

Bridge Bidding System

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1 1m opening

1♣ – ?

- 1♦ = 0-6
- 1♥ = 4+♥
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 7-10, no 4M
- 2♣ = 12-14 BAL or ♣, **GF**
- 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+♦, **GF**
- 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~~
- $2NT = 5\clubsuit 4\diamond$ ~~BAL~~
- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit$ ~~BAL~~

$1\diamond - 2\diamond$
?

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

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

$1\clubsuit\diamond - 2\heartsuit$
?

- $2NT =$ **ASK LSF**

$1\clubsuit - 2\spadesuit$
?

- $2NT =$ BAL min
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\clubsuit$ min
- $3\diamond = 5+\clubsuit$ **GF**
- $3\heartsuit = 1-\heartsuit, 5+\clubsuit$ **GF**
- $3\spadesuit = 1-\spadesuit, 5+\clubsuit$ **GF**
- $3NT =$ to play

$1\diamond - 2\spadesuit$
?

- $2NT =$ BAL min
- $3\clubsuit = 4+\clubsuit$ min
- $3\diamond = 5+\diamond$ 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**, usually no 5-card (or $5+♣$)
- $2♦ = 5♦$, **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**, usually no 5-card (or 5+♣)
- 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♣♦

- $3\spadesuit = 3\heartsuit\ 1\spadesuit, 54\clubsuit\spadesuit$
- $3NT = \text{to play}$
- $4\clubsuit = 55\heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $4\diamondsuit, 4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$
- $4NT = \text{quantitative}$

1NT – $2\spadesuit$
?

- $2NT = 14\text{--}15(16)$
- $3\clubsuit = (16)17$

1NT – 2NT
?

- $3\clubsuit = \text{superaccept}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{accept}$

1NT – $3\heartsuit$
?

- $3\spadesuit = \text{NAT}$
- $3NT = \text{to play}$
- $4\heartsuit = \text{exclusion, choose } \clubsuit\spadesuit$
- $4NT = \text{choose } \clubsuit\spadesuit$

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1NT – $2\clubsuit$

$2\diamondsuit$ – ?

- $2\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit\ 4\spadesuit, \text{ to play}$
- $2\spadesuit = 5\spadesuit\ 4\heartsuit, \text{ to play}$
- $3\heartsuit = 5\spadesuit\ 4\heartsuit, \text{ GF}$
- $3\spadesuit = 5\heartsuit\ 4\spadesuit, \text{ GF}$

1NT – 2♦

2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = 5♥ 4♠, INV

1NT – 2♥

2♠ – ?

- 3♥ = 5♠ 4♥, INV

1NT – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

?

- 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♥♠
- ♠ in balancing position = 5♣♦ + 4♥♠ or 6♣♦
- 2♣ = 54 ♥♠
- 2♦ = 6+ ♥♠
- 2♥ = 5♥ + 4♣♦
- 2♠ = 5♠ + 4♣♦

(1NT) – ♠ – (P) – ?

- 2♣ = PASS/correct

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

$(1\text{NT}) - 2\clubsuit - (\text{P}) - ?$

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

$(1\text{NT}) - 2\spadesuit - (\text{P}) - ?$

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

5 $1\text{NT} - \text{dealing with interference}$

$1\text{NT} - (2\clubsuit) - ?$

$2\clubsuit = \clubsuit$

- $\times = \text{Stayman}$

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$1\text{NT} - (2\clubsuit^A) - ?$

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

- $\times = 8+$
- $2\spadesuit, 2\heartsuit, 2\clubsuit, 3\clubsuit = \text{to play}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{minors}$

$1\text{NT} - (2\spadesuit) - ?$

$2\spadesuit = \spadesuit$

- $\times = \text{negative}$
- $2\heartsuit, 2\clubsuit = \text{to play}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{Lebensohl}$

- $3\clubsuit = 5+\heartsuit, INV^+$
- $3\diamond = 1-\diamond, INV^+$
- $3\heartsuit = 5+\spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3\spadesuit = 5+\clubsuit, INV^+$
- $3NT = \text{no } \diamond \text{ stopper}$
- $4\diamond, 4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$

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

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

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

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

- $\times = \text{negative}$
- $2\spadesuit = \text{to play}$
- $2NT = \text{Lebensohl}$
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\diamond, INV^+$
- $3\diamond = 5+\spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3\heartsuit = 1-\heartsuit, INV^+$
- $3\spadesuit = 55 \clubsuit\diamond, GF$
- $3NT = \text{no } \heartsuit \text{ stopper}$

- $4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$

$1\text{NT} - (2\spadesuit) - ?$

- $\times = \text{negative}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{Lebensohl}$
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\diamondsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\diamondsuit = 5+\heartsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\heartsuit = 55\clubsuit, \text{GF}$
- $3\spadesuit = 1-\spadesuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{no } \spadesuit \text{ stopper}$
- $4\diamondsuit = \text{Texas}$

$1\text{NT} - (2\text{NT}^{\text{A}}) - ?$

$2\text{NT} = \clubsuit\diamondsuit$

- $\times = 10+$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{Stayman}$
- $3\diamondsuit = 5+\heartsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\heartsuit = 5+\spadesuit, \text{INV}^+$

$1\text{NT} - (3\clubsuit) - ?$

- $\times = \text{negative}$
- $3\diamondsuit = 5+\heartsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\heartsuit = 5+\spadesuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\spadesuit = 5+\diamondsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{to play}$

$1\text{NT} - (3\diamondsuit) - ?$

- $\times = \text{negative}$
- $3\heartsuit = 5+\spadesuit, \text{INV}^+$

- $3\spadesuit = 5+\heartsuit, \text{GF}$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{to play}$

$1\text{NT} - (\spadesuit^A) - ?$

\spadesuit artificial

SYSTEM ON

$1\text{NT} - (\spadesuit) - ?$

$\spadesuit = \text{penalty}$

- PASS = forces $\spadesuit\spadesuit$
- $\spadesuit\spadesuit = \text{forces } 2\clubsuit$
- $2\heartsuit = \text{forces } \heartsuit+1$

$1\text{NT} - (\spadesuit) - \text{P}^A - (\text{P})$

$\spadesuit\spadesuit - (\text{P}) - ?$

- PASS = penalty
- $2\clubsuit = 4\clubsuit + 4\heartsuit$ or 4333 or any other edge case
- $2\diamond = 4\diamond + 4\heartsuit$
- $2\heartsuit = 4\heartsuit + 4\spadesuit$

6 2NT opening

2NT^A opening = 21-22 BAL, may have 5M

$2\text{NT} - ?$

- $3\clubsuit = \text{Puppet Stayman}$
- $3\diamond = \text{forces } 3\heartsuit, \text{GF}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{forces } 3\spadesuit, \text{GF}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{forces } 3\text{NT}$
- $3\text{NT} = 5\spadesuit 4\heartsuit, \text{NF}$
- $4\clubsuit = 55 \text{ M}$

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- $4\diamond, 4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$
- $4\text{NT} = \text{quantitative}$

$2\text{NT} - 3\diamond$
?

- $3\heartsuit = 2\heartsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 4+\heartsuit$, cue bid
- $3\text{NT} = 3\spadesuit$
- $4\clubsuit, 4\diamond = 4+\heartsuit$, cue bid

$2\text{NT} - 3\heartsuit$
?

- $3\spadesuit = 2\spadesuit$
- $3\text{NT} = 3\spadesuit$
- $4\clubsuit, 4\diamond = 4+\spadesuit$, cue bid

$2\text{NT} - 3\spadesuit$
 $3\text{NT} - ?$

- $4\clubsuit = 6+\clubsuit$
- $4\diamond = 6+\diamond$
- $4\heartsuit = 54\clubsuit\diamond 1-\heartsuit$
- $4\spadesuit = 54\clubsuit\diamond 1-\spadesuit$

7 2NT opening – extended

$2\text{NT} - 3\clubsuit$
 $3\diamond - ?$

- $4\clubsuit = \text{Minor Puppet Stayman}$

$2\text{NT} - 3\clubsuit$
 $3\heartsuit - ?$

- $4\clubsuit = \text{Minor Puppet Stayman}$

- $4\spadesuit = \text{Minor Puppet, ask } 3s$

$2NT - 3\clubsuit$

$(3\spadesuit - 3\heartsuit)$

$3NT - ?$

- $4\clubsuit = \text{Minor Puppet Stayman}$
- $4\spadesuit = \text{Minor Puppet, ask } 3s$

$2NT - 3\spadesuit$

$3\heartsuit - ?$

- $4\clubsuit = \text{Minor Puppet Stayman}$
- $4\spadesuit = \text{Minor Puppet, ask } 3s$

$2NT - 3\heartsuit$

$3\spadesuit - ?$

- $4\clubsuit = \text{Minor Puppet Stayman}$
- $4\spadesuit = \text{Minor Puppet, ask } 3s$

$\dots - 4\clubsuit$

$?$

- $4\spadesuit = 4\clubsuit\spadesuit$, no $5\clubsuit\spadesuit$
- $4\heartsuit = 5+\clubsuit$
- $4\spadesuit = 5+\spadesuit$
- $4NT = \text{no } 4\clubsuit\spadesuit$
- $5\clubsuit = 5\clubsuit, 4\spadesuit$
- $5\spadesuit = 5\spadesuit, 4\clubsuit$

$\dots - 4\clubsuit$

$4\spadesuit - ?$

- $4\heartsuit = 4\clubsuit$
- $4\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$
- $4NT = \text{SIGN-OFF}$

... - 4♣

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♦ - 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♥ - ?

- 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

- $4\clubsuit/4\diamond/4\heartsuit$ = void splinter

P – $1\heartsuit$

$2\clubsuit$ – ?

- $2\heartsuit$ = no interest in the game
- $2\diamond$ = INV
- $2\spadesuit$ = ASK LSF, usually 18-20 BAL
- $2NT/3\clubsuit/3\diamond$ = 55(54) Slam Try ($2NT = \spadesuit$)
- $3NT/3\spadesuit/4\clubsuit/4\diamond$ = splinter ($3NT = 4\diamond$)
- $4\heartsuit$ = to play

P – $1\spadesuit$

$2\clubsuit$ – ?

- $2\spadesuit$ = no interest in the game
- $2\diamond$ = INV
- $2NT$ = ASK LSF, usually 18-20 BAL
- $3\clubsuit/3\diamond/3\heartsuit$ = 55(54) Slam Try
- $3NT/4\clubsuit/4\diamond/4\heartsuit$ = splinter ($3NT = 4\heartsuit$)
- $4\spadesuit$ = 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 2_NT

(1♣^A) – ?

1♣ = 2+ or fully artificial

- 1♦ = NAT (5+)
- 2♣ = NAT
- 2♦ = Michaels

(1♣^A) – ?

1♣ = 3+

- 1♦ = NAT (5+)
- 2♣ = Michaels
- 2♦ = weak (6+)

(1♦) – ?

- 2♦ = Michaels

10 Non Serious 3_NT

After agreeing on ♥ (♠), if GF, the no-jump 3♠ (3NT) 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_x – 1_y – ?

- 2_z, _y < _z = reverse
- 3_y, _y > _z = jump shift

- $3\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y} < \mathbf{z}$ = jump reverse

$1\mathbf{m} - 1\heartsuit - ?$

- $1\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$, 12-17
- $2\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit$, (18)19+

12 Preempt opening

$2\diamond - ?$

- $2\text{NT} = \text{OGUST}$ (after $2\diamond$ only!)

$2\diamond - 2\diamond$
?

- $3\clubsuit = 5-7$, bad \diamond quality
- $3\diamond = 5-7$, good \diamond quality
- $3\heartsuit = 8-10$, bad \diamond quality
- $3\spadesuit = 8-10$, good \diamond quality

$2\heartsuit - ?$

- $2\spadesuit = \text{ASK LSF}$
- $2\text{NT} = 5+\spadesuit$

$2\spadesuit - ?$

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

13 Dealing with preempts

$(2\heartsuit) - ?$

- $3\spadesuit =$ strong hand, solid suit
- $3\heartsuit =$ Michaels
- $4\clubsuit/4\diamond =$ Leaping Michaels, **GF**
- $4\heartsuit = \clubsuit\diamond$, strong

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- 4NT = $\clubsuit\spadesuit$, weaker than 4♥

(2♥) – \times – (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♥ = $\clubsuit\spadesuit$, no ♥ control, Slam Try
- 4♠ = to play

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(2♥) – \times – (P) – 2NT

(P) – 3m – (P) – ?

- 3♦ = weak
- 3♥ = 4♠, no ♥ stopper
- 3♠ = 4♠, INV (8-11)
- 3NT = 4♠, ♥ stopper

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(2♥) – \times – (3♥) – ?

- \times = no 4♠, 10+

(2♠) – ?

- 3♠ = Michaels
- 4♣/4♦ = Leaping Michaels, GF
- 4♠ = $\clubsuit\spadesuit$, strong
- 4NT = $\clubsuit\spadesuit$, weaker than 4♥

(2♠) – × – (P) – ?

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

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(2♠) – × – (P) – 2NT

(P) – 3m – (P) – ?

- 3♥/3♦ = to play
- 3♠ = 4♥, no ♠ stopper
- 3NT = 4♥, ♠ stopper

(2♠) – × – (4♠) – ?

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

14 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

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamond$

$2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$

?

- $2\text{NT} = 5\heartsuit + 4\clubsuit$
- $3\clubsuit = 5\heartsuit + 4\diamond$
- $3\diamond = 6 + \heartsuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit + 4\spadesuit$

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamond$

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

?

- $3\clubsuit = 5\spadesuit + 4\diamond$
- $3\diamond = 5\spadesuit + 4\heartsuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 6 + \spadesuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 5\spadesuit + 4\clubsuit$

15 Acol – Kokish relay

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamond$

?

- $2\heartsuit = \text{Kokish relay, forces } 2\spadesuit$
- $2\text{NT} = 23\text{-}24, \text{BAL}$

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamond$

$2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$

?

- $2\text{NT} = 25+, \text{BAL}$
- $3\clubsuit = 6\heartsuit, 23+$
- $3\diamond = 5\heartsuit + 4\diamond, 23+$
- $3\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit + 4\clubsuit, 23+$
- $3\spadesuit = 5\heartsuit + 4\spadesuit, 23+$

2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

2NT – ?

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2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

3♠ – ?

- 3NT = no fit, to play
- 4♣ = agreeing ♥
- 4♦ = agreeing ♠
- 4♥ = sign off
- 4♠ = sign off

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2♣ – (any) – ?

- ✕ = take out, **GF**
- PASS = negative
- own suit = 4+ HCP, 5+ cards, **GF**
- own suit with leap = stronger hand, **GF**

2♣ – (✕) – ?

✕ = ♣

- ✕✕ = take out (to ♣), **GF**
- PASS = negative
- 2♦ = positive, BAL
- 2♥/2♠ = own suit

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2♣ – (✕) – ?

✕ = other

- $\times \times$ = positive
- PASS = negative
- $2\diamond/2\heartsuit/2\spadesuit$ = own suit

$2\clubsuit - (P) - 2\diamond - (\text{any})$
?

- \times = take out
- PASS = forces \times

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$2\clubsuit - (P) - 2\diamond - (\text{any})$
 $P^A - (P) - \times - (P)$
?

- PASS = penalty
- own suit = 4+

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17 Rebid with 3-card support

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

- $2\spadesuit = 5+\heartsuit, INV^+, \text{ASK LSF}$
- $2NT = 4\heartsuit, INV$
- $3\clubsuit = 4\heartsuit + 4\clubsuit, INV$
- $3\diamond = 4\heartsuit, GF$

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

- $2NT = 4\spadesuit, INV$
- $3\clubsuit = 4\spadesuit + 4\clubsuit, INV$
- $3\diamond = 5\spadesuit, INV^+, \text{ASK LSF}$
- $3\heartsuit = 4\spadesuit, GF$

18 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)

19 LSF – dealing with interference

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ASK – (•) – ?

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

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1♥ – 1♠
?

- 2♣ = 5♥ ♣ 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**

1♥ – 1NT

?

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

1♥ – 1♠

2♣ – ?

- ♦ = 8+
- ♥ = 2♥ 5-7
- ♠ = good 5♠ 5-7

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

$1\heartsuit - 1NT$

$2\clubsuit - ?$

- $2\diamondsuit = 8+$
- $2\heartsuit = 2-3\heartsuit$ 5-7
- $2\spadesuit = 55\clubsuit\diamondsuit$ 5-7
- $2NT = 1-\heartsuit$ 5-7
- $3\clubsuit = 6+\clubsuit$ 5-7
- $3\diamondsuit = 6+\diamondsuit$ 5-7

$1\spadesuit - 1NT$

$2\clubsuit - ?$

- $2\diamondsuit = 8+$
- $2\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit$ 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+

- $3♥ = 6♥\ 16+$
- $3♠ = 5♥\ 4♠\ \text{GF}$

$1♥ - 1NT$

$2♣ - 2♦$

?

- $2♥ = 5♥\ 4♣\ 11-15$
- $2♠ = 5♥\ 4♠\ 16+$
- $2NT = 5332\ 18-20$
- $3♣ = 5♥\ 4♣\ 16+$
- $3♦ = 5♥\ 4♦\ 16+$
- $3♥ = 6♥\ 16+$

$1♠ - 1NT$

$2♣ - 2♦$

?

- $2♥ = 5♠\ 4♥\ 16+$
- $2♠ = 5♠\ 4♣\ 11-15$
- $2NT = 5332\ 18-20$
- $3♣ = 5♠\ 4♣\ 16+$
- $3♦ = 5♠\ 4♦\ 16+$
- $3♥ = 5♠\ 4♥\ 16+$
- $3♠ = 6♠\ 16+$

21 Mini Splinters

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

$1♥ - ?$

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

1♠ – ?

- 2NT = mini splinter
- 3♥ = INV+ fit

1♥ – 2♠
?

- 2NT = ASK LSF

1♠ – 2NT
?

- 3♣ = ASK LSF

1♥ – 2♠
2NT – ?

- 3♣ = ♣ shortness
- 3♦ = ♦ shortness
- 3♥ = ♠ shortness
- 3♠ = ♠ shortness GF (max)

1♠ – 2NT
3♣ – ?

- 3♦ = ♣ shortness
- 3♥ = ♦ shortness
- 3♠ = ♥ shortness
- 3NT = ♥ shortness GF (max)

22 Transfers after 1M (×)

1♥ – (×) – ?

- ×× = 10+ (may have 3♥)
- 1♠ = NAT, 4+♠, F1
- 1NT = TRSF to 2♣

- $2\clubsuit = \text{TRSF to } 2\diamond$
- $2\diamond = \text{TRSF to } 2\heartsuit, \text{ constructive 8-10}$
- $2\heartsuit = 4\text{-}7, 3\heartsuit$
- $2\spadesuit = \spadesuit, (3)4\heartsuit \text{ INV}^+$
- $2\text{NT} = 4+\heartsuit \text{ INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit, (3)4\heartsuit \text{ INV}^+$
- $3\diamond = 4+\heartsuit, 6\text{-}9$
- $3\heartsuit = 4+\heartsuit, 0\text{-}5$
- $3\spadesuit = 4+\heartsuit, \text{ ASK LSF}$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{semi-preempt, } \spadesuit, 4+\heartsuit$
- $4\clubsuit = \text{semi-preempt, } \clubsuit, 4+\heartsuit$
- $4\diamond = \text{semi-preempt, } \diamond, 4+\heartsuit$
- $4\heartsuit = \text{preempt}$

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

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

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- $4\spadesuit = \text{semi-preempt, } \spadesuit, 4+\clubsuit$
- $4\heartsuit = \text{semi-preempt, } \heartsuit, 4+\clubsuit$
- $4\clubsuit = \text{preempt}$

23 2NT overcall after major preempt

(2M) – ?

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

(2♥) – 2NT – (P) – ?

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

(2♥) – 2NT – (P) – $3\clubsuit$

(P) – $3\spadesuit$ – (P) – ?

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

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - 3♣$

$(P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3♥$

$(P) - ?$

- $3♠$ = 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
- $4♥ = ♣♦$: $4♠$ agreeing ♣, 4NT agreeing ♦
- $4♠ = 3♠$

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - 3♦$

$(P) - ?$

- $3♥$ = minors
- $3♠ = 4♠$
- 3NT = to play

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - 3♥$

$(P) - 3♠ - (P) - ?$

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

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - 3♠$

$(P) - 3NT - (P) - ?$

- $4♣/4♦$ = NAT, agreeing suit
- $4♥ = 1♠$, both minors
- $4♠$ = void ♠, both minors

(2♥) – 2NT – (P) – 4♥
(P) – 4♠ – (P) – ?

- 4NT = RKCB 1430
- 5x = EX 0314

(2♠) – 2NT – (P) – ?

- 3♣ = forces 3♦, 1-♠ GF OR weak with ♦
- 3♦ = forces 3♥, 5+♥, weak or GF
- 3♥ = long minor/minors, no ♠ shortness, 3♠ = ASK
- 3♠ = 4♥, GF
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = 6♣ 5♥, may have shortness
- 4♦ = 6♦ 5♥, may have shortness
- 4♥ = 6+♥
- 4♠ = 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

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

- $3\text{NT} = \text{weak own suit}$
- $4\clubsuit, 4\diamondsuit = \text{own suit}$
- $4\heartsuit = 3\heartsuit$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$(2\spadesuit) - 2\text{NT} - (\text{P}) - 4\diamondsuit$
 $(\text{P}) - 4\heartsuit - (\text{P}) - ?$

- $4\spadesuit = \text{RKCB 1403}$
- $4\text{NT} = \text{EX } \spadesuit \text{ 0314}$
- $5\clubsuit/5\diamondsuit = \text{EX 0314}$

24 Overcalls after 2_{NT} opening

(2_{NT}) – ?

- \times = $\clubsuit\spadesuit$ OR $\diamond\heartsuit$
- $3\clubsuit$ = $\clubsuit\spadesuit$ OR $\heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $3\diamond$ = $\clubsuit\heartsuit$ OR $\diamond\spadesuit$

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(2 \diamond) – ?

- \times = (13)14-16 BAL, no 5 \mathbf{M} , may have minor singleton
- $2\heartsuit$ = 11-15, 5+ \heartsuit
- $2\spadesuit$ = 11-15, 5+ \spadesuit
- 2_{NT} = 17-19, BAL
- $3\clubsuit$ = \clubsuit , not 5332/5422
- $3\diamond$ = \diamond , not 5332/5422
- $3\heartsuit$, $3\spadesuit$ = solid suit, weaker than power double
- 3_{NT} = $\clubsuit\spadesuit$
- $4\clubsuit$ = \clubsuit + $\heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $4\diamond$ = \diamond + $\heartsuit\spadesuit$

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(2 \diamond) – P – (P^A) – ?

System like after 2 \diamond preempt.

(2 \diamond) – 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
- 2_{NT} = 17-19, BAL

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(2♦) – P – (2♠) – ?

- PASS = no suitable call OR takeout with ♥ shortness
- ✕ = takeout with ♠ shortness
- 2NT = 17-19, BAL

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(2♦) – P – (>2♠) – ?

- ✕ = takeout

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(2♦) – P – (2♥) – P
(P) – ?

- 2NT = ♣♦

(2♦) – ✕ – (✕✕/PASS) – ?

- PASS = want to defend, doubles are penalty
- 2♥♠ = 5+♥♠, to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)
- 3♣ = Stayman
- 3♦ = TRSF to ♥, GF+ superaccepts
- 3♥ = TRSF to ♠, GF+ superaccepts
- 3♠ = TRSF to NT, no ♥♠ stoppers
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas

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(2♦) – ✕ – (✕✕/PASS) – 2NT
(P) – 3♣ – (P) – ?

- PASS = to play
- 3♦ = GF, no 4M
- 3♥, 3♠ = INV

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(2♦) – ✕ – (♥/♠) – ?

- ✕ = 9+, F to 2NT, no 5♥♠, no ♥♠ shortness
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)

- $3\clubsuit = \text{Stayman}$
- $3\diamond = \text{TRSF to } \heartsuit, \text{ GF+ superaccepts}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{TRSF to } \spadesuit, \text{ GF+ superaccepts}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{takeout with opps' suit shortness, GF}$
- $4\diamond, 4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$

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

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

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

- $\text{PASS} = \text{to play}$
- $2\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit, \text{ F1}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{NAT, minimum}$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{NAT, minimum}$
- $3\diamond = \text{NAT, minimum}$
- $3\heartsuit \text{ over } 2\spadesuit = \text{NAT, minimum}$
- $\text{cue } 3\heartsuit, 3\spadesuit = \text{maximum, no stopper, no } 4\spadesuit$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{maximum, stopper, no } 4\spadesuit$

$(2\diamond) - \times - (2\heartsuit) - \times$
 $(2\spadesuit) - ?$

- $\text{PASS} = \text{F1}$
- $\times = \text{penalty}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{do not want to defend, GF}$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{NAT, GF}$
- $3\diamond = \text{NAT, GF}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{NAT, GF}$

- $3\spadesuit =$ maximum, no \spadesuit stopper
- $3NT =$ maximum, stopper

$(2\diamond) - \times - (2♥) - \times$
 $(2♠) - P - (P) - ?$

- $3♠ =$ \spadesuit shortness, **GF**

$(2\diamond) - \times - (2♠) - \times$
 $(3♥) - ?$

- PASS = 14-16, no $4♠$ OR power double, **F1**
- $\times =$ 14-16, $4♠$, defensive

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$1♣ - (1♥) - P - (2♥)$
 $?$

- $\times =$ $♣ ♠$, choose
- $2NT =$ $♣ ♦$, choose
- $3♣ =$ to play

$1♣ - (1♠) - P - (2♠)$
 $?$

- $\times =$ $♣ ♥$, choose
- $2NT =$ $♣ ♦$, choose
- $3♣ =$ to play

$1♦ - (1♠) - P - (2♠)$
 $?$

- $\times =$ $♦ ♥$, choose
- $3♣ =$ $♣ ♦$, choose

$$1\spadesuit - (1\heartsuit) - P - (2\heartsuit)$$

?

- $\spadesuit = \spadesuit \clubsuit$, choose
- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit \spadesuit$, choose