

# Bridge Bidding System

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# 1 1m opening

1♣ – ?

- 1♦ = 0-6
- 1♥ = 4+♥
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 7-10, no 4M
- 2♣ = **GF**: BAL or ♣
- 2♦ = 5+♦, **GF**, may have 4M
- 2♥ = 5♠ 4♥ 6-9
- 2♠ = 11+ BAL, no 4M
- 2NT = 11-12 BAL
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

1♦ – ?

- 1♥ = 4+♥
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 6-10, no 4M, no ♦ support
- 2♣ = 12-14 BAL or ♣, **GF**
- 2♦ = no 4M, 4+♦, **INV**<sup>+</sup>
- 2♥ = 5♠ 4♥ 6-9
- 2♠ = 11+ BAL, no 4M
- 2NT = 11-12 BAL
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

1♣ – 2♣

?

- 2♦ = BAL
- 2♥ = 5♣ 4♥ BAL

- $2\spadesuit = 5\clubsuit 4\spadesuit$  BAL
- $2\text{NT} = 5\clubsuit 4\diamondsuit$  BAL
- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit$  BAL

$1\clubsuit - 2\clubsuit$

$2\diamondsuit - ?$

- $2\heartsuit = 5\clubsuit 4\heartsuit$  BAL
- $2\spadesuit = 5\clubsuit 4\spadesuit$  BAL
- $2\text{NT} = 12-14/18+$  BAL
- $3\clubsuit = 6\clubsuit$ , no  $4\heartsuit$
- $3\diamondsuit = 5\clubsuit 4\diamondsuit$ , GF
- $3\text{NT} = 15-17$  BAL

$1\diamondsuit - 2\diamondsuit$

?

- $2\heartsuit = \heartsuit$  stopper
- $2\spadesuit = \spadesuit$  stopper
- $2\text{NT} =$  both major stoppers
- $3\clubsuit = \text{NAT}$
- $3\diamondsuit =$  sign off (threshold for invite)

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

$1\clubsuit - 2\heartsuit$

?

- $2\text{NT} = \text{ASK LSF}$

$1\clubsuit - 2\spadesuit$

?

- $2\text{NT} = \text{BAL min}$
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\clubsuit$  min
- $3\diamondsuit = 5+\clubsuit$  GF

- $3♥ = 1-♥, 5+♣$  **GF**
- $3♠ = 1-♠, 5+♣$  **GF**
- $3NT =$  to play

$1♦ - 2♠$   
?

- $2NT =$  BAL min
- $3♣ = 4+♣$  min
- $3♦ = 5+♦$  min
- $3♥ = 1-♥, 5+♦$  **GF**
- $3♠ = 1-♠, 5+♦$  **GF**
- $3NT =$  to play

### Two way checkback

After any  $1x - 1y - 1z$  sequence (except:  $1♣ - 1♦ =$  negative).

$1x - 1y$   
 $1z - ?$

- $2♣ =$  any invite, forces  $2♦$
- $2♦ =$  any **GF**

## 2 1M opening

$1♥ - ?$

- $1♠ = 4+♠$ , no  $3♥$  OR  $5♠ 3♥+$  **GF**
- $1NT = 5-11HCP$ , (or  $5-7HCP$  with  $♥$  fit)
- $2♣ =$  any **GF**
- $2♦ = 5♦$ , **GF**
- $2♥ =$  constructive raise
- $2♠ =$  mini splinter

- 2NT = limit raise
- 3♣ = solid 6♣, **INV**
- 3♦ = solid 6♦, **INV**
- 3♥ = mixed raise
- 3♠ = splinter ♠
- 3NT = splinter ♦
- 4♣ = splinter ♣
- 4♦ = 11HCP, 4♥, no shortness

1♠ – ?

- 1NT = 5-11HCP, (or 5-7HCP with ♠ fit)
- 2♣ = any **GF**
- 2♦ = 5♦, **GF**
- 2♥ = 5♥, **GF**
- 2♠ = constructive raise
- 2NT = mini splinter
- 3♣ = solid 6♣, **INV**
- 3♦ = solid 6♦, **INV**
- 3♥ = 3+♠, **INV**
- 3♠ = mixed raise
- 3NT = splinter ♥
- 4♣ = splinter ♣
- 4♦ = splinter ♦
- 4♥ = 11HCP, 4♠, no shortness

### 3 1NT opening

1NT opening = (14)15-17 BAL

## 1NT – ?

- 2♣ = Stayman
- 2♦ = forces 2♥
- 2♥ = forces 2♠
- 2♠ = INV or TRSF to ♣
- 2NT = TRSF to ♦
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ = 55♣♦
- 3♥ = 3-♠ 1-♥, 54♣♦
- 3♠ = 3-♥ 1-♣, 54♣♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = 55♥♠
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas
- 4NT = quantitative

## 1NT – 2♠

?

- 2NT = 14-15(16)
- 3♣ = (16)17

## 1NT – 2NT


?

- 3♣ = superaccept
- 3♦ = accept


## 1NT – 3♥

?













- 3♠ = NAT
- 3NT = to play
- 4♥ = pick a ♣♦, good hand


- 4NT = pick a 

### Smolen

1NT – 2


2 – ?

- 2 = 5 4, to play
- 2 = 5 4, to play
- 3 = 5 4, **GF**
- 3 = 5 4, **GF**

1NT – 2


2 – ?



- 2 = 5 4, **INV**

1NT – 2




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- 3 = 5 4, **INV**

1NT – 2

2 – 2




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- PASS, 2NT, 3 = to play
- 3NT, 4, 4 = to play

1NT – 2

2 – 3

?

- PASS, 3 = to play
- 3NT, 4, 4 = to play

## 4 Overcalls after 1NT opening

(1NT) – ?

-  = 5 + 4



- $\times$  in balancing position =  $5\clubsuit\spadesuit + 4\heartsuit\spadesuit$  or  $6\clubsuit\spadesuit$
- $2\clubsuit = 54\heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $2\spadesuit = 6+ \heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $2\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit + 4\clubsuit\spadesuit$
- $2\spadesuit = 5\spadesuit + 4\clubsuit\spadesuit$

(1NT) –  $\times$  – (P) – ?

- $2\clubsuit = \text{PASS/correct}$
- $2\spadesuit = \text{show major}$
- $2\heartsuit = \text{own suit}$
- $2\spadesuit = \text{own suit}$

(1NT) –  $2\clubsuit$  – (P) – ?

- $2\spadesuit = \text{show better major}$
- $2\heartsuit, 2\spadesuit = \text{preference}$

(1NT) –  $2\spadesuit$  – (P) – ?

- $2\heartsuit = \text{PASS/correct}$
- $2\spadesuit = \text{INV with } \heartsuit$

## 5 1NT – dealing with interference

1NT – ( $2\clubsuit$ ) – ?

$2\clubsuit = \clubsuit$

- $\times = \text{Stayman}$

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1NT – ( $2\clubsuit^A$ ) – ?

$2\clubsuit = 5/4\heartsuit\spadesuit$

- $\times = 8+$

- $2\spadesuit, 2\heartsuit, 2\clubsuit, 3\spadesuit =$  to play
- $2NT =$  minors

$1NT - (2\spadesuit) - ?$

$2\spadesuit = \spadesuit$

- $\times =$  negative
- $2\heartsuit, 2\spadesuit =$  to play
- $2NT =$  Lebensohl
- $3\spadesuit = 5+\heartsuit, INV^+$
- $3\spadesuit = 1-\spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3\heartsuit = 5+\spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3NT =$  no  $\spadesuit$  stopper
- $4\spadesuit, 4\heartsuit =$  Texas

$1NT - (2\spadesuit^A) - ?$

$2\spadesuit = 6+ \heartsuit\spadesuit$

- $\times = 8+$
- $2\heartsuit, 2\spadesuit =$  to play
- $2NT =$  Lebensohl
- $3\spadesuit = 5+\spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3\spadesuit = 5+\heartsuit, INV^+$
- $3\heartsuit = 5+\spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3\clubsuit = 5/5 \spadesuit\spadesuit$
- $3NT =$  to play
- $4\spadesuit, 4\heartsuit =$  Texas

1NT – (2♥) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 2♠ = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♦, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♦ = 5+♠, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♥ = 1-♥, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♠ = 55 ♣♦, GF
- 3NT = no ♥ stopper
- 4♥ = Texas

1NT – (2♠) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♦, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♦ = 5+♥, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♥ = 55 ♣♦, GF
- 3♠ = 1-♠, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3NT = no ♠ stopper
- 4♦ = Texas

1NT – (2NT<sup>A</sup>) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ✕ = 10+
- 3♣ = Stayman
- 3♦ = 5+♥, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV<sup>+</sup>

1NT – (3♣) – ?

- ♠ = negative
- 3♦ = 5+♥, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♠ = 5+♦, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3NT = to play

1NT – (3♦) – ?

- ♠ = negative
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♠ = 5+♥, GF
- 3NT = to play

1NT – (♠<sup>A</sup>) – ?

♠ artificial

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1NT – (♠) – ?

♠ = penalty

- PASS = forces ♠♠
- ♠♠ = forces 2♣
- 2♣ = forces ♣+1

1NT – (♠) – P<sup>A</sup> – (P)

♠♠ – (P) – ?

- PASS = penalty
- 2♣ = 4♣ + 4♣ or 4333 or any other edge case
- 2♦ = 4♦ + 4♥♠
- 2♥ = 4♥ + 4♠

## 6 2NT opening

2NT<sup>A</sup> opening = 21-22 BAL, may have 5M

2NT – ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ = forces 3♥, GF
- 3♥ = forces 3♠, GF
- 3♠ = forces 3NT
- 3NT = 5♠ 4♥, NF
- 4♣ = 55 M
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas
- 4NT = quantitative

2NT – 3♦

?

- 3♥ = 2♥
- 3♠ = 4+♥, cue bid
- 3NT = 3♠
- 4♣, 4♦ = 4+♥, cue bid

2NT – 3♥

?

- 3♠ = 2♠
- 3NT = 3♠
- 4♣, 4♦ = 4+♠, cue bid

2NT – 3♠

3NT – ?

- 4♣ = 6+♣
- 4♦ = 6+♦

- $4♥ = 54♣♦ 1-♥$
- $4♠ = 54♣♦ 1-♠$

## 7 2NT opening – extended

2NT –  $3♣$

$3♦$  – ?

- $4♣$  = Minor Puppet Stayman

2NT –  $3♣$

$3♥♠$  – ?

- $4♣$  = Minor Puppet Stayman
- $4♦$  = Minor Puppet, ask 3s

2NT –  $3♣$

$(3♦ – 3♥♠)$

3NT – ?

- $4♣$  = Minor Puppet Stayman
- $4♦$  = Minor Puppet, ask 3s

2NT –  $3♦$

$3♥$  – ?

- $4♣$  = Minor Puppet Stayman
- $4♦$  = Minor Puppet, ask 3s

2NT –  $3♥$

$3♠$  – ?

- $4♣$  = Minor Puppet Stayman
- $4♦$  = Minor Puppet, ask 3s

... –  $4♣$

?

- $4♦ = 4♣♦$ , no  $5♣♦$

- $4♥ = 5+♣$
- $4♠ = 5+♦$
- $4NT = \text{no } 4♣♦$
- $5♣ = 5♣, 4♦$
- $5♦ = 5♦, 4♠$

... -  $4♣$   
 $4♦$  - ?

- $4♥ = 4♣$
- $4♠ = 4♦$
- $4NT = \text{SIGN-OFF}$

... -  $4♣$   
 $4♦$  -  $4♥$   
 ?

- $4♠ = \text{fit } ♣, 1/4 \text{ Aces}$
- $4NT = \text{SIGN-OFF}$
- $5♣ = \text{fit } ♣, 0/3 \text{ Aces}$
- $5♦ = \text{fit } ♣, 2 \text{ Aces, no } Q♣$
- $5♥ = \text{fit } ♣ 2 \text{ Aces, } Q♣$

... -  $4♣$   
 $4♦$  -  $4♠$   
 ?

- $4NT = \text{SIGN-OFF}$
- $5♣ = \text{fit } ♦, 1/4 \text{ Aces}$
- $5♦ = \text{fit } ♦, 0/3 \text{ Aces}$
- $5♥ = \text{fit } ♦, 2 \text{ Aces, no } Q♦$
- $5♠ = \text{fit } ♦ 2 \text{ Aces, } Q♦$

... - 4♣

4♥ - ?

- 4♠ = fit ♣, 1/4 Aces
- 4NT = SIGN-OFF
- 5♣ = fit ♣, 0/3 Aces
- 5♦ = fit ♣, 2 Aces, no Q♣
- 5♥ = fit ♣ 2 Aces, Q♣

... - 4♣

4♠ - ?

- 4NT = SIGN-OFF
- 5♣ = fit ♦, 1/4 Aces
- 5♦ = fit ♦, 0/3 Aces
- 5♥ = fit ♦, 2 Aces, no Q♦
- 5♠ = fit ♦ 2 Aces, Q♦

... - 4♦

?

- 4♥ = 3+♣, 3+♦
- 4♠ = 3+♣, 2♦ (4NT = SIGN-OFF, other bids agreeing ♣)
- 4NT = 2♣, 3+♦ (all bids agreeing ♦)

... - 4♦

4♥ - ?

- 4♠ = agreeing ♣
- 4NT = SIGN-OFF
- 5♣ = agreeing ♦

## 8 Drury

OFF in competition



P – 1M

?

- 1NT = 8-11, no fit
- 2♣ = 4-fit mixed raise (7)8-10DP OR 3-fit (9)10-11DP
- 2M = 3-fit, 4-8DP
- 2x = (9)10, solid 5x
- 3♣ = (9)10, INV, 6♣
- 3x = 4-fit, solid 5x
- 2NT = 4-fit, solid 5♣
- 3M = 5-fit 4-6DP (or 4 with shortness)
- 3NT over 1♠ (3♠ over 1♥) = Two Tiered Splinters = 4+M, unspecified singleton, (10)11DP
- 4♣/4♦/4♥ = void splinter

P – 1♥

2♣ – ?

- 2♥ = no interest in the game
- 2♦ = INV
- 2♠ = ASK LSF, usually 18-20 BAL
- 2NT/3♣/3♦ = 55(54) Slam Try (2NT = ♠)
- 3NT/3♠/4♣/4♦ = splinter (3NT = 4♦)
- 4♥ = to play

P – 1♠

2♣ – ?

- 2♠ = no interest in the game
- 2♦ = INV
- 2NT = ASK LSF, usually 18-20 BAL
- 3♣/3♦/3♥ = 55(54) Slam Try
- 3NT/4♣/4♦/4♥ = splinter (3NT = 4♥)

- $4\spadesuit =$  to play

$P - 1M$

$2\clubsuit - 2M$

?

- $3x =$  NAT, unspecified singleton, +4-fit  $M$  support

$P - 1M$

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamond$

?

- $2\heartsuit$  over  $2\spadesuit =$  Last Train (says nothing about  $\heartsuit$ )
- $2M =$  SIGN-OFF
- $2NT =$  11, BAL
- $3M =$  4-card support
- $4M =$  to play
- any other bid = NAT, INV

## 9 Michaels & Unusual $2NT$

$(1\clubsuit^A) - ?$

$1\clubsuit =$  2+ or fully artificial

- $1\diamond =$  NAT (5+)
- $2\clubsuit =$  NAT
- $2\diamond =$  Michaels

$(1\clubsuit^A) - ?$

$1\clubsuit =$  3+

- $1\diamond =$  NAT (5+)
- $2\clubsuit =$  Michaels
- $2\diamond =$  weak (6+)

(1♦) – ?

- 2♦ = Michaels

## 10 Non Serious 3<sub>NT</sub>

After agreeing on ♥ (♠), if **GF**, the no-jump 3♠ (3<sub>NT</sub>) bid is an invite (usually no shortness) to Slam. The (serious) cue bid instead of non serious bid forces partner to show their cue.

## 11 Reverses, jump shifts and jump reverses

1<sub>x</sub> – 1<sub>y</sub> – ?

- 2<sub>z</sub>, <sub>y</sub> < <sub>z</sub> = reverse
- 3<sub>y</sub>, <sub>y</sub> > <sub>z</sub> = jump shift
- 3<sub>z</sub>, <sub>y</sub> < <sub>z</sub> = jump reverse

1<sub>m</sub> – 1♥ – ?

- 1♠ = 4♠, 12-17
- 2♠ = 4♠, (18)19+

## 12 Preempt opening

2♦ – ?

- 2<sub>NT</sub> = OGUST (after 2♦ only!)

2♦ – 2♦

?

- 3♣ = 5-7, bad ♦ quality
- 3♦ = 5-7, good ♦ quality
- 3♥ = 8-10, bad ♦ quality
- 3♠ = 8-10, good ♦ quality

2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = ASK LSF
- 2NT = 5+♠

2♠ – ?

- 2NT = ASK LSF

## 13 Dealing with preempts

(2♥) – ?

- 3♠ = strong hand, solid suit
- 3♥ = Michaels
- 4♣/4♦ = Leaping Michaels, GF
- 4♥ = ♣♦, strong
- 4NT = ♣♦, weaker than 4♥

!!

(2♥) – × – (P) – ?

- 2NT = Better Minor Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 0-11, 5+♣
- 2♠ = weak
- 3♦ = INV (8-11)
- 3♥ = no 4♠, no ♥ stopper
- 3♠ = 5♠, INV (8-11)
- 3NT = no 4♠, ♥ stopper
- 4♥ = ♣♦, no ♥ control, Slam Try
- 4♠ = to play

!

!!

(2♥) – × – (P) – 2NT

(P) – 3m – (P) – ?

- 3♦ = weak

- $3\heartsuit = 4\spadesuit$ , no  $\heartsuit$  stopper
- $3\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$ , **INV** (8-11)
- $3NT = 4\spadesuit$ ,  $\heartsuit$  stopper

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$(2\heartsuit) - \times - (3\heartsuit) - ?$

- $\times =$  no  $4\spadesuit$ , 10+

$(2\spadesuit) - ?$

- $3\spadesuit =$  Michaels
- $4\clubsuit/4\diamondsuit =$  Leaping Michaels, **GF**
- $4\spadesuit = \clubsuit\diamondsuit$ , strong
- $4NT = \clubsuit\diamondsuit$ , weaker than  $4\heartsuit$

$(2\spadesuit) - \times - (P) - ?$

- $2NT =$  Better Minor Lebensohl
- $3\clubsuit = 0-11$ ,  $5+\clubsuit$
- $3\diamondsuit/3\heartsuit =$  **INV** (8-11)
- $3\spadesuit =$  no  $4\heartsuit$ , no  $\spadesuit$  stopper
- $3NT =$  no  $4\heartsuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  stopper
- $4\heartsuit =$  to play
- $4\heartsuit = \clubsuit\diamondsuit$ , no  $\spadesuit$  control, Slam Try

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$(2\spadesuit) - \times - (P) - 2NT$

$(P) - 3m - (P) - ?$

- $3\heartsuit/3\diamondsuit =$  to play
- $3\spadesuit = 4\heartsuit$ , no  $\spadesuit$  stopper
- $3NT = 4\heartsuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  stopper

(2♠) – × – (4♠) – ?

- 4NT = two-suited OR weak ♥
- 5♣/5♦ = to play
- 5♥ = Slam Try

## 14 Two-suiter overcalls

(2♠) – 4♣ – (P) – ?

- 4♦ = agreeing ♥
- 4♥ = SIGN-OFF
- 4♠ = agreeing ♣
- 5♣ = SIGN-OFF

(2♠) – 4♦ – (P) – ?

- 4♥ = SIGN-OFF
- 4♠ = agreeing ♦
- 4NT = agreeing ♥
- 5♦ = SIGN-OFF

(2♥) – 4♣ – (P) – ?

- 4♦ = agreeing ♠
- 4♥ = agreeing ♣
- 4♠ = SIGN-OFF
- 5♣ = SIGN-OFF

(2♥) – 4♦ – (P) – ?

- 4♥ = agreeing ♠
- 4♠ = SIGN-OFF
- 4NT = agreeing ♦
- 5♦ = SIGN-OFF

(3♣) – ?

- 4♣ = ♦+♥♠, GF
- 4♦ = ♥♠, GF

(3♣) – 4♣ – (P) – ?

- 4♦ = ASK ♥♠
- 4♥ = agreeing ♦

!!

(3♣) – 4♦ – (P) – ?

- 4♥ = SIGN-OFF
- 4♠ = SIGN-OFF
- 4NT = agreeing ♥
- 5♣ = agreeing ♠

(3♣) – 4♣ – (P) – 4♦

(P) – 4♥ – (P) – ?

- PASS = SIGN-OFF
- 4♠ = agreeing ♦
- 4NT = agreeing ♥
- 5♦ = SIGN-OFF

(3♣) – 4♣ – (P) – 4♦

(P) – 4♠ – (P) – ?

- PASS = SIGN-OFF
- 4NT = agreeing ♦
- 5♣ = agreeing ♠
- 5♦ = SIGN-OFF

(3♦) – ?

- 4♣ = NAT

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## 15 Acol 2♣

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

2♣ – ?

- 2♦ = positive 4+, **GF**
- 2♥ = negative 3-
- 2♠, 3♣, 3♦ = own suit 5+
- 2NT = own suit (♥) 5+

2♣ – 2♥  
?

- PASS = good ♥
- 2♠ = NAT (5+), **F1**
- 2NT/3♣/3♦ = **NF**
- 3♥ = NAT (5+), **GF**

2♣ – 2♥  
2NT – ?

System as after 2NT opening, except non-**GF** transfers: 3♦, 3♥ force 3♥, 3♠.

2♣ – 2♦  
?

- 2NT = 23-24, **BAL**
- 2♥ = Kokish relay (see: Kokish relay)
- 2♠, 3♣, 3♦ = 5+, **BAL**
- 3♥, 3♠, 4♣, 4♦ = agreeing suit

2♣ – 2♦  
2NT – ?

System as after 2NT opening



2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = no fit, relay
- 3♥ = fit

2♣ – 2♦

2♠ – ?

- 2NT = no fit, relay
- 3♠ = fit

2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

?

- 2NT = 5♥ + 4♣
- 3♣ = 5♥ + 4♦
- 3♦ = 6 + ♥
- 3♥ = 5♥ + 4♠

2♣ – 2♦

2♠ – 2NT

?

- 3♣ = 5♠ + 4♦
- 3♦ = 5♠ + 4♥
- 3♥ = 6 + ♠
- 3♠ = 5♠ + 4♣

## 16 Acol – Kokish relay

2♣ – 2♦

?

- 2♥ = Kokish relay, forces 2♠
- 2NT = 23-24, BAL

2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

?

- 2NT = 25+, BAL
- 3♣ = 5♥+4♦, 23+
- 3♦ = 6♥, 23+
- 3♥ = 5♥+4♠, 23+
- 3♠ = 5♥+4♣, 23+

2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

2NT – ?

SYSTEM ON

## 17 Acol interference

2♣ – (×/any) – ?

× = ♣

- ××/× = negative
- PASS = positive
- own suit = 4+ HCP, 5+ cards, **GF**

2♣ – (P) – 2♦ – (any)

?

- × = take out
- PASS = forces penalty ×

!

## 18 Rebid with 3-card support

1♣ – 1♥

2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = 5+♥, INV<sup>+</sup>, **ASK LSF**

- $2_{NT} = 4♥, INV$
- $3♣ = 4♥ + 4♣, INV$
- $3♦ = 4♥, GF$

$1♣ - 1♠$

$2♠ - ?$

- $2_{NT} = 4♠, INV$
- $3♣ = 4♠ + 4♣, INV$
- $3♦ = 5♠, INV^+, ASK LSF$
- $3♥ = 4♠, GF$

## 19 Ask LSF

All basic ASK LSF sequences:

- $1M - 2M$   
 $2M+1^A$
- $1♣♦ - 1M$   
 $2M - 2M+1^A$
- $1M - 2x$   
 $2M - 2M+1^A$
- $1♣♦ - 1M$   
 $3M - 3M+1^A$

More in: **mini splinter** and **responding to partner's preempt**.

**Answering:**

no shortness / lowest shortness / medium shortness / (highest shortness)

## 20 LSF – dealing with interference

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**ASK** –  $(\bullet) - ?$

- $\times =$  no shortness

- PASS = shortness in •
- other suit = shortness in this suit
- agreed suit = other shortness (if there is no place to bid it)

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ASK – (×) – ?

- ×× = no shortness
- PASS = shortness in doubled suit
- other suit = shortness in this suit

## 21 Gazilli

1♥ – 1♠

?

- 2♣ = 5♥ ♣ 11-15 OR 16+ HCP F1

1♥ – 1NT

?

- 2♣ = 5♥ ♣ 11-15 OR 16+ HCP F1
- 2♦ = 5♥ 4♦ 11-15
- 2♥ = 11-15
- 2♠ = 6♥ 5♠ GF
- 2NT = 6♥ 5♣♦ GF
- 3♣ = 5♥ 5♣ GF
- 3♦ = 5♥ 5♦ GF
- 3♥ = agreeing ♥ GF

1♠ – 1NT

?

- PASS = 5332 12-14
- 2♣ = 5♠ ♣ 11-15 OR 16+ HCP F1

- $2\diamond = 5\spadesuit 4\diamond$  11-15
- $2\heartsuit = 5\spadesuit 4\heartsuit$  11-15
- $2\spadesuit =$  11-15
- $2\text{NT} = 6\spadesuit 5\clubsuit\diamond$  **GF**
- $3\clubsuit = 5\spadesuit 5\clubsuit$  **GF**
- $3\diamond = 5\spadesuit 5\diamond$  **GF**
- $3\heartsuit = 6\spadesuit 5\heartsuit$  **GF**
- $3\spadesuit =$  agreeing  $\spadesuit$  **GF**

$1\heartsuit - 1\spadesuit$

$2\clubsuit - ?$

- $\diamond = 8+$
- $\heartsuit = 2\heartsuit$  5-7
- $\spadesuit =$  good  $5\spadesuit$  5-7
- $2\text{NT} = 1-\heartsuit$  5-7
- $3\clubsuit = 6+\clubsuit$  5-7
- $3\diamond = 6+\diamond$  5-7

$1\heartsuit - 1\text{NT}$

$2\clubsuit - ?$

- $2\diamond = 8+$
- $2\heartsuit = 2-3\heartsuit$  5-7
- $2\spadesuit = 55\clubsuit\diamond$  5-7
- $2\text{NT} = 1-\heartsuit$  5-7
- $3\clubsuit = 6+\clubsuit$  5-7
- $3\diamond = 6+\diamond$  5-7

$1\spadesuit - 1\text{NT}$

$2\clubsuit - ?$

- $2\diamond = 8+$

- $2\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit$  5-7
- $2\spadesuit = 2-3\spadesuit$  5-7
- $2NT = 1-\spadesuit$  5-7
- $3\clubsuit = 6+\clubsuit$  5-7
- $3\diamondsuit = 6+\diamondsuit$  5-7

$1\heartsuit - 1\spadesuit$   
 $2\clubsuit - 2\diamondsuit$   
 ?

- $2\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\clubsuit$  11-15
- $2\spadesuit = 5\heartsuit, =3\spadesuit$  16+
- $2NT = 5332$  18-20
- $3\clubsuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\clubsuit$  16+
- $3\diamondsuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\diamondsuit$  16+
- $3\heartsuit = 6\heartsuit$  16+
- $3\spadesuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\spadesuit$  **GF**

$1\heartsuit - 1NT$   
 $2\clubsuit - 2\diamondsuit$   
 ?

- $2\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\clubsuit$  11-15
- $2\spadesuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\spadesuit$  16+
- $2NT = 5332$  18-20
- $3\clubsuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\clubsuit$  16+
- $3\diamondsuit = 5\heartsuit$   $4\diamondsuit$  16+
- $3\heartsuit = 6\heartsuit$  16+

$1\spadesuit - 1NT$   
 $2\clubsuit - 2\diamondsuit$   
 ?

- $2\heartsuit = 5\spadesuit$   $4\heartsuit$  16+

- $2\spadesuit = 5\spadesuit 4\clubsuit$  11-15
- $2NT = 5332$  18-20
- $3\clubsuit = 5\spadesuit 4\clubsuit$  16+
- $3\diamondsuit = 5\spadesuit 4\diamondsuit$  16+
- $3\heartsuit = 5\spadesuit 4\heartsuit$  16+
- $3\spadesuit = 6\spadesuit$  16+

## 22 Mini Splinters

any shortness 9-11, 4-card support, not **GF**!

$1\heartsuit - ?$

- $2\spadesuit =$  mini splinter
- $2NT = \text{INV} + \text{fit}$

$1\spadesuit - ?$

- $2NT =$  mini splinter
- $3\heartsuit = \text{INV} + \text{fit}$

$1\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$   
?

- $2NT = \text{ASK LSF}$

$1\spadesuit - 2NT$   
?

- $3\clubsuit = \text{ASK LSF}$

$1\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$   
 $2NT - ?$

- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit$  shortness
- $3\diamondsuit = \diamondsuit$  shortness
- $3\heartsuit = \spadesuit$  shortness

- $3\spadesuit = \spadesuit$  shortness **GF** (max)

$1\spadesuit - 2\text{NT}$

$3\clubsuit - ?$

- $3\diamondsuit = \clubsuit$  shortness
- $3\heartsuit = \diamondsuit$  shortness
- $3\spadesuit = \heartsuit$  shortness
- $3\text{NT} = \heartsuit$  shortness **GF** (max)

## 23 Transfers after $1\text{M}$ ( $\times$ )

$1\heartsuit - (\times) - ?$

- $\times\times = 10+$  (may have  $3\heartsuit$ )
- $1\spadesuit = \text{NAT}$ ,  $4+\spadesuit$ , **F1**
- $1\text{NT} = \text{TRSF to } 2\clubsuit$
- $2\clubsuit = \text{TRSF to } 2\diamondsuit$
- $2\diamondsuit = \text{TRSF to } 2\heartsuit$ , constructive 8-10
- $2\heartsuit = 4-7$ ,  $3\heartsuit$
- $2\spadesuit = \spadesuit$ ,  $(3)4\heartsuit \text{ INV}^+$
- $2\text{NT} = 4+\heartsuit \text{ INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit$ ,  $(3)4\heartsuit \text{ INV}^+$
- $3\diamondsuit = 4+\heartsuit$ , 6-9
- $3\heartsuit = 4+\heartsuit$ , 0-5
- $3\spadesuit = 4+\heartsuit$ , **ASK LSF**
- $3\text{NT} = \text{semi-preempt, } \spadesuit, 4+\heartsuit$
- $4\clubsuit = \text{semi-preempt, } \clubsuit, 4+\heartsuit$
- $4\diamondsuit = \text{semi-preempt, } \diamondsuit, 4+\heartsuit$
- $4\heartsuit = \text{preempt}$

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1♠ – (×) – ?

- ×× = 10+ (may have 3♠)
- 1NT = TRSF to 2♣
- 2♣ = TRSF to 2♦
- 2♦ = TRSF to 2♥
- 2♥ = TRSF to 2♠, constructive 8-10
- 2♠ = 4-7, 3♠
- 2NT = 4♠ INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♣ = ♣, (3)4♠ INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♦ = ♦, (3)4♠ INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3♥ = 4+♠, 6-9
- 3♠ = 4+♠, 0-5
- 3NT = 4+♠, **ASK LSF**
- 4♣ = semi-preempt, ♣, 4+♠
- 4♦ = semi-preempt, ♦, 4+♠
- 4♥ = semi-preempt, ♥, 4+♠
- 4♠ = preempt

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## 24 2NT overcall after major preempt

(2M) – ?

- 2NT = 16-18 BAL, promises M stopper

(2♥) – 2NT – (P) – ?

- 3♣ = forces 3♦, 1-♥ **GF** OR weak with ♦
- 3♦ = 4♠ **GF**
- 3♥ = forces 3♠, 5+♠, weak or **GF**
- 3♠ = long minor/minors, no ♥ shortness, 3NT = ASK
- 3NT = to play

- $4\clubsuit = 6\clubsuit 5\spadesuit$ , may have shortness
- $4\diamond = 6\diamond 5\spadesuit$ , may have shortness
- $4\heartsuit = 6+\spadesuit$
- $4\spadesuit = \text{minors}$
- $4\text{NT} = \text{quantitative}$

$(2\heartsuit) - 2\text{NT} - (\text{P}) - 3\clubsuit$   
 $(\text{P}) - 3\diamond - (\text{P}) - ?$

- PASS = weak with  $\diamond$
- $3\heartsuit = 3\spadesuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$
- $3\text{NT} = 5\spadesuit$
- $4\clubsuit = 6+\spadesuit$

$(2\heartsuit) - 2\text{NT} - (\text{P}) - 3\clubsuit$   
 $(\text{P}) - 3\diamond - (\text{P}) - 3\heartsuit$   
 $(\text{P}) - ?$

- $3\spadesuit = \text{last train for a } 3\text{NT game}$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{good } \heartsuit \text{ stopper}$

$(2\heartsuit) - 2\text{NT} - (\text{P}) - 3\clubsuit$   
 $(\text{P}) - 3\diamond - (\text{P}) - 3\heartsuit$   
 $(\text{P}) - 3\spadesuit - (\text{P}) - ?$

- $3\text{NT} = \text{weak own suit}$
- $4\clubsuit, 4\diamond = \text{own suit}$
- $4\heartsuit = \clubsuit\diamond$ :  $4\spadesuit$  agreeing  $\clubsuit$ ,  $4\text{NT}$  agreeing  $\diamond$
- $4\spadesuit = 3\spadesuit$

$(2\heartsuit) - 2\text{NT} - (\text{P}) - 3\diamond$   
 $(\text{P}) - ?$

- $3\heartsuit = \text{minors}$

- $3\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$
- $3NT = \text{to play}$

$(2\heartsuit) - 2NT - (P) - 3\heartsuit$   
 $(P) - 3\spadesuit - (P) - ?$

- $PASS = \text{weak, } 5+\spadesuit$
- $3NT = PASS/\text{correct}$
- $4\clubsuit/4\diamond = NAT$

$(2\heartsuit) - 2NT - (P) - 3\spadesuit$   
 $(P) - 3NT - (P) - ?$

- $4\clubsuit/4\diamond = NAT, \text{ agreeing suit}$
- $4\heartsuit = 1\spadesuit, \text{ both minors}$
- $4\spadesuit = \text{void } \spadesuit, \text{ both minors}$

$(2\heartsuit) - 2NT - (P) - 4\heartsuit$   
 $(P) - 4\spadesuit - (P) - ?$

- $4NT = RKCB 1430$
- $5\heartsuit = EX 0314$

$(2\spadesuit) - 2NT - (P) - ?$

- $3\clubsuit = \text{forces } 3\diamond, 1-\spadesuit \text{ GF OR weak with } \diamond$
- $3\diamond = \text{forces } 3\heartsuit, 5+\heartsuit, \text{ weak or GF}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{long minor/minors, no } \spadesuit \text{ shortness, } 3\spadesuit = ASK$
- $3\spadesuit = 4\heartsuit, \text{ GF}$
- $3NT = \text{to play}$
- $4\clubsuit = 6\clubsuit 5\heartsuit, \text{ may have shortness}$
- $4\diamond = 6\diamond 5\heartsuit, \text{ may have shortness}$
- $4\heartsuit = 6+\heartsuit$
- $4\spadesuit = \text{minors}$

- 4NT = quantitative

(2♠) – 2NT – (P) – 3♣  
(P) – 3♦ – (P) – ?

- PASS = weak with ♦
- 3♥ = 3-♥
- 3♠ = 4♥
- 3NT = 5♥
- 4♣ = 6+♥

(2♠) – 2NT – (P) – 3♣  
(P) – 3♦ – (P) – 3♥  
(P) – ?

- 3♠ = last train for a 3NT game
- 3NT = good ♠ stopper

(2♠) – 2NT – (P) – 3♣  
(P) – 3♦ – (P) – 3♥  
(P) – 3♠ – (P) – ?

- 3NT = weak own suit
- 4♣, 4♦ = own suit
- 4♥ = 3♥

(2♠) – 2NT – (P) – 3♦  
(P) – 3♥ – (P) – ?

- PASS = weak, 5+♥
- 3NT = PASS/correct
- 4♣/4♦ = NAT

(2♠) – 2NT – (P) – 3♥  
(P) – 3♠ – (P) – ?

- 4♣/4♦ = NAT, agreeing suit

- $4♥ = 1♠$  both minors
- $4♠ = \text{void } ♠$  both minors

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 3♠$   
 $(P) - ?$

- $4♣ = 4♥$
- $3NT = \text{to play}$

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 4♦$   
 $(P) - 4♥ - (P) - ?$

- $4NT = \text{RKCB } 1403$
- $4♠/5♣/5♦ = \text{EX } 0314$

## 25 Overcalls after 2NT opening

$(2NT) - ?$

- $× = ♣♠ \text{ OR } ♦♥$
- $3♣ = ♣♦ \text{ OR } ♥♠$
- $3♦ = ♣♥ \text{ OR } ♦♠$

## 26 Dealing with Multi/Wilkosz

$(2♦) - ?$

- $× = (13)14-16 \text{ BAL, no } 5M, \text{ may have minor singleton}$
- $2♥ = 11-15, 5+♥$
- $2♠ = 11-15, 5+♠$
- $2NT = 17-19, \text{ BAL}$
- $3♣ = ♣, \text{ not } 5332/5422$
- $3♦ = ♦, \text{ not } 5332/5422$
- $3♥, 3♠ = \text{solid suit, weaker than power double}$
- $3NT = ♣♦$

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- $4\clubsuit = \clubsuit + \heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $4\diamondsuit = \diamondsuit + \heartsuit\spadesuit$

$(2\diamondsuit) - P - (P^A) - ?$

System like after  $2\diamondsuit$  preempt.

$(2\diamondsuit) - P - (2\heartsuit) - ?$

- PASS = no suitable call OR takeout with  $\spadesuit$  shortness
- $\times$  = 14-16 BAL
- $2\spadesuit = 11-15$ ,  $5+\spadesuit$ , may be solid  $4\spadesuit$  with  $1-\heartsuit$
- 2NT = 17-19, BAL

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$(2\diamondsuit) - P - (2\spadesuit) - ?$

- PASS = no suitable call OR takeout with  $\heartsuit$  shortness
- $\times$  = takeout with  $\spadesuit$  shortness
- 2NT = 17-19, BAL

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$(2\diamondsuit) - P - (>2\spadesuit) - ?$

- $\times$  = takeout

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$(2\diamondsuit) - P - (2\heartsuit) - P$   
 $(P) - ?$

- 2NT =  $\clubsuit\diamondsuit$

$(2\diamondsuit) - \times - (\times\times/\text{PASS}) - ?$

- PASS = want to defend, doubles are penalty
- $2\heartsuit\spadesuit = 5+\heartsuit\spadesuit$ , to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)
- $3\clubsuit = \text{Stayman}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{TRSF to } \heartsuit, \text{ GF} + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{TRSF to } \spadesuit, \text{ GF} + \text{superaccepts}$

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- $3\spadesuit = \text{TRSF to NT, no } \heartsuit\spadesuit \text{ stoppers}$
- $4\diamondsuit, 4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$

$(2\diamondsuit) - \times - (\times\times/\text{PASS}) - 2\text{NT}$   
 $(\text{P}) - 3\clubsuit - (\text{P}) - ?$

- $\text{PASS} = \text{to play}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{GF}$ , no  $4\text{M}$
- $3\heartsuit, 3\spadesuit = \text{INV}$

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$(2\diamondsuit) - \times - (\heartsuit/\spadesuit) - ?$

- $\times = 9+$ ,  $\text{F}$  to  $2\text{NT}$ , no  $5\heartsuit\spadesuit$ , no  $\heartsuit\spadesuit$  shortness
- $2\text{NT} = \text{Lebensohl (see below)}$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{Stayman}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{TRSF to } \heartsuit, \text{GF} + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{TRSF to } \spadesuit, \text{GF} + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{takeout with opps' suit shortness, GF}$
- $4\diamondsuit, 4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$

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$(2\diamondsuit) - \times - (2\heartsuit/\spadesuit) - 2\text{NT}$   
 $(\text{P}) - 3\clubsuit - (\text{P}) - ?$

- $\text{PASS}/3\diamondsuit = \text{to play}$
- $3\heartsuit, 3\spadesuit = \text{INV}$

$(2\diamondsuit) - \times - (2\heartsuit/\spadesuit) - \times$   
 $(\text{P}) - ?$

- $\text{PASS} = \text{to play}$
- $2\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit, \text{F1}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{NAT, minimum}$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{NAT, minimum}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{NAT, minimum}$

- 3♥ over 2♠ = NAT, minimum
- cue 3♥, 3♠ = maximum, no stopper, no 4♠
- 3NT = maximum, stopper, no 4♠

(2♦) – × – (2♥) – ×  
 (2♠) – ?

- PASS = F1
- × = penalty
- 2NT = do not want to defend, GF
- 3♣ = NAT, GF
- 3♦ = NAT, GF
- 3♥ = NAT, GF
- 3♠ = maximum, no ♠ stopper
- 3NT = maximum, stopper

(2♦) – × – (2♥) – ×  
 (2♠) – P – (P) – ?

- 3♠ = ♠ shortness, GF

(2♦) – × – (2♠) – ×  
 (3♥) – ?

- PASS = 14-16, no 4♠ OR power double, F1
- × = 14-16, 4♠, defensive

## 27 RKCB – dealing with interference

4NT – (×/5♣♦) – ?

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4NT – (5♥♠) – ?

DEPO



## 28 Other

1♣ – (1♥) – P – (2♥)  
?

- × = ♣♠, choose
- 2NT = ♣♦, choose
- 3♣ = to play

1♣ – (1♠) – P – (2♠)  
?

- × = ♣♥, choose
- 2NT = ♣♦, choose
- 3♣ = to play

1♦ – (1♠) – P – (2♠)  
?

- × = ♦♥, choose
- 3♣ = ♣♦, choose

1♦ – (1♥) – P – (2♥)  
?

- × = ♦♠, choose
- 3♣ = ♣♦, choose