

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

$1\clubsuit - 2\heartsuit$
?

- $2NT =$ **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 Checkback $3\clubsuit$

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

$1\clubsuit - 1\spadesuit$

$2\text{NT} - ?$

- $3\clubsuit = \text{checkback}$
- $3\spadesuit = 4+\spadesuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 5\spadesuit 4\heartsuit$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{agreeing } \clubsuit$

$1\clubsuit - 1\spadesuit$

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

- $3\spadesuit = 4+\clubsuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 3\spadesuit 4+\clubsuit$
- $3\clubsuit = 3\clubsuit$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{no } 3\spadesuit, \text{ no } 4\clubsuit$
- $4\clubsuit/4\spadesuit/4\heartsuit = 4\spadesuit \text{ cue}$

1♣ – 1♥

2NT – ?

- 3♣ = checkback
- 3♦ = 4+♦
- 3♥ = 5♥ 4♠ OR agreeing ♥
- 3♠ = 4♥ 4♠

1♣ – 1♥

2NT – 3♣

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

1♦ – 1♠

2NT – ?

- 3♣ = checkback
- 3♦ = 3+♦
- 3♥ = 5♠ 4♥
- 3♠ = agreeing ♠

1♦ – 1♠

2NT – 3♣

- 3♦ = 6♦, no 3♠
- 3♥ = 3♠ 6♦
- 3♠ = 3♠
- 3NT = no 3♠, no 6♦
- 4♣/4♦/4♥ = 4♠ cue

1♦ – 1♥
 2NT – ?

- 3♣ = checkback
- 3♦ = 3+♦
- 3♥ = 5♥ 4♠ OR agreeing ♥
- 3♠ = 4♥ 4♠

1♦ – 1♥
 2NT – 3♣

- 3♦ = 6♦, no 3♥ 4
- 3♥ = 3♥
- 3♠ = 3♥ 6♦
- 3NT = no 3♥, no 6♦
- 4♣/4♦/4♥ = 4♥ cue

6 Majors after checkback 3c

1♣♦ – 1♥
 2NT – ?

- 3♥ = 5+♥ 4♠ OR agreeing ♥
- 3♠ = 4♥ 4♠

1♣♦ – 1♥
 2NT – 3♥
 ?

- 3♠ = 4♠
- 3NT = no 4♠, no 4♥
- 4♣/4♦ = 4♥, cue

1♣♦ – 1♥

2NT – 3♥

3♠ – ?

- 3NT = agreeing ♥ (6+)
- 4♣/4♦ = agreeing ♠, cue
- 4♥ = to play

1♣♦ – 1♥

2NT – 3♠

?

- 3NT = no 4♠, no 4♥
- 4♣ = agreeing ♥
- 4♦ = agreeing ♠

7 1NT – dealing with interference

1NT – (2♣) – ?

2♣ = ♣

- ✕ = Stayman

SYSTEM ON

1NT – (2♣^A) – ?

2♣ = 5/4 ♥♠

- ✕ = 8+
- 2♦, 2♥, 2♠, 3♣ = to play
- 2NT = minors

1NT – (2♦) – ?

2♦ = ♦

- ✕ = negative
- 2♥, 2♠ = to play

- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♥, INV⁺
- 3♦ = 1-♦, INV⁺
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV⁺
- 3♠ = 5+♣, INV⁺
- 3NT = no ♦ stopper
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas

1NT – (2♦^A) – ?

2♦ = 6+ ♥♠

- ✕ = 8+
- 2♥, 2♠ = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♦, INV⁺
- 3♦ = 5+♥, INV⁺
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV⁺
- 3♠ = 5/5 ♣♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas

1NT – (2♥) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 2♠ = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♦, INV⁺
- 3♦ = 5+♠, INV⁺
- 3♥ = 1-♥, INV⁺
- 3♠ = 55 ♣♦, GF

- 3NT = no ♥ stopper
- 4♥ = Texas

1NT – (2♠) – ?

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

1NT – (2NT^A) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ✕ = 10+
- 3♣ = Stayman
- 3♦ = 5+♥, INV⁺
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV⁺

1NT – (3♣) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 3♦ = 5+♥, INV⁺
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV⁺
- 3♠ = 5+♦, INV⁺
- 3NT = to play

1NT – (3♦) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 3♥ = 5+♠, INV⁺
- 3♠ = 5+♥, GF
- 3NT = to play

1NT – (✕^A) – ?

✕ artificial

SYSTEM ON

1NT – (✕) – ?

✕ = penalty

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

1NT – (✕) – P^A – (P)

♠♠ – (P) – ?

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

8 2NT opening

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

2NT – ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ = forces 3♥, GF
- 3♥ = forces 3♠, GF

- $3\spadesuit = \text{forces } 3\text{NT}$
- $3\text{NT} = 5\spadesuit\ 4\heartsuit, \text{ NF}$
- $4\clubsuit = 55\ \text{M}$
- $4\diamondsuit, 4\heartsuit = \text{Texas}$
- $4\text{NT} = \text{quantitative}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

10 Non Serious 3NT

After agreeing on \heartsuit (\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

$1x - 1y - ?$

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

$1m - 1\heartsuit - ?$

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

12 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♠ = 5+, **F1**
- 2NT = min, BAL, **NF**

any other bid = **GF**

2♣ – 2♦
?

- 2NT = min, BAL
- 2♥, 2♠, 3♣, 3♦ = 5+, ~~BAL~~
- 3♥, 3♠, 4♣, 4♦ = agreeing suit

2♣ – 2♦
2NT – ?

System as after 2NT opening

2♣ – 2♦
2♥ – ?

- 3♥ = fit
- 3♠ = no fit, relay

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♣

Acol interference

2♣ – (x) – ?

- x = negative
- PASS = positive

13 Gazilli

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+

- $3\heartsuit = 6\heartsuit$ 16+
- $3\spadesuit = 5\heartsuit 4\spadesuit$ **GF**

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

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamond$

?

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

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

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamond$

?

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

14 Mini Splinters

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

$1\heartsuit - ?$

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

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)