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Sample System Notes

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^{**}Updates from previous version in bold

Balanced Hands

Open almost all balanced 12 HCP hands. We strive to show hand type early in the auction (Walsh-BWS and Extended Walsh.)

Minor Suit Openings

| 1m-1Y-1N | 12-14 pts |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1N | 15-17 pts |
| 1m-1Y-2N | 18-19- pts |
| 2N | 19+ to 21 pts |
| 2 ♣ -2♦-2N | 22 to 24- pts |
| 2 ♣ -2 ♦ -3N | 24+ to 26 pts |
| 2 ♣ -2♥*-2N | 22 to 24- pts |
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2♣-2♥*-3N 24+ to 26 pts (or a bit more) "No slam interest."

Major Suit Openings

1♥-1♠-1N 12-14 points, Balanced or 2-5-4/2 with quality minor-suit doubleton (ie. Kx) 1♥-1♠-2N 17-19 points, Balanced or 2-5-4/2 with quality minor-suit doubleton (ie. Kx)

Some Notes of Raising 1 ♥-1 ♠

We tend to raise $1 \checkmark -1 \land -2 \land$ with 4-card support. The question of what kind of hands to raise on 3-card support is interesting and difficult. With 3-5-4/1 we may raise more frequently.

The important thing to note when considering bidding these hands is that the following auction shows extra values.

1♥-1♠-

2♣-2♥-

2♠

This shows something like 3-5-1-4 with a good 14+ HCP – with about a king more than a minimum opening hand.

1NT Openings

Conventions for 1NT Openings

- Stayman
- 4-Suited Transfers w/ Size Ask**
- 5/5 minors at 3L
- Mini-Splinters at 3L
- Drop Dead Stayman 2♥
- Invitational Stayman 2♠**
- Texas Transfers
- Delayed Texas Transfers

- Smolen
- Simple-sohl
- 1430 Gerber
- 1430 Keycard
- Card Showing Double vs. 2L Int.
- Negative Doubles vs. 3L+ Int.
- Kansas City Stayman

General 1NT Opening Bid

- 15-17 Points
- 5c Majors are common.
- Balanced Hand
- Semi-Balanced 5422 hands are freely opened 1N and semi-balanced hands with 6c minors and rebid problems are also sometimes opened 1N.

Responses to 1NT

- 24 Stayman
- 2♦* Jacoby Transfer to ♥
- 2♥* Jacoby Transfer to ♠
- 2♠* Size Ask
- 2N* Transfer to ♦, 6+c♦
- 3♣* 5/5 minors, Invitational
- 3♦* 5/5 minors, Game Forcing
- 3♥* Mini-Splinter, 3-1-5/4, Game Forcing
- 3♠* Mini-Splinter, 1-3-5/4, Game Forcing
- 3N To Play
- 4♣ 1430 Gerber
- 4♦* Texas Transfer, 6+c♥
- 4♥* Texas Transfer, 6+c♠
- 4♠* Quantitative, 4-4 minors
- 4N Quantitative (Heavy Invite)
- 5♣ To Play
- 5♦ To Play
- 5♥ Bid slam with 2 of the top 3 honors
- 5 Bid slam with 2 of the top 3 honors
- 5N Quantitative, 6N or 7N

Note: To Accept a quantitative 4N (or 5N), then bid 4c minors up the line or jump in 5c suits. Optional.

Conventional Details

Transfer Auctions: Major Suit Jacoby Transfers

1N - 2♦* (or 2♥*) -

- 2N* 4c fit, 4333, Max
- 3M* 4+c fit, Max
- Other 4c fit, Med, doubleton with not many wasted values. No minimum with Qx. Kx or Ax fine holding. This is not mandatory super-accept. Re-Transfer Follow-ups.

Transfer Auctions: 2♠* Size Ask (+s)

1N - 2♠* -

- 2N Minimum
- 3♣ Maximum

Transfer Auctions: 2N* Transfer to ♦ (+s)

1N - 2N* -

- 3♣ Default Action "Don't like ◆"
- 3♦ Super Accept. Shows Axx+ / Kxx+ any values OR xxxx+ Maximum Values. "Like ◆"

3-oM Forcing Raise

1N - 2 - 2 - 3 Forcing Raise, 4 +, GF, Slam Try 1N - 2 - 2 - 3 Forcing Raise, 4 +, GF, Slam Try

Kansas City Stayman

1N (P) 2 (X)

- XX Shows 5+♣ and is an offer to play.
- Any bid is a Stayman response and shows a ♣ stopper.
- Pass denies a **4** stopper.
 - o Responder can XX to Re-Stayman.
 - o Any other call by Responder is natural and GF, shows 4+ cards and an desire to declare.

Note: Kansas City Stayman applies to Stayman at all levels.

1NT Bidding Sequences

1N-2♣-2♦-2♥* Drop Dead Stayman, at least 4-4M, could have longer ♠

1N-2♣-2♦-2♠ Invitational, 5c♠, usually 4+♥

1N-2 ♦ *-2 ♥-2 ♠ Invitational, 5 ♥-4+ ♠

Note: With 5-5M Invitation treat as 5/4 one-way or the other.

1N-2♣-2♥-2♠ Invitational with 4c+♠ (Rather play in 4-3♠ fit than 2N. More Shapely.)

1N-2♣-2♥-2N Invitational with 4c♠ (Notrump oriented.)

1N-2♣-2♦-3m Natural, GF, Slammish or Shapely, Authorizes Opener to go beyond 3N.

Note: After auction begins (1N - 2 - 2 - 2) then all 4-Level bids the same as directly over 1N Opening.

1N-2♣-2♦-4♣ 1430 Gerber

1N-2♣-2♦-4♦ Delayed Texas Transfer 1N-2♣-2♦-4♥ Delayed Texas Transfer

1N-2♣-2♦-4♠ Quantitative 4-4m (with 4c Major.)

1N-2♣-2♦-4N Quantitative

1N-2-2M-4N Quantitative w/ 4-card in other Major

1N-2♣-2M-3oM 4c Fit, GF Raise, start cuebidding.

1N-2♦*-2♥-4N Quantitative, NF, 5♥ to play over 4N

1N-2♥*-2♠-4N Quantitative, NF, 5♠ to play over 4N

1N-2◆*-2♥-4♥ Quantitative, 6+c♥, NF (mild)

1N-2♥*-2♠-4♠ Quantitative, 6+c♠, NF (mild)

1N-2♦*-2♥-5♥ Bid Slam with 2/3 Honors

1N-2♦*-2♥-5N Pick a slam

1N-2♥*-2♠-5♠ Bid Slam with 2/3 Honors

1N-2♦*-2♥-5N Pick a slam

1N-4♦*-4♥-4N Keycard in ♥

1N-4♥*-4♠-4N Keycard in ♠

1N-4♦*-4♥-5N Bid Grand Slam w/ 2/3 Honors

1N-4♥*-4♠-5N Bid Grand Slam w/ 2/3 Honors

1N-2♠*-2N-3♦ GF, ♦ shortness

1N-2♠*-3♣-3♦ GF, ♦ shortness

1N-2♠*-2N-3♥ GF, ♥ shortness

1N-2♠*-3♣-3♥ GF, ♥ shortness

 $1N-2 \triangleq *-2N-3 \triangleq GF, \triangleq shortness$

1N-2♠*-3♣-3♠ GF, ♠ shortness

1N-2N*-3♣-3♥ GF, ♥ shortness

1N-2N*-3♦-3♥ GF, ♥ shortness

1N-2N*-3♣-3♠ GF, ♠ shortness

1N-2N*-3♦-3♠ GF, ♠ shortness

1N-2N*-3♣-4♣ GF, ♣ shortness

1N-2N*-3♦-4♣ GF, ♣ shortness

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Future Versions

| 1N-2 ♦*-2 V -4 ♠ | Exclusion Keycard for $m{arphi}$ |
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| 1N-2 ♦*-2 ♥-5♣ | Exclusion Keycard for $m{arphi}$ |
| 1N-2 ♦*-2 ♥-5 ♦ | Exclusion Keycard for $m{arphi}$ |
| 1N-2♥*-2 ^ -5♣ | Exclusion Keycard for \spadesuit |
| 1N-2♥*-2♠-5♦ | Exclusion Keycard for \spadesuit |
| 1N-2♥*-2♠-5♥ | Exclusion Keycard for \spadesuit |
| 1N-2 ♠ *-2N-4 ♣ | Minorwood |
| 1N-2 ♠ *-3 ♣ -4 ♣ | Minorwood |
| 1N-2N*-3 - 8-4 ♦ | Minorwood |
| 1N-2N*-3 ♦ -4 ♦ | Minorwood |

1NT vs. Interference

Lebensohl Details vs. 2♦+

If the Opponents interfere at 2♦+ then we generally play

- Double is Card Showing at the 2L (8+ pts) and
- Double is Negative at the 3L.

We play Lebensohl (Fast denies) – details of interference are below.

- If the bid is natural we play Lebensohl.
- If the bid is natural plus another suit (DONT, CAPP, etc.) then we play Lebensohl around the bid suit
- If the bid names 1-suit exactly then we Lebensohl around the named suit.
 - o Ex. 2♦* showing ♥, or 2♦* showing ♥ and another suit.
- If the bid names 2-suits exactly then we Lebensohl around the cheaper of the two suits.
 - o Ex. 2♥* showing ♠ and ♣ then we Lebensohl around ♠.
- Against **Suction we play Lebensohl around no suit and when we actually have length in the transfer suit, we can start with a double and later bid that suit.
- Against **Multi we play Lebensohl around no suit and we double to show value and then play "regular Lebensohl" around their suit later.
- We also play regular Lebensohl vs. delayed interference.
- Vs. 3-level+ interference, Doubles are negative. (Penalty passes are common by 1N Opener.)

Texas Transfers are on vs. 2-Level Interference.

Vs. 3-Level Interference

- Texas Transfers on vs. 3. interference. Off above that. Texas Transfers are always a jump.
- Negative Doubles.



NEXT VERSION

Vs. Double of Jacoby Transfer

1N - 2 ♦/2 ♥ (X)

• Pass 2-card (partner can XX to "re-Transfer")

• 2**♥**/2**♠** 3-cards

• other bids Same as if no X

VS. Double of Texas Transfer

1N - 4 ♦/4 ♥ (X)

• XX Ace empty, Force Partner to Declare

• Pass No Control, Either can Declare (XX to Re-Transfer)

• 4♥/4♠ Positional Values, Want to Declare

Passed Hand Bidding

We currently have no special treatments by passed hands here. All bids that retain their general meaning.

2NT Openings

Conventions for 2NT Openings

- Stayman
- Jacoby Transfers**
- Texas Transfers
- Smolen
- 3-oM Forcing Raise**

- Card Showing Doubles vs. Interference
- 1430 Gerber
- 1430 Keycard
- Kansas City Stayman**

General 2NT Opening Bid

- 19+ to -21 Points
- 5c Majors are common.
- Balanced Hand
- Semi-Balanced 5/4 hands are freely opened 2N and semi-balanced hands with 6c suits and rebid problems are also often opened 2N.

Responses to 2NT

- 3♣ Stayman
- 3♦* Jacoby Transfer to ♥
- 3♥* Jacoby Transfer to ♠
- 3♠*
- 3N* To Play
- 4♣ 1430 Gerber
- 4♦* Texas Transfer, 6+c♥
- 4♥* Texas Transfer, 6+c♠
- 4♠* Quantitative, 4-4 minors
- 4N Quantitative (Heavy Invite)
- 5♣ To Play
- 5♦ To Play
- 5♥ Bid slam with 2/3 honors
- 5♠ Bid slam with 2/3 honors
- 5N Quantitative, 6N or 7N

Note: To Accept a quantitative 4N (or 5N), then bid 4c suits up the line or jump in 5c suits. Optional.

^{**}Special Section Included

Conventional Details

Transfer Auctions: Major Suit Jacoby Transfers

2N - 3♦* (or 3♥*) -

- 3N* 4c fit, 4333, Max
- 4M* 4+c fit, Max
- Other 4c fit, Max, source of tricks for slam (usually 5-card suit.) Retransfers.

3-oM Forcing Raise

2N - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 Forcing Raise, 4 +, GF, Slam Try (non-Serious 3N) 2N - 3 - 3 - 4 Forcing Raise, 4 +, GF, Slam Try

Kansas City Stayman

2N (P) 3♣ (X)

- XX Shows 5+4 and is an offer to play.
- Any bid is a Stayman response and shows a 🕏 stopper.
- Pass denies a & stopper.
 - o Responder can XX to Re-Stayman.
 - o Any other call by Responder is natural and GF, shows 4+ cards and an desire to declare.

Note: Kansas City Stayman applies to Stayman at all levels.

2NT Bidding Sequences

2N-3♣-3♦-3M Smolen, 4c-M, 5c-oM, GF

2N-3♣-3♦-4m Natural, GF, 5+cm, usually slammish. No Keycard, 4N Regressive.

Note: No Delay Texas after 2N opening

2N-3♣-3♦-4♥ DNE?

2N-3♣-3♦-4♠ Quantitative, 4-4m (with 4c-Major)

2N-3♣-3♦-4N Quantitative

2N-3♣-3M-4m Natural, GF, 5+cm, usually slammish. No Keycard, 4N Regressive. 2N-3♣-3M-4N Quantitative w/ 4-card in other Major. *See 3-oM Forcing Raise*

2N-3 ◆ *-3 ♥-3 ♠ 5/5M, GF, Slam Try

 $2N-3 \checkmark *-3 \land -4 \checkmark$ 5/5M, GF, Choice of Games (4M) $2N-3 \diamond *-3 \checkmark -4N$ Quantitative, NF, $5 \checkmark$ to play over 4N $2N-3 \checkmark *-3 \land -4N$ Quantitative, NF, $5 \land$ to play over 4N

 $2N-3 \diamondsuit *-3 \blacktriangledown -4 \blacktriangledown$ Quantitative, $6+c \blacktriangledown$, NF $2N-3 \blacktriangledown *-3 \spadesuit -4 \spadesuit$ Quantitative, $6+c \spadesuit$, NF Bid Slam with 2/3 Honors

2N-3♦*-3♥-5N Pick a slam

2N-3♥*-3♠-5♠ Bid Slam with 2/3 Honors

2N-3 • *-3 • -5N Pick a slam 2N-4 • *-4 • -4N Keycard in • 2N-4 • *-4 • -4N Keycard in •

2N-4◆*-4♥-5N Bid Grand Slam w/ 2/3 Honors 2N-4♥*-4♠-5N Bid Grand Slam w/ 2/3 Honors

Next Version

| 2N-3 ♦*-3 V -4 ♠ | Exclusion Keycard for 🖤 |
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| 2N-3 ♦*-3 ♥-5♣ | Exclusion Keycard for ♥ |
| 2N-3 ♦*-3 ♥-5 ♦ | Exclusion Keycard for ♥ |
| 2N-3♥*-3♠-5♣ | Exclusion Keycard for \land |
| 2N-3♥*-3♠-5♦ | Exclusion Keycard for \land |
| 2N-3♥*-3♠-5♥ | Exclusion Kevcard for \land |

2NT vs. Interference

Systems On vs. 3♣ (Natural or Conventional)

• X Stayman. Systems On.

Vs. 3♦+ Interference

- Card Showing Doubles.
- Suit bids are natural and Forcing

NEXT VERSION

Vs. Double of Jacoby Transfer

2N - 3 ♦*/3 ♥* (X)

• Pass 2-card support (min or max.) – XX "Re-Transfer"

• 3 **V**/3 **♠** 3-cards

• other bids Same as if no X

Passed Hand Bidding

We currently have no special treatments by passed hands here. All bids that retain their general meaning.

Problem Hands for Responder

Constructive Bidding Agreements: Notrump Openings 3NT Openings – Gambling 3NT

General 3NT Opening

- 1st/2nd Seat Solid Preempt. 7+c Solid Minor, No outside Ace or King
- 3rd/4th Seat To Play. Trick Taking Hand usually long strong minor (Systems On.)

Responses to 3NT Opening

1st/2nd Seat

- **4♣** Pass or Correct
- **4**♦* GF, Slam Try, Ask for Controls (shortness), 4N* shows control in the other minor.
- 4♥ To Play
- 4♠ To Play
- 4N* Suit Quality Ask
- 5♣ Pass or Correct
- 6♣ Pass or Correct
- 7♣ Pass or Correct

3rd/4th Seat (Systems On)

- 4♣ Stayman
- 4♦* Transfer to ♥
- **4♥*** Transfer to ♠
- 4♠* Transfer to ♣ (5♣ says like)
- 4N* Transfer to ♦ (5♦ says like)
- 5♣ Super-Gerber, 1430

Conventional Details

4♦ * Control Ask

3N - 4◆* -

- 4♥ 0-1c♥
- 4♠ 0-1c♠
- 4N 0-1 cards in other minor
- 5m no outside controls (2-2-7/2).

4NT Suit Quality Ask

3N – 4N –

- 5♣ 7-card suit
 - o 5♦ To Play, if ♦ is suit.
 - o 5♦/♥ Relay asks for J for grand slam. Bid 6m w/o Jack, 7m w/ Jack
- 5♦ 8-card suit, no Jack
- 5♥ 8-card suit, with Jack
- 5♠ 9-card suit
- 5N 10-card suit

3NT Bidding Sequences

3NT vs. Interference

3N (4Z) -

• X Penalty

• 5/6/7♣ Pass or Correct at any level

4♦ Natural, Forcing
 5/6/7♦ Natural, To Play
 5/6/7 Major Natural, To Play

• 4N To Play

Constructive Bidding Agreements: Notrump Openings Other Notrump Openings

2♣-2♦-2N 22-24- or 27-28 HCP

2♣-2♥*-2N 22 to 24- HCP, Systems On

2♣-2♥*-3N 24++ HCP, Systems on (no slam interest)

Next Version

*Kokish 2♥ Rebid

3NT Rebid Responses

4♣ Stayman, GF (no Smolen)

4♦ Transfer to ♥, 5+♥

4♥ Transfer to ♠, 5+♠

4♠ Transfer to ♣, 6+♣ (Bid suit to show we like the suit.)

4N Transfer to ♦, 6+♦ (Bid suit to show we like the suit.)

5♣ Super Gerber, 1430 Gerber

Constructive Bidding Agreements: Minor Suit Opening Bids 1♣ Opening Bids

Conventions for 1♣ Opening Bids

- Extended Walsh Bridge World Standard (BWS)
- Inverted Minors**
- Splinters
- Two-way NMF**
- Modifed Wolff**
- Extended NMF
- 4th Suit GF (1F by PH)

General 1 Opening Bid

- Balanced 12-14 Points with Primary ♣
- Balanced 18 to 19- with Primary •
- Unbalanced Good 11 to 21 with Primary ♣

Responses to 14

- 1♦ 5+ HCP, 4+♦, 1F
- 1♥ 5+ HCP, 4+♥, 1F
- 1♠ 5+ HCP, 4+♠, 1F
- 1N 6 to 10- HCP, NF, no 4-card Major
- 2♣* Inverted Minors, 10+ HCP, 5+c♣, 1F,
- 2♦* Weak JS, 5+♦, 0-5 HCP
- 2♥* Weak JS, 5+♥, 0-5 HCP (2N Ogust)
- 2♠* Weak JS, 5+♠, 0-5 HCP (2N Ogust)
- 2N 10+ to -12- HCP, no 4-card Major
- 3♣ Weak, 5+♣, 0-5 HCP
- 3 ♦ * Splinter, 5+♣, 12+ HCP, GF, 0-1 ♦
- 3♥* Splinter, 5+♣, 12+ HCP, GF, 0-1♥
- 3♠* Splinter, 5+♣, 12+ HCP, GF, 0-1♠
- 3N 12+ to 15 HCP, no 4-card Major
- 4♣ Weak, 6+♣, 0-5 HCP
- 4♦
- 4♥ To Play
- 4♠ To Play
- 4N Keycard in &
- 5♣ To Play

^{**}Special Section Included

Convention Details

Inverted Minors

1♣ - 2♣ 10+ HCP, 5+c♣, 1F

2♦* Art. GF, usually 15-17 w/ semi-balance hand

2♥ stopper, usually no ♠ stopper (could be balanced 18-19), 1F

2♠ stopper, usually no ♥ stopper (could be balanced 18-19), 1F

• 2N 12 to 13- HCP, Balanced, Min

• 3♣ 12 to 13- HCP, usually unbalanced, Min

• 3♦ Splinter, GF, Extra Values, 0-1c♦

3♥ Splinter, GF, Extra Values, 0-1c♥

3♠ Splinter, GF, Extra Values, 0-1c♠

• 3N 13+ to 14 HCP, Balanced, GF

4♣ Natural and Forcing, Slam Try, GF

Future Version:

| • | 4 % | Minorwood |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| • | 4 ♦ | Exclusion Keycard in 👫 |
| • | 4♥ | Exclusion Keycard in 👫 |
| • | 4 🖍 | Exclusion Keycard in 👫 |

1 - 2N

1♣ - 2N - 10+ to 12- HCP

• 3 • 6+ • natural, weak (to play)

• 3♦* Shortness, 5+♣, 0-1♦, Worry Ask, GF

• 3♥* Shortness, 5+♣, 0-1♥, Worry Ask, GF

• 3♠* Shortness, 5+♣, 0-1♠, Worry Ask, GF

• 3N To Play

Future Version:

| • | 4👫 | Minorwood |
|---|----|-----------------|
| | | - 4 - 6 - 4 - 1 |

• 4♦ 5♦-6♣ Natural, Slam Invite

• 4♥ 5♥-6♣ Natural, Slam Invite

• 4♠ 5♠-6♣ Natural, Slam Invite

^{**}System On By a Passed Hand

Two-Way NMF

1♣ - 1Y (1♦/1♥/1♠) - 1N -

- 2♣ Relays to 2♠. Used to Signoff in 2♠OR make a natural and invitational bid later.
- 2♦ Artificial Game Force.
- Direct Non-Reverse at 2-Level to Play (choice of part scores.)
- Direct Reverse at 2-Level Game Forcing and natural.
- 2N Natural and invitational.
- Relay then 2N is natural, invitational, with tolerance for ♣.
- Jumps to 3♣ are to play.
- Other Jumps to 3-Level are Forcing and show a good suit. (Good second suit.)
- Relay then 3N is choice of games.

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1♣ – 1Y – 1N - 2♦ (not full shaping relays)

If Y is ♦ bid naturally, If Y is a Major see below.

- Support Responder's with 3-cards.
- Bid other Major with 4-cards.
- Otherwise, bid naturally. 5-card minors, etc..
- Bid 3N if no other good bid.
- System On vs. T/O X below 1N.
- ❖ System On by PH. 2♣ remains a relay and 2♦ becomes natural and a maximum by Passed Hand.
- Systems Off vs. Overcalls (even if we rebid NT.)
- Systems Off vs. X of 1N.

Modified Wolff Signoff (Two-Way NMF over 2N)

- 3♣ is a relay to 3♦ to play in 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ bust bid.
- 3 ♦ Artificial GF.
 - o After 3♦ bid -- Support Responder's suit first with 4/3 in Majors.
- 3M is natural and forcing.



Bidding Sequences

 \clubsuit - 1 \spadesuit - 4 \clubsuit 4-c \spadesuit , 6+ \clubsuit , Game Forcing Hand 1 \clubsuit - 1 \spadesuit - 1 N (X) Systems off, XX = 10+ points.

1♣ vs. Interference

1♣ (X)

- XX 10+ pts. Usually no ♣ fit. Defensively oriented.
- 1♦ 4+c♦, 1F, 5+ HCP
- 1♥ 4+c♥, 1F, 5+ HCP
- 1♠ 4+c♠, 1F, 5+ HCP
- 1N Natural, 6 to 10- HCP, NF
- 2♣ 5+c♣, 6 to 9 HCP, NF
- 2**♦*** Weak
- 2**♥*** Weak
- 2**♠*** Weak
- 2N* *Jordan*, 5+c♣, 10+ HCP, 1F
- 3♣ Weak, 5+c♣, 0-5 HCP
- 3♦* Splinter
- 3♥* Splinter
- 3♠* Splinter
- 3N GF, 12-15 HCP, no 4-card Major

1♣ (1♦)

- X Negative, Double, 4-4M, 5+ HCP
- 1♥ 4+c♥ (not 4-4M), 5+ HCP
- 1♠ 4+c♠ (not 4-4M), 5+ HCP
- 1N Natural, 6 to 10- HCP, NF
- 2♣ 5+c♣, 6 to 9 HCP, NF
- 2♦ Q=LR+, 10+ HCP, 5+♣
- 2♥* Weak
- 2♠* Weak
- 2N Natural, 10-11 HCP, stopper in ♦, no 4-card Major
- 3♣ Weak, 5+c♣, 0-5 HCP
- 3♦* Splinter
- 3♥* Splinter
- 3♠* Splinter
- 3N GF, 12-15 HCP, no 4-card Major, stopper in ♦.

1♣ (1♥)

- X Negative Double, 4c♠, 5+ HCP
- 1♠ 5+c♠, 5+ HCP
- 1N Natural, 6 to 10- HCP, NF
- 2♣ 5+c♣, 6 to 9 HCP, NF
- 2♦ 5+c♦, 10+ HCP, 1F
- 2♥ Q=LR+, 10+ HCP, 5+♣
- 2♠* Weak
- 2N Natural, 10-11 HCP, stopper in ♥, no 4-card ♠
- 3 Weak, 5+c , 0-5 HCP
- 3♦* Splinter
- 3♥* Splinter
- 3♠* Splinter
- 3N GF, 12-15 HCP, no 4-card Major, stopper in ♥.

1♣ (1♠)

- X 6+ HCP, often 4+♥, flexible shape.
- 1N Natural, 6 to 10- HCP, NF, usually ♠ stopper
- 2♣ 5+c♣, 6 to 9 HCP, NF
- 2♦ 5+c♦, 10+ HCP, 1F, Freebid
- 2♥ 5+c♥, 10+ HCP, 1F, Freebid
- 2♠ Q=LR+, 10+ HCP, 5+♣
- 2N Natural, 10-11 HCP, stopper in ♠, usually no 4-card Major
- 3♣ Weak, 5+c♣, 0-5 HCP
- 3♦ Splinter
- 3♥ Splinter
- 3♠ Splinter
- 3N GF, 12-15 HCP, no 4-card Major, stopper in ♠.

1**4** (1N)

- 2-Level suits are Natural, non-forcing. Usually 6-card suit.
- 3-Level suits are preemptive.
- X is Penalty, First Double after by either player is Penalty.

1♣ (**2♣**) – Michaels

• (no special defense)

Future Version -

- Unusual vs. Michaels
- Unusual vs. Unusual

vs. 2♦+ Interference

- Negative Doubles and Positive Freebids.
 - o 2-Level Freebids are 10+ Points, 1F
 - o 3-Level Freebids are 12+ Points, GF

Passed Hand Bidding

• 4th Suit Forcing is only 1F (Forcing 1-Round) by a Passed Hand.

Problem Hands for Responder

Constructive Bidding Agreements: Minor Suit Opening Bids 1♦ Opening Bids

Conventions for 1♦ Opening Bids

- Inverted Minors**
- Splinters
- Two-way NMF**
- Modifed Wolff**
- **Special Section Included

- Extended NMF
- 2/1 Game Forcing**
- 3/1 Invitational
- 4th Suit GF (1F by PH)

General 1♦ Opening Bid

- Balanced 12-14 Points with Primary ◆
- Balanced 18 to 19- with Primary ◆
- Unbalanced Good 11 to 21 with Primary ◆

Responses to 1♦

- 1♥ 5+ HCP, 4+♥, 1F
- 1♠ 5+ HCP, 4+♠, 1F
- 1N 6 to 10- HCP, NF, no 4-card Major (could have ♦ fit.)
- 2♣ 12+ HCP, 4+c♣, 2/1 GF, no 4-card Major
- 2♦* 10+ HCP, 4+c♦, 1F
- 2♥* Weak JS, 0-5 HCP, 6+♥ (2N Ogust)
- 2♠* Weak JS, 0-5 HCP, 6+♠ (2N Ogust)
- 2N 10+ to 12- HCP, generally no 4-card Major
- 3♣* 9-11 HCP, 6+♣, 3/1 Invitational
- $3 \diamondsuit *$ Weak, $4+ \diamondsuit$, 0-5 HCP (usually $5+ \diamondsuit$)
- 3♥* Splinter, 5+♦, 12+ HCP, GF, 0-1♥, no 4-card Major
- 3♠* Splinter, 5+♠, 12+ HCP, GF, 0-1♠, no 4-card Major
- 3N 12 to 15- HCP, no 4-card Major
- **4♣*** *Splinter*, 6+**♦**, 12+ HCP, GF, 0-1**♣**, no 4-card Major
- 4♦ Weak, 6+♦, 0-5 HCP
- 4♥ To Play
- 4♠ To Play
- 4N Keycard in ♦
- 5♣ To Play

Convention Details

Inverted Minors

1♦ - 2♦* 10+ HCP, 4+c♦, 1F

2♥ stopper, usually no ♠ stopper (could be balanced 18-19), 1F

2♠ stopper, usually no ♥ stopper (could be balanced 18-19), 1F

2N
 12 to 13- HCP, Bal, Stoppers in Both Majors, NF

3♣* Art. GF, usually 15-17 HCP with Semi-Balanced Hand

• 3♦ 12 to 13- HCP, Unbalanced, NF

3♥* Splinter, GF, Extra Values, 0-1c♥

3♠* Splinter, GF, Extra Values, 0-1c♠

3N 13+ to 14 HCP, Balanced, NF (accepted Invite)

• 4♣* Splinter, GF, Extra Values, 0-1c♣

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 Natural and Forcing

Future Version:

• 4 ♦ Minorwood

• 4♥ Exclusion Keycard in ♦

• 4♠ Exclusion Keycard in ♦

1♦ - 2N

1♦ - 2N - 10+ to 12- HCP

• 3♣ Minors, NF, To Play, usually 9+cards in minors

• 3♦ 6+♦, NF, To Play

• 3♥* 5+♦, 0-1♥, Worry Ask, GF

• 3♠* 5+♠, 0-1♠, Worry Ask, GF

• 3N To Play

Future Version:

4♣ Minorwood

• 4♥ Exclusion Keycard in ♦

4♠ Exclusion Keycard in ◆

^{**}System On By a Passed Hand

Two-Way NMF

1♦ - 1M - 1N -

- 2♣* Relays to 2♦* to Signoff at 2♦or to make a natural and invitational bid.
- 2♦* Artificial Game Force.
- Direct Non-Reverse at 2-Level to Play (choice of part scores.)
- Direct Reverse at 2-Level Game Forcing and natural.
- 2N Natural and Balanced.
- Relay then 2N is natural, balanced, w/ ◆ tolerance.
- Jumps to 3♣ are to play.
- Jumps to 3-Level are Forcing and show a good suit. (good second suit)
- Relay then 3N is choice of games.

1♦- 1M - 1N - 2♦ (not full shaping relays)

- Support Responder with 3-cards.
- Bid other Major with 4-cards.
- Otherwise, bid naturally.
- Bid 3N if no other good bid.
- System On vs. T/O X below 1N.
- ❖ System On by PH. 2♣ remains a relay and 2♦ becomes natural and a maximum by Passed Hand.
- Systems Off vs. Overcalls (even if we rebid NT.)
- Systems Off vs. X of 1N. XX = 10+ pts.

Modified Wolff Signoff (Two-Way NMF over 2N)

- 3♣ is a relay to 3♦ to play in 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ bust bid.
- 3 ◆ Artificial GF.
 - o After 3♦ bid -- Support Responder's suit first with 4/3 in Majors.
- 3M is natural and forcing.

1♦ - 2♣ 2/1 Game Forcing

- 1♦ 2♣ Game Forcing, 12+ HCP, 4+♣
 - Responder generally denies a 4-card Major.
 - Openers Rebids
 - Opener rebids 2♦ on most hands w/5+♦.
 - o 2M shows a stopper in Major, tends to deny stopper in other Major
 - Does not have to be a 4-card suit.
 - o 2N shows a stopper in both Majors, generally balanced either 12-14 or 18 to 19-points.
 - Raise to 3♣ generally shows 4+c♣.
 - o Jumps are splinters in support of ♣, does not show much in extra values.



1♦ Bidding Sequences

1♦ - 1♥ - 4♦ 4-card ♥, 6+card ♦, Game Forcing Hand

1♦ vs. Interference

1♦ (X) -

- XX 10+ HCP, usually no 4c-Major, usually no ♦ fit
- 1♥ 4+c♥, 1F, 5+ HCP
- 1♠ 4+c♠, 1F, 5+ HCP
- 1N 6 to 10- HCP,
- 2♣ 5+c♣, 6-9 HCP, NF (usually 6+♣)
- 2♦ 4+c♦, 6-9 HCP, NF
- 2♥* Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♥, 0-5+ HCP, (Ogust)
- 2♠* Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♠, 0-5+ HCP, (Ogust)
- 2N 10+ to 12- HCP, NF, usually 4-card Major
- 3♣* Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♣, 0-5+ HCP
- 3♦ Weak, 4+c♦, 0-5 HCP
- 3♥* Splinter
- 3♠* Splinter
- 3N 12-15 HCP, usually not 4-card Major

1♦ (1♥) -

- X 4c♠, 1F, 5+ HCP
- 1♠ 5+c♠, 1F, 5+ HCP
- 1N 6 to 10- HCP, usually a ♥ stopper
- 2♣ 5+c♣, 10+ HCP, 1F
- 2♦ 4+c♦, 6-9 HCP, NF
- 2♥ *Q=LR+*, 10+ pts, 4+♦, 1F
- 2♠* Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♠, 0-5+ HCP, (Ogust)
- 2N 10+ to 12- HCP, NF, usually 4-card ♠, ♥ stopper
- 3♣* Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♣, 0-5+ HCP
- 3♦ Weak, 4+c♦, 0-5 HCP
- 3♥* Splinter
- 3♠* Splinter
- 3N 12-15 HCP, usually not 4-card Major, ♥ stopper

1♦ (1♠) -

- Most bids are natural.
- X is flexible, often 4-card ♥ (but does not promise).
- 2♠ is a limit raise or better (Q=LR+.)

1♦ (1N) -

- 2-Level suits are Natural, non-forcing. Negative Freebid.
- 3-Level suits are preemptive.
- X is Penalty, 10+ HCP. First double by either player after is Penalty.
- Pull of Penalty Double is generally weak and shapely.

1 (2 -) -

- Most bids are natural.
- 34 is a limit raise or better (Q=LR+.)

1♦ **(2**♦) – Michaels

No Methods.

vs. 2♥+ Interference

- Negative Doubles and Positive Freebids.
 - o 2-Level Freebids are 10+ Points, 1F
 - o 3-Level Freebids are 12+ Points, GF

Future Version:

- Unusual vs. Michaels
- Unusual vs. Unusual

Passed Hand Bidding

• 4th Suit is Forcing 1-Round (1F) by a Passed Hand.

Problem Hands for Responder

Constructive Bidding Agreements: Major Suit Opening Bids **1♥** Opening Bids

Conventions for 1♥ Opening

- Double Raise Invitational
- Double Raise in Comp. Weak
- Jacoby 2N
- Splinters
- Semi-Forcing NT
- Reverse Two Way Drury**
- 2/1 Game Forcing**
- 3/1 Invitational

General 1♥ Opening

- 12-14 Points, Balanced OR
- 18 to 19- Points, Balanced OR
- Good 11 to 21 Points, Unbalanced

Responses to 1♥ Opening

- 1♠ 4+♠, 5+ HCP,
- 1N* Semi-Forcing, 5 to 12- HCP
- 2♣ 2/1 GF, 4+c♣ (could be 3c rarely), Good 12+ HCP
- 2♦ 2/1 GF, 4+c♦, Good 12+ HCP
- 2♥ Constructive Raise, 7+ to 10- Points, 3+c♥
- 2♠* Weak Jump Shifts, 0-5 HCP, 6+♠ (2N Ogust)
- 2N* Jacoby 2N, GF ♥ Raise
- 3♣* 3/1, 6+c♣, 9-11 HCP, Invitational
- 3♦* 3/1 6+c♣, 9-11 HCP, Invitational
- 3♥ 4c, LR, 10-11 HCP
- 3**♠*** *Splinter*, 4+**♥**, 0-1**♠**, 11 to 14 HCP
- 3N 3-2-4-4, 12 to 15 Points.
- **4♣*** *Splinter*, **4+♥**, **0-1♣**, **11** to **14** HCP
- **4**♦* *Splinter*, **4**+♥, **0**-**1**♦, **11** to **14** HCP
- 4♥ Preemptive, 0-8 HCP, 5+♥
- 4♠ To Play
- 4N Keycard in ♥

Conventional Details

Reverse 2-Way Drury

P-1♥-

• 2♣ 3c♥ LR, 10+ pts.

• 2♦ 4c♥ LR, 10+ pts.

2/1 GF Agreement

• 2N Bal 12-14 pts or 18-19 pts., stoppers in unbid suits.

• 2♥ Rebid is waiting. Shows exactly 5c♥.

• 3-Level new suit shows extra values.

Fast Arrival

1♥ vs. Interference

1♥ (X) -

- 1♠ 4+♠, 5+ HCP,
- 1N 6 to 10- HCP, no 4-card Major
- 2♣ 5+c♣, 5-9 HCP, NF (Negative Freebid)
- 2♦ 5+c♦, 5-9 HCP, NF (Negative Freebid)
- 2♥ 6 to 9 Points, 3+c♥
- 2♠* Weak Jump Shifts, 0-5 HCP, 6+♠ (2N Ogust)
- 2N *Jordan 2N*, ♥ Raise, 4+♥, 10+ pts, 1F
- 3♣ Weak Jump Shifts, 0-5 HCP, 6+♣
- 3♦ Weak Jump Shifts, 0-5 HCP, 6+♦
- 3♥ Weak 0-5 HCP, 4-card ♥
- 3♠* Splinter, 4+♥, 0-1♠, 11 to 14 HCP
- 3N 2-card ♥, 12 to 15 Points.
- 4♣* Splinter, 4+♥, 0-1♣, 11 to 14 HCP
- 4♦* Splinter, 4+♥, 0-1♦, 11 to 14 HCP
- 4♥ Preemptive, 0-8 HCP, 5+♥
- 4♠ To Play
- 4N Keycard in ♥

Jacoby 2N vs. Interference

- Bid shows Control in Opponents Suit.
 - o shortness at 3L
 - Length at 4L (could be 4c suit)
- Pass (no control and weak holding in their suit). Double by Responder is Penalty.
- X cards (usually Qxx or better). Cooperative.

1♥ Bidding Sequences

2/1 Game Forcing Auctions

Passed Hand Bidding

- P 1♥ 2N 5/5+ minors, 8-10 HCP
 4th Suit Forcing is Forcing 1-Round (1F) by a passed hand.

Problem Hands for Responder

Constructive Bidding Agreements: Major Suit Opening Bids 1♠ Opening Bids

Conventions for 1♠ Opening

- Double Raise Invitational
- Double Raise in Comp. Weak
- Jacoby 2N
- Splinters
- Semi-Forcing NT
- Reverse Two Way Drury**
- 2/1 Game Forcing**
- 3/1 Invitational

General 1♠ Opening

- 12-14 Points, Balanced OR
- 18 to 19- Points, Balanced, OR
- Good 11 to 21 Points, Unbalanced

Responses to 1♠ Opening

- 1N Semi-Forcing, 5 to 12 HCP
- 2♣ 2/1 GF, 4+c♣ (could be 3c rarely), Good 12+ HCP
- 2♦ 2/1 GF, 4+c♦, Good 12+ HCP
- 2♥ 2/1 GF, 5+♥, Good 12+ HCP
- 2♠ Constructive Raise, 7+ to 10- Points, 3+c♠
- 2N Jacoby 2N, GF ♠ Raise
- 3♣ 3/1, 6+c♣, 9-11 HCP, Invitational
- 3♦ 3/1 6+c♦, 9-11 HCP, Invitational
- 3♥ 3/1 6+c♥, 9-11 HCP, Invitational
- 3♠ 4c, LR, 10-11 HCP
- 3N 2-3-4-4, 12 to 15 Points
- 4♣* Splinter, 11 to 14 HCP
- 4♦* Splinter, 11 to 14 HCP
- 4♥* Splinter, 11 to 14 HCP
- 4♠ To Play
- 4N Keycard in ♠??

Conventional Details

Reverse 2-Way Drury

P - 1 🖍 -

- 2 A 3c LR values, 10-11 hcp.
- 2♦ 4+c♠ LR values, 9-11 hcp.

2/1 GF Agreement

- 2N Rebid 12-14 pts. OR 18-19 pts. Stoppers in the unbid suits.
 - O Denies cheaper 4-card suit that can be bid.
- 2♠ Rebid is Waiting.
- 3-Level new suit shows extra values
- Fast Arrival
- Jumps are Splinters, no significant extra values needed.

1♠ vs. Interference

1 (X) -

- 1N 6 to 9 HCP, usually
- 24 5+c4, 5-9 pts. Usually 6-card
- 2♦ 5+c♦, 5-9 pts. Usually 6-card
- 2♥ 5+c♥, 5-9 pts. Usually 6-card
- 2♠ 6 to 9 Points, 3+c♠
- 2N Jordan 2N, ♠ Raise, 10+ pts, 4+c♠
- 3♣ Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♣, 0-5 HCP
- 3♦ Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♦, 0-5 HCP
- 3♥ Weak Jump Shift, 6+c♥, 0-5 HCP
- 3♠ 4c♠, LR, 0-5 HCP
- 3N 2-card ♠, 12 to 15 Points
- 4♣* Splinter, 11 to 14 HCP
- 4♦* Splinter, 11 to 14 HCP
- 4♥* To Play (jumps to game in competition are to play.)
- 4♠ To Play
- 4N Keycard in ♠??

Jacoby 2NT vs. Interference

- Bid shows Control
 - o shortness at 3L
 - Length at 4L (could be 4c suit)
- Pass (no control and weak holding in their suit)
- X cards (usually Qxx or better)
- Double by partner after Pass is penalty.

1 Bidding Sequences

2/1 Game Forcing Auctions

Passed Hand Bidding

Problem Hands for Responder

Constructive Bidding Agreements: 2♣ Opening Bid

2♦ Artificial, Game Force

2♥ "Bust" -- No Ace or King or Two-Queens

2. Natural, Game Force, and shapely (usually 5-5). No suit quality requirements.

3-Level Natural, Game Forcing (Very rare.)

Systems On over Notrump Rebids. (See Balanced Hand Section)

Vs. Interference

Pass Positive (like a 2 ♦ bid.)

X Negative (like a 2 ♥ bid.)

Bids are natural and game forcing.

We play the same agreements vs interference at all levels.

2-Level Preemptive Opening Bids

- 2♦ Opening Bids
- 2♥ Opening Bids
- 2♠ Opening Bids

Responses to Weak Two-Bids

- Ogust 2N 2N usually agrees a fit with Openers suit.
- New Suits Forcing 1-Round Forcing, looking for a fit. A quality 5+card suit.

Lebensohl vs Weak-Two (X) P

- 2N Relay to 3♣, used with weak hands, 0 to 7 hcp.
- 3L 8 to 11 pts, natural. Constructive Bids.
- 3N Natural, GF, Stopper.

Next Version: 4♣ Keycard after a preempt. Preempt steps 01122.

^{**}Usually 6-card suits (5-card suits are common non-vulnerable.) 5-10 HCP.

Constructive Bidding: 3-Level Opening Bids

- 3♣ Opening Bids
- 3♦ Opening Bids
- **3♥** Opening Bids
- 3♠ Opening Bids

Responses to 3-Level Preempts

• New Suit Forcing -- 1-Round Forcing, looking for a fit. A quality 5+card suit.

Next Version: 4♣ Keycard after a preempt. Preempt steps 01122.

^{**}Usually 7-card suits (6-card suits are common non-vulnerable.) 5-10 HCP.

Slam Bidding

- 1430 Keycard
 - Specific Kings
 - o Relay is Queen Ask over 1 or 4 / 3 or 0 answers (5♣ or 5♦).
 - If the Relay is "our suit", say 5♥ after a 5♠ response if ♥ is keycard, then 5♠ is becomes
 "Queen Ask" trying for grand slam.
- 1430 Gerber
 - o Relay asks for Maximum or Minimum
 - 4N always to play.

Future Version

- vs. X, XX step 1, Pass step 2 below 5M
- DEPO vs. 5M or higher interference?
- Exclusion 031422
- Minorwood
- Modern Style of cuebiding

Other General Agreements

Patterning out into Minor is NF. Patterning out in Major is F.

Constructive Bidding with Competition

- Takeout Doubles thru 4♥
- Negative Doubles thru 4♥
- Responsive Double thru 4♥
- Maximal Doubles
- Support Doubles 2M (non-jump)
- Support Redoubles

Competitive Bidding -- They Open the Bidding

Overcalls

- 7 to 18 HCP (1-Level Overcalls)
- 12 to 18 HCP (2-Level Overcalls)
- New Suit Forcing
- Jump Raise Weak
- Q=LR+

Jump Overcalls

- Weak Jump Overcalls
- Intermediate Jump Overcalls in Passout Seat
- 1N overcall -- 15-18 pts.
 - o Systems On
- Balancing 1N overcall -- 11-15 pts.
 - o Systems On

DONT vs. 1NT (if >= 16)

2♣ ♣+ other

2♦ + Major

2♥ ♥+♠

2♠

2N minors

X 1-long suit (6+card suit)

Michaels

- Min (5 to 11 hcp) or Max (16+ hcp.)
- FUTURE VERSION -- Meckstroth Advances

Unusual Notrump

• Usually min hand (5 to 11 hcp.)

Defense

- Upside Down Attitude
- Standard Count
- 4th Best Lead (from an honor)
- Top or Second Best from bad holding

Opening Leads

Ace or Queen for Attitude, King for Count.

Third Hand Signals

- 1 Attitude
- 2 Count
- 3 Suit Preference
- Attitude behind A or K. Count behind lower card.

FUTURE VERSION

Trump Suit Preference