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
- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$, **GF**, may have 4**M**
- 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 4M, no 4M
- 2 = 12-14 BAL or , GF
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{no } 4\mathbf{M}, 4 + \blacklozenge, \mathbf{INV}^+$
- 2♥ = 5♠ 4♥ 6-9
- 2 = 11 + BAL, no 4M
- 2NT = 11-12 BAL
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

1 - 2

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- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = BAL$
- 2♥ = 5♣ 4♥ BAL

- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \clubsuit 4 \spadesuit BAL$
- $2NT = 5 \clubsuit 4 \spadesuit BAL$
- 3♣ = ♣ BAL

1♦ - **2**♦

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- $2 \nabla = \nabla \text{ stopper}$
- 2♠ = ♠ stopper
- 2NT = both major stoppers
- 3♣ = NAT
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{sign off (treshold for invite)}$

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

$1 \clubsuit - 2 \blacktriangledown$

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• 2NT = ASK LSF

1 -2

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- 2NT = BAL min
- 3 = 5 + min
- 3 = 5 + 4 GF
- 3 = 1 7, 5 + 4 GF
- 3 = 1 4, 5 + 6
- 3NT = to play

1♦ - **2**♠

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- 2NT = BAL min
- 3 = 4 + min
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 + \blacklozenge \min$

- $3 \mathbf{V} = 1 \mathbf{V}, 5 + \mathbf{OF}$
- $3 \spadesuit = 1 \spadesuit$, $5 + \spadesuit$ **GF**
- 3NT = to play

Two way checkback

After any $1\mathbf{x} - 1\mathbf{y} - 1\mathbf{z}$ sequence (except: 1 - 1 = 1 = 1).

1x - 1y

- 1z ?
 - 2 = any invite, forces 2
 - $2 \blacklozenge = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$

2 1_M opening

1♥ - ?

- $1 \spadesuit = 4 + \spadesuit$, no $3 \heartsuit$ OR $5 \spadesuit 3 \heartsuit + \mathbf{GF}$
- 1NT = 5-11HCP, (or 5-7HCP with \forall fit)
- $2 = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$, **GF**
- 2 = constructive raise
- $2 = \min \text{ splinter}$
- 2NT = limit raise
- 3♣ = solid 6♣, **INV**
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{solid } 6 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, INV$
- 3 = mixed raise
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{splinter} \spadesuit$
- 3NT = splinter •
- 4Φ = splinter Φ
- $4 \rightleftharpoons 11$ HCP, $4 \checkmark$, no shortness

1♠ − ?

- 1NT = 5-11HCP, (or 5-7HCP with \spadesuit fit)
- $2 = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$, **GF**
- 2 = 5, **GF**
- 2 = constructive raise
- 2NT = mini splinter
- $3 \clubsuit = \text{solid } 6 \clubsuit$, **INV**
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{solid } 6 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, INV$
- $3 \lor = 3 + \spadesuit$, **INV**
- 3 = mixed raise
- 3NT = splinter \forall
- $4 \clubsuit = \text{splinter} \clubsuit$
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{splinter} \blacklozenge$
- $4 \lor = 11 \text{HCP}, 4 \spadesuit$, no shortness

3 1nt opening

1NT opening = (14)15-17 BAL

1NT - ?

- 2 = Stayman
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{forces } 2 \blacktriangledown$
- 2 = forces 2
- 2 = INV or TRSF to Φ
- $2NT = TRSF \text{ to } \blacklozenge$
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3**♦** = 55**♣**
- 3♥ = 3-**♦** 1-**♥**, 54**♣**

- 3♠ = 3-♥ 1-♠, 54♣♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = 55****
- 4 •, $4 \checkmark = Texas$
- 4NT = quantitative

1NT - 2

- 2NT = 14-15(16)
- 3 = (16)17

1NT-2NT

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- 3 = superaccept
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{accept}$

1NT – 3♥

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- $3 \spadesuit = NAT$
- 3NT = to play
- 4 = pick a, good hand
- 4NT = pick a **♣**

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1NT - 2

- $2 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$, to play
- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit$, to play
- $3 \lor = 5 \spadesuit 4 \lor , GF$
- 3♠ = 5♥ 4♠, **GF**

$$1NT - 2$$

1NT - 2

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$$3 \checkmark = 5 4 \checkmark$$
, INV

1NT - 2

$$2$$
 $- 2$

?

- Pass, 2NT, $3 \checkmark = to play$
- 3NT, $4 \checkmark$, $4 \spadesuit$ = to play

1NT - 2

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

4 Overcalls after 1nt opening

(1NT) - ?

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

$$(1NT) - \times - (P) - ?$$

• 2 = PASS/correct

- $2 \Rightarrow = \text{show major}$
- 2 = own suit
- 2 = own suit

$$(1NT) - 2 - (P) - ?$$

- 2
 ightharpoonup = show better major
- $2 \checkmark$, $2 \spadesuit$ = preference

$$(1NT) - 2 - (P) - ?$$

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

5 1nt – dealing with interference

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

$$2 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$$

• \times = Stayman

SYSTEM ON

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

$$2 = 5/4$$

- $\times = 8+$
- $2 \bullet$, $2 \blacktriangledown$, $2 \spadesuit$, $3 \spadesuit$ = to play
- 2NT = minors

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

$$2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$$

- \times = negative
- $2 \checkmark$, $2 \spadesuit$ = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl

- $3 = 5 + \forall$, INV^+
- $3 \blacklozenge = 1 \blacklozenge$, INV^+
- 3 = 5 + 4, INV^+
- 3 = 5 + 4, INV^+
- 3nt = no ♦ stopper
- $4 \blacklozenge$, $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$

$$1NT - (2 \stackrel{\wedge}{\diamond}^{A}) - ?$$

- 2 > 6 +
 - $\times = 8+$
 - $2 \checkmark$, $2 \spadesuit$ = to play
 - 2NT = Lebensohl
 - $3 = 5 + , INV^+$
 - $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}$, \mathbf{INV}^+
 - $3 \lor = 5 + \spadesuit$, INV^+
 - 3 = 5/5
 - 3NT = to play
 - $4 \blacklozenge$, $4 \blacktriangledown = Texas$

1NT - (2) - ?

- \times = negative
- $2 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3 = 5 + •, INV^+
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$, INV^+
- $3 \lor = 1 \lor, INV^+$
- 3 = 55 , GF
- 3NT = no stopper

• 4 = Texas

$$1NT - (24) - ?$$

- \times = negative
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3 = 5 + •, INV^+
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}$, INV^+
- $3 \lor = 55 \diamondsuit$, **GF**
- 3 = 1 1, INV^+
- 3NT = no stopper
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{Texas}$

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

$$2nt = \clubsuit$$

- $\times = 10+$
- 3 = Stayman
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$, INV^+
- 3 = 5 + 4, INV^+

1NT - (3.) - ?

- \times = negative
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 + \blacktriangledown$, \mathbf{INV}^+
- 3 = 5 + 4, INV^+
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 + \blacklozenge$, INV^+
- 3NT = to play

$$1NT - (3) - ?$$

- \times = negative
- 3 = 5 + 4, INV^+

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$$3NT = to play$$

$$1NT - (\times^{\mathbf{A}}) - ?$$

 \times artificial

SYSTEM ON

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

 \times = penalty

- PASS = forces $\times \times$
- $\times \times = \text{forces } 2 \clubsuit$
- $2\mathbf{x} = \text{forces } \mathbf{x+1}$

$$1NT - (\times) - P^{A} - (P)$$
$$\times \times - (P) - ?$$

- PASS = penalty
- 2 = 4 + 4x or 4333 or any other edge case
- $2 \blacklozenge = 4 \blacklozenge + 4 \clubsuit$
- $2 \checkmark = 4 \checkmark + 4 \spadesuit$

6 2nt opening

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

2NT - ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{forces } 3 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}, \text{ GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{forces } 3 \spadesuit, \text{ GF}$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{forces } 3\text{NT}$
- 3NT = 5 4 , NF
- 4 = 55 M

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- $4 \blacklozenge$, $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$
- 4NT = quantitative

2NT − 3♦

- 3♥ =2♥
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 + \heartsuit$, cue bid
- 3NT =3♠
- $4\clubsuit$, $4♦ = 4+\blacktriangledown$, cue bid

- 3**♠** =2**♠**
- 3NT =3♠
- 4 4 + 4, cue bid

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{2NT} - \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{3NT} - \mathbf{?} \end{array}$$

- 4♣ = 6+♣
- 4**♦** = 6+**♦**
- 4♥ = 54♣ 1-♥
- 4♠ = 54♣ 1-♠

7 Checkback 3♣

Checkback $3\clubsuit$ is not forced and does not promise 5th card of the suit. It does not deny $3/4\spadesuit$.

$$1 - 1$$

$$2NT - ?$$

- 3♣ = checkback
- $3 \blacklozenge = 4 + \blacklozenge$

- 3♥ = 5♠ 4♥
- $3 \spadesuit = agreeing \spadesuit$

1♣ - 1♠

2NT - 3

- 3**♦** = 4+**♣**
- 3♥ = 3♠ 4+♣
- 3♠ = 3♠
- 3NT = no 34, no 44
- 4 4 / 4 / 4 = 4 cue

1♣ - 1♥

2NT - ?

- 3♣ = checkback
- $3 \blacklozenge = 4 + \blacklozenge$
- $3 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4$ OR agreeing \checkmark
- 3♠ = 4♥ 4♠

1♣ - 1♥

2NT - 3

- 3**♦** = 4+**♣**
- 3♥ = 3♥
- 3♠ = 3♥ 4♣
- $3NT = no 3 \checkmark$, no $4 \clubsuit$
- $4 \clubsuit / 4 \blacklozenge / 4 \blacktriangledown = 4 \blacktriangledown$ cue

1♦ - **1**♠

2NT - ?

- 3 = checkback
- 3**♦** = 3+**♦**
- 3♥ = 5♠ 4♥

• $3 \spadesuit = agreeing \spadesuit$

1♦ - **1**♠

2NT - 3♣

- $3 \rightleftharpoons = 6 \rightleftharpoons$, no $3 \spadesuit$
- 3♥ = 3♠ 6**♦**
- 3♠ = 3♠
- 3NT = no 34, no 6
- $4 \clubsuit / 4 \blacklozenge / 4 \blacktriangledown = 4 \spadesuit$ cue

1♦ - **1**♥

2NT - ?

- 3Φ = checkback
- 3**♦** = 3+**♦**
- $3 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4$ OR agreeing \checkmark
- 3♠ = 4♥ 4♠

1♦ - **1**♥

2NT - 3♣

- $3 \blacklozenge = 6 \blacklozenge$, no $3 \blacktriangledown 4$
- 3♥ = 3♥
- 3♠ = 3♥ 6♦
- $3NT = no 3 \checkmark$, no $6 \diamond$
- 4 4 / 4 / 4 = 4 cue

8 Majors after checkback 3♣

1♣ - 1♥

2NT - ?

- $3 \lor = 5 + \lor 4 \spadesuit$ OR agreeing \lor
- 3♠ = 4♥ 4♠

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1♣ - 1♥ 2NT - 3♥ ?
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- 3♠ = 4♠
- $3NT = no 4 \spadesuit$, no $4 \heartsuit$
- 4 4 = 4, cue

- **3**♠ − ?
 - 3NT = agreeing \forall (6+)
 - $4 4 = \text{agreeing } \cdot 4$, cue
 - 4 = to play

- 3NT = no 4, no 4
- 4 = agreeing
- $4 \rightarrow = agreeing \ \$

9 Drury

OFF in competition

$$\underset{?}{P}-1\mathbf{M}$$

- 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

- $3\mathbf{x} = 4$ -fit, solid $5\mathbf{x}$
- 2NT = 4-fit, solid $5 \clubsuit$
- $3\mathbf{M} = 5$ -fit 4-6DP (or 4 with shortness)
- 3NT over $1 \spadesuit (3 \spadesuit \text{ over } 1 \heartsuit) = \text{Two Tiered Splinters} = 4 + \mathbf{M}$, unspecified singleton, (10)11DP
- 4 4 / 4 = void splinter

P-1 \checkmark 2 \checkmark -?

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

P-1 2 2 -?

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

$$\begin{array}{c} P-1M \\ 2 - 2M \\ ? \end{array}$$

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

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\begin{array}{c} P-1M \\ 2 - 2 \\ ? \end{array}
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- $2 \triangledown$ over $2 \spadesuit$ = Last Train (says nothing about \triangledown)
- $2\mathbf{M} = \text{Sign-off}$
- 2NT = 11, BAL
- $3\mathbf{M} = 4$ -card support
- $4\mathbf{M} = \text{to play}$
- any other bid = NAT, INV

10 Non Serious 3_{NT}

After agreeing on \bigvee (\spadesuit), if **GF**, the no-jump $3\spadesuit$ (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

1x - 1y - ?

- $2\mathbf{z}$, $\mathbf{y} < \mathbf{z} = \text{reverse}$
- $3\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} > \mathbf{z} = \text{jump shift}$
- 3z, y < z = jump reverse

1m - 1 - ?

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

12 Acol 2♣

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

2♣ - ?

- $2 \bullet = \text{positive } 4+, \mathbf{GF}$
- 2 = negative 3-
- $2\spadesuit$, $3\spadesuit$, $3 \diamondsuit = \text{own suit } 5+$
- 2NT = own suit () 5+

2 - 2

- PASS = good \forall
- 2 = NAT (5+), F1
- $2NT/3 \clubsuit/3 \blacklozenge = NF$
- 3 = NAT (5+), GF

- 2NT = BAL
- $2 \checkmark$, $2 \spadesuit$, $3 \spadesuit$, $3 \diamondsuit = 5 +$, BAL
- $3 \checkmark$, $3 \spadesuit$, $4 \spadesuit$, $4 \diamondsuit$ = agreeing suit

$$2\clubsuit - 2\blacklozenge/2\blacktriangledown$$

$$2NT - ?$$

System as after 2NT opening

$$2 - 2$$

- 2 = no fit, relay
- $3 \checkmark = \text{fit}$

$$2 - 2$$

- 2NT = no fit, relay
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{fit}$

$$2 - 2$$

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- 2NT = 5 + 4
- 3 = 5 + 4
- 3**♦** = 6+**♥**
- $3 \lor = 5 \lor + 4 \spadesuit$

$$2 - 2$$

$$2 - 2NT$$

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- 3 = 5 + 4
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit + 4 \blacktriangledown$
- 3♥ = 6+**♠**
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit + 4 \spadesuit$

13 Acol interference

$$2 - (x) - ?$$

- \times = negative
- PASS = positive

14 Gazilli

1♥ - 1♠

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• 2 = 5 • 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**

1V- 1NT

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- 2 = 5 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- 2 > = 5 4 11-15

- 2 = 11-15
- $2 \spadesuit = 6 \heartsuit 5 \spadesuit GF$
- $2NT = 6 \checkmark 5 \Leftrightarrow GF$
- 3♣ = 5♥ 5♣ **GF**
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 5 \blacklozenge \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = agreeing \checkmark GF$

1 - 1NT

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- PASS = $5332 \ 12-14$
- $2 = 5 = 11-15 \text{ OR } 16 + \text{HCP } \mathbf{F1}$
- 2 = 5 4 11-15
- $2 \lor = 5 \spadesuit 4 \lor 11-15$
- 2 = 11-15
- 2NT = 6 4 5 GF
- $3 \clubsuit = 5 \spadesuit 5 \clubsuit GF$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit 5 \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = 6 \spadesuit 5 \checkmark GF$
- $3 \triangleq \text{agreeing} \triangleq \mathbf{GF}$

1 - 1

2 - ?

- **♦** = 8+
- **♥** = 2**♥** 5-7
- $\spadesuit = \text{good } 5 \spadesuit 5-7$
- $2NT = 1 \checkmark 5 7$
- 3 = 6 + 5 = 5 = 7
- 3 = 6 + 5 7

1V- 1NT

2♣ – ?

- 2 = 8 +
- $2 \lor = 2 3 \lor 5 7$
- 2 = 55 5 7
- $2NT = 1 \checkmark 5 7$
- $3\clubsuit = 6+\clubsuit 5-7$
- 3 > 6 + 5 7

1 - 1NT

2♣ - ?

- 2**♦** = 8+
- 2 = 5 = 5 = 7
- 2♠ = 2-3♠ 5-7
- 2NT = 1 45 7
- 3♣ = 6+♣ 5-7
- 3 > 6 + 5 = 7

1♥ - 1♠

$$2 - 2$$

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- $2 \lor = 5 \lor 4 \clubsuit 11-15$
- 2 = 5, = 3 = 16 +
- 2NT = 5332 18-20
- 3♣ = 5♥ 4♣ 16+
- 3 > = 5 4 > 16 +
- 3♥ = 6♥ 16+
- 3♠ = 5♥ 4♠ **GF**

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

$$1 - 1NT$$

$$2 - 2$$

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

15 Mini Splinters

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

1♥ - ?

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

1♠ − ?

• 2NT = mini splinter

- $3 \checkmark = INV + fit$
- **1♥ 2♠**

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- 2NT = ASK LSF
- 1 2NT

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- $3 \clubsuit = \mathbf{ASK} \ \mathbf{LSF}$
- **1♥ 2♠**

2NT - ?

- $3 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$ shortness
- $3 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$ shortness
- 3 = 4 shortness
- $3 \spadesuit = \spadesuit$ shortness **GF** (max)
- $1 \red 2NT$

3♣ - ?

- $3 \blacklozenge = \clubsuit$ shortness
- $3 \lor = \bullet$ shortness
- $3 \spadesuit =$ shortness
- 3NT = shortness **GF** (max)