Bridge Bidding System

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# 1 One side bidding

# 1.1 $1 \rightleftharpoons \text{ opening}$

### 1♣ - ?

- $1 \blacklozenge = \text{negative}$
- $1 \lor = 4 + \lor$
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 7-10, no 4
- $2 = \mathbf{GF}$ : BAL or  $\mathbf{\Phi}$
- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ , **GF**, may have  $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$
- 2♥ = 5♠ 4♥ 6-9
- 2 = 11 + BAL, no 4 = 11 + BAL
- 2NT = 11-12 BAL
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

#### **1**♦ − ?

- 1 = 4 +
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 6-10, no 4
- $2 \clubsuit = \mathbf{GF}$ : BAL or  $\clubsuit$ , no 4 %
- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{no } 4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, 4 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, INV^+$
- 2 = 5 4 = 5 = 11

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• 2NT = 11-12 BAL
   • 3NT = 15-17 BAL
1♣ - 1♥/1♠
   • 2 = 5 + 4, 12-15 BAL
   • 3 = 6 + 4, (15)16-18, BAL
1♣ - 1♥
2♣ - ?
   • 2 \bullet = INV \text{ art}
   • 2 \triangle / 2NT = GF
1♣ - 1♥
2 - 2 
   • 2 = 3 + , F1
   • 2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{GF}
   • 2NT = 3145, NF (3• to play)
   • 3 = NAT, NF
1♣ - 1♠
2 - ?
   • 2 • = INV \text{ art or } 5 • 4 ♥ GF
   • 2 = \mathbf{GF} art, no 4 
   • 2NT = \mathbf{GF}
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• 2 = 11 + BAL, no 4 = 11 + BAL

1 - 1 2 - 2

• 2 = NAT, F1

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• 2NT = 3145, NF (3• to play)
    • 3 = NAT, NF
    • 3 \bullet = \mathbf{GF} art
1♣ - 1♠
2 - 2 
2 \checkmark / 2 - ?
    • 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{agreeing } \checkmark/ \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, \text{ GF}
1♣ - 1♠
2 - 2 
2NT/3 - ?
    • 3♥ = 5♠ 5♥, GF
    • 3♠ = 6♠ 4♥, GF
    • 3NT = 5 4 , GF
1♦ - 1♥
    • 1NT = 12-14 BAL
    • 2♦ = 6+♦
1♦ - 1♥
2♦ – ?
    • 2 = \mathbf{GF} art (\rightarrow \text{all NAT})
    • 2NT = INV \text{ art}, F \text{ to } 3 \spadesuit
1♦ - 1♥
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- $3\clubsuit$  = any minimum or  $\clubsuit$  values
- $3 \blacklozenge = 7 + \blacklozenge$ , **GF**

 $2 \blacklozenge - 2NT$ 

• 2 = 3 + 4, **F1** 

• 3 = 3, **GF** 

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1 ♦ - 1 •
     • 1NT = 12-14 BAL, may have 1 \spadesuit
     • 2♦ = 6+♦
1 ♦ - 1 ♦
2♦ − ?
     • 2 \nabla = \mathbf{GF} art
                                                                                                                 !!
                                                                                                                 !!
     • 2NT = INV \text{ art}, F \text{ to } 3 \spadesuit
1♦ - 1♠
2 \blacklozenge - 2 \blacktriangledown
     • 2 \spadesuit = 3 \spadesuit (2NT = ASK LSF)
     • 2NT = NAT
                                                                                                                 !!
     • 3 = 4 
1♦ - 1♠
2 \blacklozenge - 2 \blacktriangledown
3♣ - ?
     • 3 \blacklozenge = agreeing \blacklozenge
     • 3 \checkmark = agreeing \checkmark
1 ♦ - 1 ♦
2 - 2NT
     • 3\clubsuit = any minimum or \clubsuit values
     • 3 \blacklozenge = 7 + \blacklozenge, GF
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•  $3 \lor = \lor \text{ values max } (4 \lor = \mathbf{NF})$ 

•  $3 \spadesuit = 3 \spadesuit \max$ 

# **1♣** – **2♣**

- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = BAL$
- 2♥ = 5♣ 4♥ BAL
- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \clubsuit 4 \spadesuit BAL$
- 2NT = 5 4 4 BAL
- 3♣ = ♣ BAL

## 1 – 2

 $2 \blacklozenge - ?$ 

- 2♥ = 5♣ 4♥ BAL
- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \clubsuit 4 \spadesuit BAL$
- 2NT = 12-14/18 + BAL
- 3 = 6, no 4
- 3 = 5 4 , GF
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

### $1 \blacklozenge - 2 \blacklozenge$

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

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

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• 2NT = ASK LSF

## **1♣** – **2♠**

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- 2NT = BAL min
- 3♣ = 5+♣ min
- $3 = 5 + \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \lor = 1 \lor, 5 + \clubsuit GF$
- 3 = 1 4, 5 + 4 GF
- 3NT = to play

### **1**♦ - **2**♠

?

- 2NT = BAL min
- 3 = 4 + min
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 + \blacklozenge \min$
- $3 \checkmark = 1 \checkmark$ ,  $5 + \checkmark$  **GF**
- $3 \spadesuit = 1 \spadesuit$ ,  $5 + \spadesuit$  **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
- $2 = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$

# 1.2 Negative 1♦

•  $1 \blacklozenge = 0-6 \text{ or } 16+ \text{ BAL or } 5+ \blacklozenge 7-11$ 

# **1♣** − **1**♦

?

- 1♥ = 3+
- 1**♠** = 3+
- 1NT = 18-20 BAL
- 2♣ = 5+♣
- $2 \cdot /2 \checkmark /2 = \text{serious revers } (19+)$
- $3\clubsuit$  = serious invite 19-20

### 1♣ - 1♦

**1**₩ − ?

- 1♠ = 4+♠
- $1NT = 3 \checkmark, 3 \checkmark$
- 2♣ = 5+♣
- 2 > = 5 + > 4 11
- $2 \spadesuit$  over  $1 \heartsuit = \clubsuit 10-11$
- 2NT = 16 + BAL
- $3 \implies = 6 + \implies 9-11$  bad suit

# 1.3 1**₩** 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)
- $2\Phi = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$ , **GF**
- 2 = constructive raise
- $2 = \min \text{ splinter}$
- 2NT = limit raise

- $3\clubsuit = \text{solid } 6\clubsuit$ , INV
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{solid } 6 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, INV$
- 3 = mixed raise
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{splinter} \spadesuit$
- 3NT = splinter •
- $4\clubsuit = \text{splinter } \clubsuit$
- $4 \rightleftharpoons 11$ HCP,  $4 \checkmark$ , no shortness
- $4 \spadesuit / 5 \spadesuit / 5 \spadesuit = \text{EXRKCB } 0314$

#### **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 = 3 + 4, INV
- 3 = mixed raise
- 3NT = splinter
- $4\clubsuit = \text{splinter } \clubsuit$
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{splinter} \blacklozenge$
- $4 \nabla = 11 \text{HCP}, 4 \spadesuit$ , no shortness

### 1♥ - 1♠

•  $2NT = INV^+$  art

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1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2 NT
                                                                                                  !!
    • 3\clubsuit = any minimum or NAT, \mathbf{F} (\rightarrow 3\spadesuit = ask)
    • 3 \blacklozenge = 4 + \blacklozenge, max
    • 3 \checkmark = 7 + \checkmark, max (cue = agreeing \checkmark)
    • 3 \spadesuit = 3 + \spadesuit, max
1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2 NT
3♠ − ?
    • 4 = agreeing 
    • 4 \Rightarrow = agreeing \spadesuit
1♥ - 1♠
2 \blacktriangledown - 2NT
3♣ - 3♦
    • 3 \checkmark = \min, no 3 \spadesuit
    • 3 \spadesuit = \min, 3 \spadesuit
    • 3NT = max, 4
1.4 	 2/1 	 GF
x - 2y
    • 2NT = 5332 or 5422, denies 4-card support
    • 3y = 4-card support or 3-card support with shortness
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 $\frac{\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{y}}{2\mathbf{NT} - ?}$ 

•  $3\Phi$  = checkback

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x - 2y
2NT - 3
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- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 3 \mathbf{y}$
- other = denies 3y

# 1.5 Responder's 2nt rebid

3-color auction

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\frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{z}-?}
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- 4th suit = ask for stopper,  $\mathbf{GF}$
- 2NT = ask shape, GF

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &- \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{z} &- \mathbf{2NT} \\ \mathbf{?} \end{aligned}$$

- 3♣ = 3**y** 
  - $3 = 5x \ 4z \ 2y \ 2$
  - 3 = 5x 5z 2y 1
  - 3 = 5x 5z 1-y 2+
  - 3NT = 5x 4z 1-y 3+

# 1.6 1nt opening

1 NT opening = (14)15-17 BAL

1NT - ?

- 2 = Stayman
- $2 \bullet = \text{forces } 2 \blacktriangledown$
- 2 = forces 2

- 2 = INV or TRSF to  $\Phi$
- $2NT = TRSF \text{ to } \bullet$
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3**♦** = 55**♣**
- 3♥ = 3-♠ 1-♥, 54♣
- 3♠ = 3-♥ 1-♠, 54♣♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4 = 55
- $4 \bullet$ ,  $4 \heartsuit = \text{Texas}$
- 4NT = quantitative

# 1NT - 2♠

- ?
- 2NT = 14-15(16)
- 3♣ = (16)17

# 1NT-2NT

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

### 1NT - 3

- ?
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{NAT}$
- 3NT = to play
- 4 = pick a, good hand
- 4NT = pick a ...

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1NT - 2
2♦ − ?
    • 2 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit, to play
    • 2 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit, to play
    • 3♥ = 5♠ 4♥, GF
    • 3♠ = 5♥ 4♠, GF
1NT - 2 
2♥ - ?
    • 2 \spadesuit = 5 \heartsuit 4 \spadesuit, INV
1NT - 2
2♠ − ?
    • 3♥ = 5♠ 4♥, INV
1NT - 2 
2   - 2 
    • Pass, 2NT, 3 \checkmark = to play
    • 3NT, 4 \checkmark, 4 \spadesuit = to play
1NT - 2
2 - 3 
    • PASS, 3 \triangleq to play
```

# 1.7 2nt opening

• 3NT,  $4 \checkmark$ ,  $4 \spadesuit$  = to play

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

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

### 2NT − 3♦

?

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

$$2NT - 3$$

?

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

#### 2NT - 3

3NT - ?

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

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# 1.8 2nt opening – extended

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2NT - 3♣ 3♦ - ?
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• 4♣ = Minor Puppet Stayman

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2NT - 3 \clubsuit3 \ - ?
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- 4 Minor Puppet Stayman
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{Minor Puppet}$ , ask 3s

- 4♣ = Minor Puppet Stayman
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{Minor Puppet}$ , ask 3s

- $4 \implies$  = Minor Puppet Stayman
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{Minor Puppet}$ , ask 3s

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

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

- 5 = 5 , 4
- $5 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \clubsuit$

4 - ?

- 4♥ = 4♣
- 4♠ = 4♦
- 4NT = SIGN-OFF

 $\mathbf{4} \blacklozenge - \mathbf{4} \blacktriangledown$ 

?

- $4 \spadesuit = \text{fit } \spadesuit$ , 1/4 Aces
- 4NT = SIGN-OFF
- 5 = fit 0/3 Aces
- $5 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{fit } \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ , 2 Aces, no Q $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$
- $5 \checkmark = \text{fit } 4 \text{ Aces, } Q 4$

$$4 \blacklozenge - 4 \spadesuit$$

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- 4NT = SIGN-OFF
- 5 = fit , 1/4 Aces
- $5 \blacklozenge = \text{fit} \blacklozenge, 0/3 \text{ Aces}$
- 5 = fit, 2 Aces, no Q•
- $5 \spadesuit = \text{fit} 2 \text{ Aces, } Q$

... - 4 🕏

4♥ - ?

- 4 = fit 4, 1/4 Aces
- 4NT = SIGN-OFF

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• 5 = \text{fit } 0/3 \text{ Aces}
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• 
$$5 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{fit } \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$$
, 2 Aces, no Q.

• 
$$5 \checkmark = \text{fit } 4 \text{ Aces, } Q 4$$

#### **4**♠ − ?

- 4NT = SIGN-OFF
- 5 = fit , 1/4 Aces
- $5 \blacklozenge = \text{fit} \blacklozenge, 0/3 \text{ Aces}$
- 5 = fit, 2 Aces, no Q•
- $5 \spadesuit = \text{fit} 2 \text{ Aces, } Q$

- 4♥ = 3+♠, 3+♦
- $4 \spadesuit = 3 + \clubsuit$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$  (4NT = SIGN-OFF, other bids agreeing  $\clubsuit$ )
- 4NT = 24, 3+ (all bids agreeing •)

#### ... - 4

### **4♥** - ?

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

# 1.9 Drury

**OFF** in competition

- 1NT = 8-11, no fit
- 2 = 4-fit mixed raise (7)8-10DP OR 3-fit (9)10-11DP

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

#### P - 1♥

### **2♣** – ?

- $2 \lor = \text{no interest in the game}$
- $2 \Rightarrow INV$
- 2 = ASK LSF, usually 18-20 BAL
- 2NT/3 3 = 55(54) Slam Try (2NT = 1)
- $3NT/3 \triangleq /4 \triangleq /4 \Rightarrow$  = splinter (3NT = 4 $\Rightarrow$ )
- $4 \forall$  = to play

#### P − 1♠

#### **2**♣ - ?

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

```
P-1
2
2
2
2
2
2
```

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

```
P-1
2
2
2
2
2
2
```

- $2 \checkmark$  over  $2 \spadesuit$  = Last Train (says nothing about  $\checkmark$ )
- $2 \rightleftharpoons \text{SIGN-OFF}$
- 2NT = 11, BAL
- 3% = 4-card support
- 4% = to play
- any other bid = NAT, INV

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

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.

# 1.11 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+

# 1.12 Preempt opening

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2♦ − ?
    • 2NT = OGUST \text{ (after } 2 \bullet \text{ only!)}
2 \blacklozenge - 2 \blacklozenge
    • 3 \clubsuit = 5-7, bad • quality
    • 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5-7, good \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} quality
    • 3 = 8-10, bad • quality
    • 3 \triangleq 8-10, good • quality
2♥ - ?
    • 2 = ASK LSF
    • 2NT = 5 + \spadesuit
2♠ − ?
    • 2NT = ASK LSF
1.13
              Acol 2♣
2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks
2♣ - ?
    • 2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{positive } 4+, \mathbf{GF}
    • 2 = \text{negative } 3
    • 2\spadesuit, 3\spadesuit, 3 \diamondsuit = \text{own suit } 5+
    • 2NT = own suit ( ) 5+
```

• PASS = good  $\forall$ 

- $2 \triangleq \text{NAT } (5+), \mathbf{F1}$
- 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)
- $2\spadesuit$ ,  $3\spadesuit$ ,  $3\spadesuit = 5+$ , BAL
- $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit$ ,  $4 \spadesuit$ ,  $4 \spadesuit$  = agreeing suit

$$2 - 2$$

2NT - ?

System as after 2NT opening

$$2 - 2$$

**2♥** - ?

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

$$2 - 2$$

**2**♠ − ?

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

$$2 - 2$$

2 - 2

?

• 2NT = 5 + 4

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

#### 2 - 2

$$2 - 2NT$$

?

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

# 1.14 Acol – Kokish relay

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

$$2 - 2$$

?

- 2NT = 25+, BAL
- 3 = 5 + 4, 23 +
- $3 = 6 \checkmark, 23 +$
- $3 \lor = 5 \lor + 4 \spadesuit$ , 23 +
- 3♠ = 5♥+4♠, 23+

$$2 - 2$$

$$2NT - ?$$

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# 1.15 Rebid with 3-card support

# 1 - 1 2 - ?

- $2 = 5 + \forall$ , INV<sup>+</sup>, ASK LSF
- $2NT = 4 \checkmark$ , INV
- 3 = 4 + 4, INV
- 3♦ = 4♥, **GF**

- **2**♠ − ?
  - 2NT = 4, INV
  - 3 = 4 + 4, INV
  - 3 = 5,  $INV^+$ , ASK LSF
  - 3♥ = 4♠, **GF**

### 1.16 Ask LSF

All basic ASK LSF sequences:

- 1\(\mathbf{A}\) 2\(\mathbf{A}\)
  2\(\mathbf{A}\) + 1\(\mathbf{A}\)
- 1 1 1 2 2 2 1
- 1% 2x $2\% - 2\% + 1^{A}$
- 1♣ 1♣ 3♣ - 3♣+1<sup>A</sup>

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

#### Answering:

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

### 1.17 Gazilli

```
1♥ - 1♠
     • 2 = 5  • 11-15 OR 16+ HCP F1
\mathbf{1}\blacktriangledown - \mathbf{1NT}
     • 2 = 5  • 11-15 OR 16+ HCP F1
     • 2 • = 5 ♥ 4 • 11-15
     • 2 = 11-15
     • 2 \spadesuit = 6 \heartsuit 5 \spadesuit \mathbf{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
     • PASS = 5332 \ 12-14
     • 2 = 5 = 11-15 \text{ OR } 16 + \text{HCP } \mathbf{F1}
     • 2 • = 5 • 4 • 11-15
     • 2 = 5 4 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 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}
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#### 1♥ - 1♠

**2♣** – ?

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

 $1 \checkmark - 1 NT$ 

**2**♣ - ?

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

1 - 1NT

**2♣** - ?

- 2 > 8 +
- 2 = 5 = 5 = 7
- $2 \spadesuit = 2 3 \spadesuit 5 7$
- 2NT = 1 45 7
- $3 \clubsuit = 6 + \clubsuit 5 7$
- 3 > 6 + 5 = 7

1♥ - 1♠

2 - 2

?

•  $2 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \checkmark 11-15$ 

- 2 = 5, = 3 16 +
- 2NT = 5332 18-20
- 3♣ = 5♥ 4♣ 16+
- 3 > = 5 4 > 16 +
- 3♥ = 6♥ 16+
- 3♠ = 5♥ 4♠ **GF**

**2**♣ - **2**♦

?

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

$$1 - 1NT$$

$$2 - 2$$

?

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

# 1.18 Mini Splinters

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

#### **1♥** - ?

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

#### **1**♠ − ?

- 2NT = mini splinter
- $3 \lor = INV + fit$

### 1 $\vee$ -2

?

• 2NT = ASK LSF

#### 1 - 2NT

?

• 3 = ASK LSF

#### **1**♥ - **2**♠

#### 2NT - ?

- $3 \clubsuit = \$$  shortness
- $3 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$  shortness
- $3 \checkmark = 4$  shortness

### 1 - 2NT

#### 3♣ - ?

- 3 = 4 shortness
- $3 \lor =$  shortness
- $3 \spadesuit =$  shortness
- 3NT = shortness **GF** (max)

# 2 Competitive bidding – dealing with interference

# 2.1 1<sub>NT</sub> – dealing with interference

1NT - (2 - ?)

 $2 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$ 

•  $\times$  = Stayman

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

$$2 - 5/4$$

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

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

 $2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$ 

- $\times$  = negative
- $2 \checkmark$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$  = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- $3 = 5 + \forall$ ,  $INV^+$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 1 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ ,  $INV^+$

- 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 + •,  $INV^+$
  - $3 \blacklozenge = 5 + \blacktriangledown$ ,  $\mathbf{INV}^+$
  - 3 = 5 + 4,  $INV^+$
  - 3 = 5/5
  - 3NT = to play
  - $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ ,  $4 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet} = \text{Texas}$

### $1NT - (2 \checkmark) - ?$

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

#### 1NT - (2) - ?

- $\times$  = negative
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- $3 = 5 + , INV^+$
- $3 = 5 + \forall$ ,  $INV^+$
- 3♥ = 55♣, **GF**
- $3 = 1 1 \cdot 100$
- 3NT = no ♠ stopper
- $4 \rightarrow = \text{Texas}$

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

$$2NT = \clubsuit$$

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

### 1NT - (3-) - ?

- $\times$  = negative
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}, INV^+$
- 3 = 5 + 4,  $INV^+$
- $3 = 5 + , INV^+$
- 3NT = to play

### 1NT - (3) - ?

- $\times$  = negative
- 3 = 5 + 4,  $INV^+$
- 3**♠** = 5+**♥**, **GF**
- 3NT = to play

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

× artificial

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

 $\times$  = penalty

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

$$\begin{aligned} & 1NT - (\textcolor{red}{\times}) - P^{\textcolor{red}{A}} - (P) \\ & \times \times - (P) - ? \end{aligned}$$

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

# 2.2 Acol interference

$$2\Phi - (\times/\text{any}) - ?$$

 $\times = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times \times / \times = \text{negative}$
- PASS = positive
- own suit = 4+ HCP, 5+ cards, **GF**

$$2 - (P) - 2 - (any)$$

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

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# 2.3 LSF – dealing with interference

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

••

$$ASK - (\times) - ?$$

- $\times \times = \text{no shortness}$
- PASS = shortness in doubled suit
- other suit = shortness in this suit

# 2.4 Transfers after 1 (×)

**1**♥ - (×) -?

- $\times \times = 10 + \text{(may have } 3 \text{)}$
- $1 \spadesuit = \text{NAT}, 4 + \spadesuit, \mathbf{F1}$
- 1NT = TRSF to 2
- 2 = TRSF to 2
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{TRSF to } 2 \blacktriangledown$ , constructive 8-10
- $2 \lor = 4-7, 3 \lor$
- 2 = 4, (3)4**VINV**<sup>+</sup>
- $2NT = 4 + \bigvee INV^+$
- 3 4 = 4,  $(3)4 \times INV^+$
- $3 = 4 + \checkmark, 6 9$
- 3 = 4 + 7, 0-5
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 + \heartsuit$ , ASK LSF

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- 3NT = semi-preempt,  $\spadesuit$ ,  $4+ \heartsuit$
- $4\clubsuit = \text{semi-preempt}, \clubsuit, 4+ \heartsuit$
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{semi-preempt}, \blacklozenge, 4 + \blacktriangledown$
- $4 \nabla = \text{preempt}$

- $\times \times = 10 + \text{(may have } 3 \clubsuit)$
- $1NT = TRSF \text{ to } 2 \clubsuit$
- $2 \clubsuit = \text{TRSF to } 2 \spadesuit$
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{TRSF to } 2 \blacktriangledown$
- 2 = TRSF to 2 , constructive 8-10
- 2 = 4-7, 3 = 4-7
- $2NT = 4 INV^+$
- 3 = 4, (3)4**INV**<sup>+</sup>
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ ,  $(3)4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} INV^+$
- 3 = 4 + 4, 6-9
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 + \spadesuit$ , 0-5
- $3NT = 4 + \spadesuit$ , **ASK LSF**
- $4 \clubsuit = \text{semi-preempt}, \clubsuit, 4+\spadesuit$
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{semi-preempt}, \blacklozenge, 4 + \spadesuit$
- $4 \lor = \text{semi-preempt}, \lor, 4 + \spadesuit$
- $4 \rightleftharpoons$  = preempt

# 2.5 RKCB – dealing with interference

$$4NT - (\times/5 ) - ?$$

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# 3 Defensive bidding – how to overcall

## 3.1 Overcalls after 1<sub>NT</sub> opening

(1NT) - ?

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

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

- 2 = PASS/correct
- 2 = 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 = INV with  $\forall$

#### 3.2 Michaels & Unusual 2nt

#### (1♣<sup>A</sup>) - ?

1♣ = 2+ or fully artificial

- $1 \stackrel{\bullet}{=} NAT (5+)$
- 2 = NAT
- 2 = Michaels

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

- $1 \stackrel{\bullet}{=} NAT (5+)$
- 2 = Michaels
- $2 \bullet = \text{weak} (6+)$

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

• 2 = Michaels

## 3.3 Dealing with preempts

#### (2 ) - ?

- $3 \spadesuit = \text{strong hand, solid suit}$
- $3 \checkmark$  = Michaels
- 4 4 = Leaping Michaels, GF
- 4 = 4, strong

•  $4NT = \clubsuit$ , weaker then  $4 \checkmark$ 

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

- 2NT = Better Minor Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 0-11, 5+♣
- 2 = weak
- 3 = INV (8-11)
- $3 \checkmark = \text{no } 4 \spadesuit$ , no  $\checkmark$  stopper
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit$ , **INV** (8-11)
- $3NT = no 4 \spadesuit$ ,  $\forall$  stopper
- 4 = 4, no  $\sim$  control, Slam Try

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•  $4 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$ 

$$(2 \checkmark) - \times - (P) - 2NT$$
  
 $(P) - 3m - (P) - ?$ 

- $3 \bullet = \text{weak}$
- $3 \lor = 4 \spadesuit$ , no  $\lor$  stopper
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$ , INV (8-11)
- 3NT = 44,  $\forall$  stopper

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

•  $\times = \text{no } 44, 10+$ 

$$(2•) - ?$$

- $3 \spadesuit = Michaels$
- 4 4 = Leaping Michaels, GF
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \clubsuit$ , strong
- $4NT = \clubsuit$ , weaker then  $4 \checkmark$

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

- 2NT = Better Minor Lebensohl
- 3 = 0-11, 5+

- $3 /3 \checkmark = INV (8-11)$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{no } 4 \heartsuit$ , no  $\spadesuit$  stopper
- $3NT = no 4 \checkmark$ , stopper
- 4 = to play
- 4 = 4, no  $\triangle$  control, Slam Try

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$$(2 - \times - (P) - 2NT)$$
  
 $(P) - 3m - (P) - ?$ 

- $3 \checkmark / 3 \checkmark = \text{to play}$
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \heartsuit$ , no  $\spadesuit$  stopper
- $3NT = 4 \checkmark$ , stopper

$$(2\spadesuit) - \times - (4\spadesuit) - ?$$

- 4NT = two-suited OR weak ♥
- 5 5 = to play
- $5 \checkmark = \text{Slam Try}$

#### 3.4 Two-suiter overcalls

$$(2\clubsuit) - 4\clubsuit - (P) - ?$$

- $4 \bullet = \text{agreeing } \blacktriangledown$
- 4 = Sign-off
- $4 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \spadesuit$
- $5 \clubsuit = \text{SIGN-OFF}$

$$(2•) - 4• - (P) - ?$$

- 4 = SIGN-OFF
- $4 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \blacklozenge$
- 4NT = agreeing
- $5 \Rightarrow = SIGN-OFF$

$$(2 ) - 4 - (P) - ?$$

- $4 \rightarrow = agreeing \ \$
- 4 = agreeing
- $4\spadesuit = SIGN-OFF$
- $5\clubsuit = SIGN-OFF$

$$(2 ) - 4 - (P) - ?$$

- 4 = agreeing
- $4\spadesuit = SIGN-OFF$
- 4NT = agreeing •
- $5 \blacklozenge = SIGN-OFF$

- 4♣ = •+₩, **GF**
- 4♦ = **\**, **GF**

$$(3\clubsuit) - 4\clubsuit - (P) - ?$$

- 4♦ = ASK **\**
- $4 \nabla = \text{agreeing} \bullet$

$$(3\clubsuit) - 4 \blacklozenge - (P) - ?$$

- 4 = Sign-off
- $4\spadesuit = SIGN-OFF$
- 4NT = agreeing
- 5 = agreeing

$$(3\clubsuit) - 4\clubsuit - (P) - 4\spadesuit$$

$$(P) - 4$$
 $- (P) - ?$ 

- PASS = SIGN-OFF
- $4 \triangleq \text{agreeing} \blacklozenge$

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- 4NT = agreeing
- $5 \Rightarrow = SIGN-OFF$

$$(3\clubsuit) - 4\clubsuit - (P) - 4\spadesuit$$
  
(P)  $- 4\spadesuit - (P) - ?$ 

- PASS = SIGN-OFF
- 4NT = agreeing •
- 5 = agreeing
- $5 \Rightarrow = SIGN-OFF$

$$(3^{\bullet}) - ?$$

•  $4\clubsuit = NAT$ 

## 3.5 2nt overcall after major preempt

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$$(2)$$
 – ?

• 2NT = 16-18 BAL, promises ♥ stopper

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

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

$$(2 \checkmark) - 2NT - (P) - 3 .$$
  
 $(P) - 3 \checkmark - (P) - ?$ 

- PASS = weak with  $\bullet$
- 3♥ = 3-**♠**
- 3♠ = 4♠
- 3NT = 5
- 4♣ = 6+♠

$$(2 \checkmark) - 2NT - (P) - 3$$
  
 $(P) - 3 \checkmark - (P) - 3 \checkmark$ 

$$(P) - ?$$

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

$$(2 ) - 2NT - (P) - 3$$

$$(P) - 3 - (P) - 3$$

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

- 3NT = weak own suit
- $4\clubsuit$ ,  $4\blacklozenge$  = own suit
- 4♠ = 3♠

$$(2 
ightharpoonup) - 2 
m NT - (P) - 3 
ightharpoonup$$

$$(P) - ?$$

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

$$\left(2\blacktriangledown\right)-2NT-\left(P\right)-3\blacktriangledown$$

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

- PASS = weak, 5+
- 3NT = PASS/correct

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$$4 - \sqrt{4} = NAT$$

$$(2 \checkmark) - 2NT - (P) - 3 \diamondsuit$$
  
 $(P) - 3NT - (P) - ?$ 

- 4 4 = NAT, agreeing suit
- 4 = 1 , both minors
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{void} \spadesuit$ , both minors

$$(2 \checkmark) - 2NT - (P) - 4 \checkmark$$
  
 $(P) - 4 \checkmark - (P) - ?$ 

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

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

- $3\clubsuit$  = forces  $3\diamondsuit$ , 1- $\bigstar$  **GF** OR weak with  $\diamondsuit$
- $3 \bullet = \text{forces } 3 \lor, 5 + \lor, \text{ weak or } GF$
- $3 = \log \min(-1)$  shortness, 3 = ASK
- 3♠ = 4♥, **GF**
- 3NT = to play
- $4\clubsuit = 6\clubsuit 5 \heartsuit$ , may have shortness
- $4 \blacklozenge = 6 \blacklozenge 5 \blacktriangledown$ , may have shortness
- 4♥ = 6+♥
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{minors}$
- 4NT = quantitative

$$(2\clubsuit) - 2NT - (P) - 3\clubsuit$$
  
 $(P) - 3 \diamondsuit - (P) - ?$ 

- PASS = weak with ◆
- 3♥ = 3-♥
- 3♠ = 4♥

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$$3NT = 5$$

$$(2•) - 2NT - (P) - 3•$$

$$(P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3♥$$

$$(P) - ?$$

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

$$(2•) - 2NT - (P) - 3•$$

$$(P) - 3 - (P) - 3$$

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

- 3NT = weak own suit
- $4\clubsuit$ ,  $4\blacklozenge$  = own suit

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

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

- PASS = weak, 5+
- 3NT = PASS/correct

• 
$$4 - 4 = NAT$$

$$(2•) - 2NT - (P) - 3$$

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

- 4 4 = NAT, agreeing suit
- $4 \checkmark = 1 \spadesuit$  both minors
- $4 \spadesuit = \text{void} \spadesuit \text{ both minors}$

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

• 
$$3NT = to play$$

$$(2\clubsuit) - 2NT - (P) - 4\spadesuit$$
  
 $(P) - 4\blacktriangledown - (P) - ?$ 

- 4NT = RKCB 1403
- 4 / 5 / 5 = EX 0314

### 3.6 Overcalls after 2NT opening

(2NT) - ?

- × = ♣ OR **\***
- 3♣ = ♣ OR **%**
- 3♦ = ₩ OR ★

## 3.7 Dealing with Multi/Wilkosz

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

•  $\times = (13)14-16$  BAL, no 5, may have minor singleton

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- 2 = 11-15, 5+
- $2 \spadesuit = 11 15, 5 + \spadesuit$
- 2NT = 17-19, BAL
- $3 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$ , not 5332/5422
- 3 = •, not 5332/5422
- $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit$  = solid suit, weaker then power double
- 3NT = **♣**
- 4♣ = ♣+♥
- 4♦ = ♦+₩

$$(2 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}) - P - (P^{A}) - ?$$

System like after 2♦ preempt.

#### $(2^{\bullet}) - P - (2^{\blacktriangledown}) - ?$

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

$$(2 ) - P - (2 ) - ?$$

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

$$(2^{\bullet}) - P - (>2^{\bullet}) - ?$$

•  $\times$  = takeout

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$$(2 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}) - P - (2 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}) - P$$
  
 $(P) - ?$ 

•  $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

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

- PASS = want to defend, doubles are penalty
- 2 = 5 +, to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)
- 3♣ = Stayman
- $3 \blacklozenge = \text{TRSF to } \blacktriangledown$ , GF+ superaccepts
- 3 = TRSF to , GF + superaccepts
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{TRSF to NT}$ , no  $\$ \implies$  stoppers
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = Texas$

$$(2 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}) - \frac{\times}{\times} - (\times \times / \text{PASS}) - 2 \text{NT}$$
  
 $(P) - 3 \stackrel{\clubsuit}{\bullet} - (P) - ?$ 

- PASS = to play
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \mathbf{GF}$ , no  $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$
- $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit = INV$

$$(2 
ightharpoonup) - \times - (lapsilon/lapsilon) - ?$$

- $\times = 9+$ , F to 2NT, no 5, no shortness
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)
- 3 = Stayman

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- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{TRSF to } \checkmark, \text{GF} + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3 \lor = \text{TRSF to } \spadesuit$ , GF+ superaccepts
- $3 \triangleq$  = takeout with opps' suit shortness, **GF**
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$

$$(2 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}) - \times - (2 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown} / \stackrel{\blacktriangle}{•}) - 2NT$$
  
 $(P) - 3 \stackrel{\clubsuit}{•} - (P) - ?$ 

- PASS/3 = to play
- $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit = INV$

$$(2 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}) - \times - (2 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\lor} / \stackrel{\blacktriangle}{•}) - \times (P) - ?$$

- PASS = to play
- 2 = 4, **F1**
- 2NT = NAT, minimum
- 3 = NAT, minimum
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = NAT$ , minimum
- $3 \checkmark$  over  $2 \spadesuit = NAT$ , minimum
- cue  $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit = \text{maximum}$ , no stopper, no  $4 \spadesuit$
- 3NT = maximum, stopper, no 4

$$\begin{array}{l} (2 \blacklozenge) - \times - (2 \blacktriangledown) - \times \\ (2 \spadesuit) - ? \end{array}$$

- Pass  $= \mathbf{F1}$
- $\times$  = penalty
- 2NT = do not want to defend, GF
- 3 = NAT, GF
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{NAT}, \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = NAT, GF$
- 3♠ = maximum, no ♠ stopper
- 3NT = maximum, stopper

$$(2 \diamondsuit) - \times - (2 \heartsuit) - \times$$

$$(2•) - P - (P) - ?$$

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

- - PASS = 14-16, no  $4 \triangleq$  OR power double, **F1**
  - $\times = 14\text{-}16, 4\spadesuit$ , defensive

## Overcalls after mini 1<sub>NT</sub> opening

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

1NT = 12-14 (or other weak no-trump range), BAL

- $\times = 15+$ , 13+ on balancing position
- 2 = 44, 12 +
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{TRSF to } \blacktriangledown$
- $2 = \text{TRSF to } \bigstar$
- 2 = 4, 5+
- $2NT = 4 \checkmark, 5 + \clubsuit$