♣/♦/♥=TRF INV+

Lebensohl - other uses Many e.g. WK 2 and (1M)-X-(2M), also if our PEN dbl is pulled

Take out of 4 level pre-empt 4♣/4♦ X=T/O

4♥ X=TO 4♣ X=PEN

10. OTHER NOTES

1♣/1♦/NT: (3♣): dbl=♦, 3♦=♥, 3♥=♠, 3♠=neg dbl, 4♣=Mich, 4♦/♥=Texas, 4NT=Aces

(3♦): dbl=♥, 3H=♣, 3♠=neg dbl, 4♣=Mich, 4♦/♥=Texas, 4♣=♣ (S/T), 4NT=Aces?

(3♥): dbl=♣, 3♠=neg dbl, 4♣=♦, 4♦=♣ (S/T), 4♥=♣ (no S/T), 4♣=♣ (S/T), 4NT=Aces?

(3♣): dbl=neg dbl, 4♣=♦, 4♦=♥ (S/T), 4♥=To play, 4♣=♣ (S/T), 4NT=Aces?

(4♣): dbl=negative, 4♦=♥, 4H=♣

We overall 3NT: 4♣=puppet to 4♦ for sign-off, 4♦/♥/♦/NT=TRF S/T, 5♣=Aces?