

Bridge Bidding System

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1 One side bidding

1.1 1♣ opening

1♣ – ?

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

1♣ – 1♥/1♠

?

- 2♣ = 5+♣, 12-15 ~~BAL~~
- 3♣ = 6+♣, (15)16-18 ~~BAL~~

1♣ – 1♥

2♣ – ?

- 2♦ = **GF** (→ all NAT)
- 2♠/2NT = **INV** art (bids above 3♣ = accept)

1♣ – 1♠

2♣ – ?

- 2♦ = **GF**
- 2♥ = **INV** NAT
- 2NT = **INV** (bids above 3♣ = accept)

1♣ – 2♣

?

- 2♦ = BAL
- 2♥ = 5♣ 4♥ ~~BAL~~
- 2♠ = 5♣ 4♠ ~~BAL~~
- 2NT = 5♣ 4♦ ~~BAL~~
- 3♣ = ♣ ~~BAL~~

1♣ – 2♣

2♦ – ?

- 2♥ = 5♣ 4♥ ~~BAL~~
- 2♠ = 5♣ 4♠ ~~BAL~~
- 2NT = 12-14/18+ BAL
- 3♣ = 6♣, no 4♥♠
- 3♦ = 5♣ 4♦, **GF**
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

1♣ – 2♠

?

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

1.2 1♦ opening

1♦ – ?

- 1♥ = 4+♥
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 6-10, no 4♥♠
- 2♣ = GF, no 4♥♠
- 2♦ = no 4♥♠, 4+♦, INV⁺
- 2♥ = 5♠ 4♥ 5-11
- 2♠ = 11+ BAL, no 4♥♠
- 2NT = 11-12 BAL
- 3♣ = ♦ preempt or shortness, strong hand (→ 3♦)
- 3♦ = mixed raise
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

1♦ – 1♥
?

- 1NT = 12-14 BAL
- 2♦ = 6+♦

1♦ – 1♠
?

- 1NT = 12-14 BAL, may have 1♠
- 2♦ = 6+♦

1♦ – 3♣
3♦ – ?

- 3♥/3♠/3NT = ♥/♠/♣ shortness

1♦ – 1♥♠
2♦ – ?

- 2♥♠ = NF
- 3rd suit = stopper, GF

- 2NT = **GF**
- 3♦ = **INV**

1♦ – 2♦
?

- 2♥ = ♥ stopper
- 2♠ = ♠ stopper
- 2NT = both major stoppers
- 3♣ = NAT
- 3♦ = sign off (threshold for invite)

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

1♦ – 2♠
?

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

1.3 Negative 1♦

1♣ – ?

- 1♦ = 0-6 or 16+ BAL or 5+♦ 7-11

1♣ – 1♦
?

- 1♥ = 3+
- 1♠ = 3+
- 1NT = 18-20 BAL
- 2♣ = 5+♣

- $2\diamond/2♥/2♠ =$ serious reverts (19+)
- $3♣ =$ serious invite 19-20

$1♣ - 1♦$

$1♥♠ - ?$

- $1♠ = 4+♠$
- $1NT = 3-♥, 3-♠$
- $2♣ = 5+♣$
- $2♦ = 5+♦$ 4-11
- $2♠$ over $1♥ = ♣♦$ 10-11
- $2NT = 16+$ BAL
- $3♣♦ = 6+♣♦$ 9-11 bad suit

1.4 Two-way checkback

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

$1x - 1y$

$1z - ?$

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

1.5 Flannery

$1♣♦ - 2♥$

?

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

!!

1.6 $1♥♠$ opening

$1♥ - ?$

- $1♠ = 4+♠$, no $3♥$ OR $5♠$ $3♥+$ **GF**
- $1NT = 5-11HCP$, (or $5-7HCP$ with $2-3♥$)

- 2♣ = any **GF**
- 2♦ = 5♦, **GF**
- 2♥ = constructive raise
- 2♠ = ♠ preempt (3-7, 6+♠)
- 2NT = limit raise
- 3♣ = mixed raise
- 3♦ = mini splinter (3♥ = **ASK LSF**)
- 3♥ = preempt
- 3♠ = splinter ♠
- 3NT = splinter ♦
- 4♣ = splinter ♣
- 4♦ = 11HCP, 4♥, no shortness
- 4♠/5♣/5♦ = EXRKCB 0314

1♠ – ?

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

1♥ – 1♠

2♥ – ?

- 2NT = INV⁺ art

!!

1♥ – 1♠

2♥ – 2NT

?

- 3♣ = any minimum or NAT, F (→ 3♦ = ask)
- 3♦ = 4+♦, max
- 3♥ = 7+♥, max (cue = agreeing ♥)
- 3♠ = 3+♠, max

!!

1♥ – 1♠

2♥ – 2NT

3♠ – ?

- 4♣ = agreeing ♥
- 4♦ = agreeing ♠

1♥ – 1♠

2♥ – 2NT

3♣/3♦ – ?

- 3♠ = agreeing ♠, GF

1♥ – 1♠

2♥ – 2NT

3♣ – 3♦

?

- 3♥ = min, no 3♠
- 3♠ = min, 3♠
- 3NT = max, 4♣

1♥ – 1♠

2♥ – 2NT

(3♣ – 3♦)

3♥ – ?

- 3♠ = agreeing ♥, ASK LSF

1.7 2/1 GF

After 2/1 bid, up to 3 level, we only bid our shape (not strength). Then, unserious bids are used to balance.

$x - 2y$
?

- $2NT = 5332$ or 5422 , denies 4-card support
- $3y = 4\text{-card support}$ or $3\text{-card support with shortness}$

$x - 2y$
 $2NT - ?$

- $3\clubsuit = \text{checkback}$

$x - 2y$
 $2NT - 3\clubsuit$
?

- $3\diamond = 3y$
- other = denies $3y$

!

1.8 Responder's $2NT$ rebid

3-color auction

$x - y$
 $z - ?$

- 4th suit = ask for stopper, GF
- $2NT = \text{ask shape, GF}$

$x - y$
 $z - 2NT$
?

- $3\clubsuit = 3y$
- $3\diamond = 5x \ 4z \ 2y \ 2$
- $3\heartsuit = 5x \ 5z \ 2y \ 1$
- $3\spadesuit = 5x \ 5z \ 1-y \ 2+$

- $3_{NT} = 5x\ 4z\ 1-y\ 3+$

1.9 Rebid 2_{NT}

Accepting transfer agrees suit.

$1\clubsuit - 1\heartsuit$

$2_{NT} - 3\clubsuit$

- $3\diamondsuit = 3\heartsuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 4\spadesuit$, denies $3\heartsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 5\clubsuit$
- $3_{NT} = 4\diamondsuit$

$1\diamondsuit - 1\heartsuit$

$2_{NT} - 3\clubsuit$

- $3\diamondsuit = 3\heartsuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 4\spadesuit$, denies $3\heartsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 6\diamondsuit$
- $3_{NT} = 3+\clubsuit$

$1\clubsuit - 1\spadesuit$

$2_{NT} - 3\clubsuit$

- $3\diamondsuit = 4\heartsuit$, may have $3\spadesuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 3\spadesuit$, denies $4\heartsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 5\clubsuit$
- $3_{NT} = 4\diamondsuit$

$1\diamondsuit - 1\spadesuit$

$2_{NT} - 3\clubsuit$

- $3\diamondsuit = 4\heartsuit$, may have $3\spadesuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 3\spadesuit$, denies $4\heartsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 6\diamondsuit$
- $3_{NT} = 3+\clubsuit$

1.10 1NT opening

1NT – ?

- 2♣ = Stayman
- 2♦/2♥ = → ♥♠
- 2♠ = → ♣
- 2NT = 6+♦ weak/**GF** or ♣♦ weak (54)
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman (like after 2NT opening) !
- 3♦ = 6+♦ **INV**
- 3♥♠ = 4441 (♥♠ shortness) **GF** ?

1NT – 2♣

?

- 2♦ = no 4♥♠
- 2♥ = 4♥
- 2♠ = 4♠
- 2NT = both 4♥♠, min
- 3♣ = both 4♥♠, max

1NT – 2♣

2♦ – ?

- 2♥ = ♥♠ weak
- 2♠ = 5♠, **INV**
- 2NT = **INV**
- 3♣ = ask shape
- 3♦ = ask 3♥♠
- 3♥ = ♣ shortness
- 3♠ = ♦ shortness

1NT – 2♣

2♦ – 3♣

?

- 3♦ = 5♣♦
- 3♥ = 2♠
- 3♠ = 2♥
- 3NT = 33(34)

?

1NT – 2♣

2♦ – 3♦

3♥♠ – ?

- 3NT/4♥♠ = to play
- other = cuebid

1NT – 2♣

2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = relay (2NT = min, 3♣ = max)
- 2NT = 5♠, INV
- 3♣ = ask shape
- 3♦ = ♣♦ shortness
- 3♥ = INV
- 3♠/4♣♦ = splinter

1NT – 2♣

2♥ – 2♠

2NT – ?

- PASS - INV BAL
- 3♣ = 6♣ 4♠INV
- 3♦ = 6♦ 4♠INV
- 3♥ = 4♥ slam try, no splinter
- 3NT = choice of games

1NT – 2♣

2♥ – 2♠

3♣ – ?

- 3♦ = 6♣♦ 4♠ (3♥ = ask)
- 3♥ = 4♥ slam try, no splinter
- 3NT = to play

1NT – 2♣

2♠ – ?

- 2NT = INV
- 3♣ = ask shape
- 3♦ = ♣♦ shortness
- 3♥ = 4♥ slam try, no splinter
- 3♠ = INV

1NT – 2♣

2♥♠ – 3♣

?

- 3♦ = 43♣♦
- 3♥ = 4♣
- 3♠ = 4♦ (over 2♠: slam try + fit)
- 3NT = 4333 (4♥♠)

1NT – 2♣

2NT – ?

- PASS = INV BAL
- 3♣ = 6+♦, ♣ shortness, no 4♥♠, GF
- 3♦ = 4+♥
- 3♥ = 4+♠

1NT – 2♣

3♣ – ?

- 3♦ = 4+♥

- $3\heartsuit = 4+\spadesuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 6+\diamondsuit, \clubsuit$ shortness, no $4\heartsuit\spadesuit$, **GF**

1NT – $2\diamondsuit/2\heartsuit$
?

- $2\heartsuit\spadesuit = \text{acc}$
- $2\text{NT} = 4+\heartsuit\spadesuit \text{ max}$
- $3\heartsuit\spadesuit = 4+\heartsuit\spadesuit \text{ min}$

1NT – $2\diamondsuit$
 $2\heartsuit$ – ?

- $2\spadesuit = \text{INV}$
- $2\text{NT} = 4+\clubsuit\text{GF}$
- $3\clubsuit = 4+\diamondsuit\text{GF}$
- $3\diamondsuit = 6+\heartsuit\text{GF}$
- $3\heartsuit = 5\heartsuit\ 4\spadesuit, \text{INV}$
- $3\spadesuit/4\clubsuit\diamondsuit = \text{splinter}$

1NT – $2\diamondsuit$
 $2\heartsuit$ – $2\spadesuit$
?

- $2\text{NT}/3\heartsuit = \text{min}$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{max}$, no $3\heartsuit$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{max}$, $3\heartsuit$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{choice of games}$

1NT – $2\diamondsuit$
 $2\heartsuit$ – 2NT
?

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

1NT – 2♥

2♠ – ?

- 2NT = 4+♣GF
- 3♣ = 4+♦GF
- 3♦ = 55♥♠, INV
- 3♥ = 6+♠GF
- 3♠ = 6+♠INV

1NT – 2♠

?

- 2NT = min
- 3♣ = max

1NT – 2NT

?

- 3♣♦ = better minor

1NT – 2NT

3♣♦ – ?

- 3♦ = to play
- 3♥♠ = splinter (agreeing ♦)

1.11 2NT opening

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

2NT – ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ = →♥+ superaccepts
- 3♥ = →♠+ superaccepts
- 3♠ = forces 3NT
- 3NT = 5♠ 4♥, NF
- 4♣ = 55 ♥♠

!

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

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

?

- $3\heartsuit = 2\heartsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 4+\heartsuit$, 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

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

$3\text{NT} - ?$

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

1.12 Minor Puppet Stayman

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

$3\diamond - ?$

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

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

$3\heartsuit - ?$

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

2NT – 3♣

(3♦ – 3♥♠)

3NT – ?

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

All above rules apply also after 1NT – 3♣ sequence.

2NT – 3♦

3♥ – ?

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

2NT – 3♥

3♠ – ?

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

... – 4♣

?

- 4♦ = 4♣♦, no 5♣♦
- 4♥ = 5+♣
- 4♠ = 5+♦
- 4NT = no 4♣♦
- 5♣ = 5♣, 4♦
- 5♦ = 5♦, 4♣

... – 4♣

4♦ – ?

- 4♥ = 4♣
- 4♠ = 4♦
- 4NT = 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 ♦

1.13 Drury

OFF in competition

P - 1♥♠

?

- 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♣
- 3x = 4-fit, solid 5x
- 2NT = 4-fit, solid 5♣
- 3♥♠ = 5-fit 4-6DP (or 4 with shortness)
- 3NT over 1♠ (3♠ over 1♥) = Two Tiered Splinters = 4+♥♠, 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 (may be 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 (may be 54) Slam Try
- 3NT/4♣/4♦/4♥ = splinter (3NT = 4♥)
- 4♠ = to play

P – 1♥♠

2♣ – 2♥♠

?

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

P – 1♥♠

2♣ – 2♦

?

- 2♥ over 1♠ = Last Train (says nothing about ♥)
- 2♥♠ = SIGN-OFF
- 2NT = 11, BAL
- 3♥♠ = 4-card support
- 4♥♠ = to play
- any other bid = NAT, INV

1.14 Non Serious 3NT

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.

1.15 Reverses, jump shifts and jump reverses

1x – 1y – ?

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

1m – 1♥
?

- 1♠ = 4♠, 12-17
- 2♠ = 4♠, (18)19+

3-color reverse biddings:

x – y
z – ?

- 2y = slow down
- 4th suit = ask for stopper **GF**
- 2NT = ask shape **GF**

x – y
z – 2NT
?

- 3♣ = 3y
- 3♦ = 5x 4z 2y 2
- 3♥ = 6x 4+z 2y 1-
- 3♠ = 6x 4+z 1y 2-
- 3NT = other

1.16 Preempt opening

2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = **ASK LSF**
- 2NT = ask NT features
- 3♣ = ♣♦, **GF**
- 3♦ = (5)6+♠, **INV⁺**
- 3♥/3NT/4♥♠/5♣♦ = to play
- 4♣ = RKCB

!!

2♥ – 2♠

2NT – ?

- 3♣/3♦ = NAT, **INV**

2♥ – 2♠

3x – ?

- 3♠ = cue
- 3NT = to play

2♥ – 2NT

?

- 3♣/3♦/3♠ = NAT, NT values
- 3♥ = weak hand
- 3NT = very strong suit (AKJ/AQJ)

2♥ – 2NT

3♣ – ?

- 3♦ = **INV** to 3NT, NAT

2♥ – 2NT

3x – ?

- 3♠ = 5♠, **GF**
- 3♥/3NT/4♥♠/5♣♦ = to play
- 4NT = **INV**, NAT

2♥ – 3♣

?

- 3♦ = 2+♣, 2+♦
- 3♥ = 2+♣, 2+♦, ♠ shortness
- 3♠ = ♣ shortness
- 3NT = ♦ shortness

2♥ – 3♦

?

- 3♥ = ♠ shortness, weak hand
- 3♠ = 2-3♠, weak hand
- 3NT = ♠ shortness, good hand
- 4♣♦ = 3♠, splinter
- 4♥ = → 4♠
- 4♠ = slam try, no shortness

2♠ – ?

- 2NT = ask NT features
- 3♣ = **ASK LSF**
- 3♦ = (5)6+♥, **INV⁺**
- 3♥ = ♣♦, **GF**
- 3♠/3NT/4♥♠/5♣♦ = to play
- 4♣ = RKCB

!!

2♠ – 2NT

?

- 3♣/3♦/3♥ = NAT, NT values
- 3♠ = weak hand
- 3NT = strong suit (AKJ/AQJ)

2♠ – 2NT

3♣ – ?

- 3♦ = INV to 3NT, NAT

2♠ – 2NT

3x – ?

- 3♥ = 5♥, F to 3♠
- 3♠/3NT/4♠/5♣♦ = to play
- 4NT = INV, NAT

2♠ – 3♦

?

- 3♥ = 2-3♥, weak hand
- 3♠ = ♥ shortness, weak hand
- 3NT = ♥ shortness, good hand
- 4♣ = 3♥, splinter
- 4♦ = → 4♥
- 4♥ = slam try, no shortness or ♦ shortness

2♠ – 3♥

?

- 3♠ = ♣ shortness
- 3NT = ♦ shortness
- 4♣ = no ♣♦ shortness

2♠ – 3♥

4♣ – ?

- 4♦ = agreeing ♦
- other = agreeing ♣

1.17 Acoll with controls

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

2♣ – ?

- 2♦ = 0-1 controls
- 2♥ = 2 controls
- 2♠ = 3+ controls
- 2NT/3♣/3♦/3♥ = ♣/♦/♥/♠, own suit (3/5 honors)
- 55♣♦
- 3NT = 55♥♠

2♣ – 2♦

?

- 2♥ = Kokish relay
- 2♠ = 5+♠
- 2NT = 22-23, BAL
- 3♣ = 5+♣
- 3♦ = 5+♦
- 3♥ = 4♥ 6+♦
- 3♠ = 4♠ 6+♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = ♥ void
- 4♦ = ♠ void
- 4♥ = 55♣♦, ♥ shortness
- 4♠ = 55♣♦, ♠ shortness

2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

?

- 3♣ = 5♥ 4♣♦ 3♠
- 3♦ = 6♥
- 3♥ = 5♥ 4♠, ♠ shortness
- 3♠ = 5♥ 4♣, ♣ shortness
- 3NT = to play

- $4\clubsuit = \text{leaping}$

$2\clubsuit - 2\spadesuit$

$2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$

$3\clubsuit - ?$

- $3\spadesuit = \text{no fit}$
- $3\heartsuit/3\spadesuit = \heartsuit/\spadesuit \text{ fit}$

$2\clubsuit - 2\spadesuit$

$2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$

$3\clubsuit - 3x$

- $x+1 = 4\clubsuit$
- $x+2 = 4\spadesuit$

$2\clubsuit - 2\spadesuit$

$2\spadesuit - ?$

- $2NT = \text{support}$
- $3\clubsuit/3\spadesuit/3\heartsuit = \text{transfer to } \spadesuit/\heartsuit/\clubsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{no support}$

$2\clubsuit - 2\heartsuit$

$?$

- $2\spadesuit = 5+\spadesuit$
- $2NT = 22+, \text{ BAL}$
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\clubsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 5+\spadesuit$
- $3\heartsuit = 5+\heartsuit$
- $3\spadesuit = 4\spadesuit 5+\spadesuit$
- $3NT = 4\heartsuit 6+\spadesuit, \text{ F1}$
- $4\clubsuit = \heartsuit \text{ void}$
- $4\spadesuit = \spadesuit \text{ void}$
- $4\heartsuit = 55\clubsuit\spadesuit, \heartsuit \text{ shortness}$
- $4\spadesuit = 55\clubsuit\spadesuit, \spadesuit \text{ shortness}$

2♣ – 2♠

?

- 2NT = 22+, BAL
- 3x = 5+
- 3NT = 6+♦ 4♥♠
- 4♣ = ♥ void
- 4♦ = ♠ void
- 4♥ = 55♣♦, ♥ shortness
- 4♠ = 55♣♦, ♠ shortness

2♣ – 2x

3♣ – ?

- 3♦ = ask 4♥♠
- 3♥/3♠ = 5♥/5♠

2♣ – 2x

3♣ – 3♥

any color = agreeing ♥, cue

1.18 Rebid with 3-card support

Do not rebid 2♠ with 3(244).

With 43(42) rebid 1♠, not 2♥.

1♣ – 1♥

2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = GF
- 2NT = INV ♠
- 3♣♦/3♥ = INV

1♣ – 1♥

2♥ – 2♠

?

- 2NT = 4♥ (3♣ = ask)

- $3\clubsuit = 3\heartsuit + \text{shortness } (3\diamondsuit = \text{ask, does not agree } \heartsuit)$
- $3\diamondsuit = 2326$
- $3\heartsuit = 3325$
- $3\spadesuit = 2335$
- $3\text{NT} = 2344$

$1\clubsuit - 1\heartsuit$

$2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$

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

?

- $3\diamondsuit = \text{BAL}$
- $3\heartsuit = 2425$
- $3\spadesuit = 3415$
- $3\text{NT} = 1435$

$1\clubsuit - 1\spadesuit$

$2\spadesuit - ?$

- $2\text{NT} = \text{GF}$
- $3\text{x} = \text{INV}$

$1\clubsuit - 1\spadesuit$

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

?

- $3\clubsuit = 4\spadesuit$ ($3\diamondsuit = \text{ask}$)
- $3\diamondsuit = 3\spadesuit + \text{shortness } (3\heartsuit = \text{ask, does not agree } \spadesuit)$
- $3\heartsuit = 3226$
- $3\spadesuit = 3325$
- $3\text{NT} = 3235$

$1\clubsuit - 1\spadesuit$

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

$3\clubsuit - 3\diamondsuit$

?

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

- $3\spadesuit = 4225$
- $3\text{NT} = 4315$
- $4\clubsuit = 4135$

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

- $2\spadesuit = \text{GF}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{INV } \spadesuit$
- $3\clubsuit/3\heartsuit = \text{INV}$

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

- $2\text{NT} = 4\heartsuit$ ($3\clubsuit = \text{ask}$)
- $3\clubsuit = 3\heartsuit + \text{shortness}$ ($3\diamond = \text{ask}$, does not agree \heartsuit)
- $3\diamond = 2362$
- $3\heartsuit = 3352$
- $3\spadesuit = 2335$
- $3\text{NT} = 2352$

$1\diamond - 1\heartsuit$
 $2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$
 $2\text{NT} - 3\clubsuit$
 $?$

- $3\diamond = 2452$
- $3\heartsuit = 3451/4441$
- $3\spadesuit = 1453/1444$

$1\diamond - 1\spadesuit$
 $2\spadesuit - ?$

- $2\text{NT} = \text{GF}$
- $3\text{x} = \text{INV}$

1♦ – 1♠

2♠ – 2NT

?

- 3♣ = 4♠ (3♦ = ask)
- 3♦ = 3♠ + shortness (3♥ = ask, does not agree ♠)
- 3♥ = 3262
- 3♠ = 3352
- 3NT = 3252

1♦ – 1♠

2♠ – 2NT

3♣ – 3♦

?

- 3♥ = BAL
- 3♠ = 4252
- 3NT = 4351
- 4♣ = 4153

1♥ – 1♠

2♠ – ?

- 2NT = GF
- 3x = INV

1♥ – 1♠

2♠ – 2NT

?

- 3♣ = 4♠ (3♦ = ask)
- 3♦ = 3♠ + shortness (3♥ = ask, does not agree ♠)
- 3♥ = 3622
- 3♠ = 3532
- 3NT = 3523

1♥ – 1♠
 2♠ – 2NT
 3♣ – 3♦
 ?

- 3♥ = BAL
- 3♠ = 4522
- 3NT = 4531
- 4♣ = 4513

1.19 Ask LSF

Basic ASK LSF sequences:

- 1♥♠ – 2♥♠
2♥♠+1^A
- 1♣♦ – 1♥♠
3♥♠ – 3♥♠+1^A

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

Answering:

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

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1♥ – 1♠
 ?

- 2♣ = 5♥ 4♣ 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- 2NT = 6♥ 4♣♦, 15+

1♥ – 1NT
 ?

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

- 2NT = 6♥ 4♣♦ 15+
- 3♣ = 5♥ 5♣ **GF**
- 3♦ = 5♥ 5♦ **GF**
- 3♥ = agreeing ♥ **GF**

1♠ – 1NT
?

- PASS = 5332 12-14
- 2♣ = 5♠♣ 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- 2♦ = 5♠ 4♦ 11-15
- 2♥ = 5♠ 4♥ 11-15
- 2♠ = 11-15
- 2NT = 6♠ 4♣♦ 15+
- 3♣ = 5♠ 5♣ **GF**
- 3♦ = 5♠ 5♦ **GF**
- 3♥ = 5♠ 5♥ **GF**
- 3♠ = agreeing ♠ **GF**

1♥ – 1♠
2♣ – ?

- ♦ = 8+
- ♥ = 2♥ 5-7
- ♠ = good 5♠ 5-7
- 2NT = 1-♥ 5-7
- 3♣ = 6+♣ 5-7
- 3♦ = 6+♦ 5-7
- 3♥ = ♥ fit, **GF**

1♥ – 1NT
2♣ – ?

- 2♦ = 8+

- $2♥ = 2-3♥$ 5-7
- $2♠ = 55♣♦$ 5-7
- $2NT = 1-♥$ 5-7
- $3♣ = 6+♣$ 5-7
- $3♦ = 6+♦$ 5-7

$1♠ - 1NT$

$2♣ - ?$

- $2♦ = 8+$
- $2♥ = 5♥$ 5-7
- $2♠ = 2-3♠$ 5-7
- $2NT = 1-♠$ 5-7
- $3♣ = 6+♣$ 5-7
- $3♦ = 6+♦$ 5-7

$1♥ - 1♠$

$2♣ - 2♦$

?

- $2♥ = 5♥$ $4♣$ 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**

$1♥ - 1NT$

$2♣ - 2♦$

?

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

- $3\clubsuit = 5\heartsuit 4\clubsuit 16+$
- $3\diamondsuit = 5\heartsuit 4\diamondsuit 16+$
- $3\heartsuit = 6\heartsuit 16+$

$1\spadesuit - 1NT$

$2\clubsuit - 2\diamondsuit$

?

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

$1\heartsuit\spadesuit - 1\spadesuit/1NT$

$2NT - ?$

- $3\clubsuit = \text{PASS/correct}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{ask, GF}$
- $3\heartsuit\spadesuit = \text{agreeing } \heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $3\spadesuit\heartsuit = \text{NAT}$

$1\heartsuit\spadesuit - 1\spadesuit/1NT$

$2NT - 3\diamondsuit$

?

- $3\heartsuit = \clubsuit$ ($3\spadesuit = \text{ask strength, } 3NT = \text{weaker}$)
- $3\spadesuit = \diamondsuit$ good hand
- $3NT = \diamondsuit$

2 Competitive bidding – dealing with interference

2.1 1♣♦ (×)

1♣ – (×) – ?

- ×× = 10+
- 1♦/1♥/1♠ = 7+HCP, 4+
- 1NT = 7-11
- 2♣/2♦/2♥/2♠ = transfer to ♦/♥/♠/♣ 6+, weak/**GF**
- 2NT = ♣♦ weak/**GF**
- 3♣/3♦ = **INV**

1♦ – (×) – ?

- ×× = 10+
- 1♥/1♠ = 7+HCP, 4+
- 1NT = 7-11
- 2♣ = ♦ raise weak/**GF**
- 2♦/2♥/2♠ = transfer to ♥/♠/♣ 6+, weak/**GF**
- 2♠ = 6+♣ weak/**GF**
- 2NT = 4+♦, **INV**⁺
- 3♣ = **INV**
- 3♦ = preempt

2.2 1♥♠ (×)

1♥ – (×) – ?

- ×× = 10+ (may have 3♥)
- 1♠ = NAT, 4+♠, **F1**
- 1NT = TRSF to 2♣
- 2♣ = TRSF to 2♦
- 2♦ = TRSF to 2♥, constructive 8-10
- 2♥ = 4-7, 3♥
- SYSTEM ON

1♠ – (×) – ?

- ×× = 10+ (may have 3♠)
- 1NT = TRSF to 2♣
- 2♣ = TRSF to 2♦
- 2♦ = TRSF to 2♥
- 2♥ = TRSF to 2♠, constructive 8-10
- 2♠ = 4-7, 3♠
- SYSTEM ON

2.3 1♣ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

1♣ – (1♦) – ?

- × = 7+, 4+♥
- 1♥ = 7+, 4+♠
- 1♠ = → 1NT
- 1NT = 7-10, ♦ stopper
- 2♣ = 54♥♠ 6-11
- 2♦/2♥/2♠ = transfer to ♥/♠/♣ 6+, weak/**GF**
- 2NT = **INV**

- $3\clubsuit = \text{INV}$
- $3\diamond = \text{ask stopper, long } \clubsuit$

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

- $\times = 7+, 4+\spadesuit$
- $1\spadesuit = \rightarrow 1\text{NT}$
- $1\text{NT} = 7-10, \heartsuit \text{ stopper}$
- $2\clubsuit/2\heartsuit/2\spadesuit = \text{transfer to } \diamond/\spadesuit/\clubsuit \text{ } 6+, \text{ weak}/\text{GF}$
- $2\diamond = \text{INV}^+, \text{ ask stopper}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{INV}$
- $3\clubsuit/3\diamond/3\spadesuit = \text{INV}$

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

- $\times = 4-5\heartsuit$
- $1\text{NT} = 7-10, \spadesuit \text{ stopper}$
- $2\clubsuit/2\diamond/2\spadesuit = \text{transfer to } \diamond/\heartsuit/\clubsuit \text{ } 6+, \text{ weak}/\text{GF}$
- $2\heartsuit = \text{GF}, \text{ ask stopper}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{INV}$
- $3\clubsuit/3\diamond/3\heartsuit = \text{INV}$

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

- $\times = \text{penalty } 9+$
- $2\clubsuit = 54\heartsuit\spadesuit (44)$
- $2\diamond/2\heartsuit/2\spadesuit = \text{NF}$
- $2\text{NT} = 55\clubsuit\diamond$
- $3x = \text{INV } \text{BAL}$

2.4 1♣ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

1♣ – (2♦) – ?

2♦ = ♦

- ✕ = takeout
- 2♥/2♠ = NAT **NF**
- 2NT/3♦/3♥ = transfer to ♣/♥/♠INV⁺
- 3♣ = 54♥♠ **GF**
- 3♠ = ask for ♦ stopper

1♣ – (2♥) – ?

- ✕ = takeout
- 2♠ = NAT **NF**
- 2NT/3♣/3♥ = transfer to ♣/♦/♠INV⁺
- 3♦ = ask stopper
- 3♠ = ♣♦

1♣ – (2♠) – ?

- ✕ = takeout
- 2NT/3♣/3♦ = transfer to ♣/♦/♥INV⁺
- 3♥ = ask stopper
- 3♠ = ♣♦

1♣ – (2NT) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ✕ = takeout
- 3♣ = 54♥♠, **GF**
- 3♦/3♥ = transfer to ♥/♠, INV⁺
- 3♠ = → 3NT

1♣ – (3♣) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ♠ = takeout, **GF**
- 3♦/3♥ = transfer to ♥/♠, **INV**⁺
- 3♠ = transfer to ♦, **GF**

1♣ – (3♦) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ♠ = takeout, **GF**
- 3♥ = transfer to ♠, **INV**⁺
- 3♠ = transfer to ♦, **GF**

1♣ – (3♥) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ♠ = ♠, **INV**⁺
- 3♠ = 4♠, no ♥ stopper, **GF**

1♣ – (3♠) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ♠ = 4♥, **GF**, no ♠ stopper

2.5 1♦ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

1♦ – (1♥) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- ♠ = 4+♠
- 1♠ = → 1NT
- 1NT = 7-10
- 2♣/2♥/2♠ = transfer to ♦/♠/♣, weak/**GF**
- 2♦ = ♦ **INV**

- $2_{NT} = \text{INV}$
- $3\clubsuit/3\spadesuit = \text{NAT}, \text{INV}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{preempt}$

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

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

- $\times = 4-5\heartsuit$
- $1_{NT} = 7-10$
- $2\clubsuit/2\diamondsuit/2\spadesuit = \text{transfer to } \diamondsuit/\heartsuit/\clubsuit, \text{ weak}/\text{GF}$
- $2\heartsuit = \diamondsuit \text{ INV}$
- $2_{NT} = \text{INV}$
- $3\clubsuit/3\heartsuit = \text{NAT}, \text{INV}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{preempt}$

$1\diamondsuit - (1_{NT}) - ?$

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

- $\times = \text{penalty } 10+$
- $2\clubsuit = 54\heartsuit\spadesuit (44)$
- $2\diamondsuit/2\heartsuit/2\spadesuit = \text{NF}$
- $2_{NT} = \text{INV } \diamondsuit$
- $3 = \text{NAT}, \text{INV } \cancel{\text{BAL}}$
- $3\diamondsuit = \text{preempt}$

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

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\diamondsuit = \text{NAT}$
- $2\heartsuit/2\spadesuit = \text{NAT}, \text{F1}$
- $2_{NT} = 54\heartsuit\spadesuit$
- $3\clubsuit = \diamondsuit \text{ INV}^+$

- $3\spadesuit = \text{preempt}$
- $3\heartsuit/3\clubsuit = \text{color+fit}$

2.6 $1\spadesuit$ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

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

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\clubsuit = \text{NAT } \text{NF}$
- $2\text{NT}/3\clubsuit/3\heartsuit = \text{transfer to } \clubsuit/\spadesuit/\clubsuit\text{INV}^+$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{competitive}$

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

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\text{NT}/3\clubsuit = \text{transfer to } \clubsuit/\spadesuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{competitive}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{NAT}, \text{GF}$

$1\spadesuit - (3\clubsuit) - ?$

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}, \text{GF}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{competitive}$
- $3\heartsuit = \clubsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \heartsuit, \text{GF}$

$1\spadesuit - (3\heartsuit) - ?$

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

- $\times = \clubsuit, \text{GF}$
- $3\clubsuit = 4\clubsuit, \text{no } \heartsuit \text{ stopper}, \text{GF}$

1♦ – (3♠) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- × = ♥, GF

2.7 1♥ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

1♥ – (1♠) – ?

- × = takeout
- 1NT = ♣
- 2♣ = ♦
- 2♦ = fit, constructive/GF
- 2♥ = weak raise (4-6)
- 2♠ = 4♥, INV
- SYSTEM ON

1♥ – (1NT) – ?

- × = 10+, penalty
- 2♣/2♦/2♥/2♠ = NAT, NF
- 2NT = ♣♦
- 3♣ = INV+ fit
- 3♦ = mixed raise
- 3♥ = preempt
- 3♠/3NT/4♣ = ♠/♦/♣+ fit

1♥ – (2♣) – ?

- × = takeout
- 2♦ = F1
- 2♥ = 6-10
- 2♠ = F1
- 2NT = GF+ fit

- $3\clubsuit = \text{INV} + \text{fit}$
- $3\diamond = \text{mixed raise}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{preempt}$
- $3\spadesuit/4\diamond = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\heartsuit = 6-10$
- $2\spadesuit = \text{F1}$
- $2\text{NT} = \clubsuit\text{INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{GF} + \text{fit}$
- $3\diamond = \text{INV} + \text{fit}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{preempt}$
- $3\spadesuit/4\clubsuit = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

2.8 $1\heartsuit$ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\text{NT} = \clubsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \diamond, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\diamond = \heartsuit \text{ competitive}/\text{GF}$
- $3\heartsuit = \heartsuit \text{ INV}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{splinter}$
- $4\clubsuit/4\diamond = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\text{NT} = \clubsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \diamond, \text{INV}^+$

- $3\diamond = \heartsuit$ competitive/**GF**
- $3\heartsuit = \heartsuit$ **INV**
- $3\spadesuit =$ splinter
- $4\clubsuit/4\diamond =$ color + fit

$1\heartsuit - (3\clubsuit) - ?$

- $\times =$ takeout
- $3\diamond = \heartsuit$, competitive/**GF**
- $3\heartsuit = \heartsuit$, **INV**
- $3\spadesuit = \spadesuit$ **GF**
- $4\clubsuit =$ slam try, no \clubsuit shortness
- $4\diamond =$ slam try, \clubsuit shortness

$1\heartsuit - (3\diamond) - ?$

- $\times =$ takeout
- $3\heartsuit =$ competitive
- $3\spadesuit = \spadesuit$, **GF**
- $4\clubsuit =$ slam try, no \diamond shortness
- $4\diamond =$ slam try, \diamond shortness

$1\heartsuit - (3\spadesuit) - ?$

- $\times =$ takeout
- $4\clubsuit =$ slam try, no \spadesuit shortness
- $4\diamond =$ slam try, \spadesuit shortness
- $4\spadesuit =$ slam try, \spadesuit void

2.9 $1\spadesuit$ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

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

- $\times =$ 10+, penalty

- $2\clubsuit/2\diamond/2\heartsuit/2\spadesuit = \text{NAT}, \text{NF}$
- $2\text{NT} = \clubsuit\diamond$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{INV} + \text{fit}$
- $3\diamond = \text{mixed raise}$
- $3\heartsuit/4\clubsuit/4\diamond = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\diamond/2\heartsuit = \text{F1}$
- $2\spadesuit = 6-10$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{fit}, \text{GF}$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{fit}, \text{INV}$
- $3\diamond = \text{mixed raise}$
- $3\heartsuit = \heartsuit + \text{fit}, \text{INV}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{preempt}$
- $4\diamond/4\heartsuit = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

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

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $2\heartsuit = \text{F1}$
- $2\spadesuit = 6-10$
- $2\text{NT} = \clubsuit \text{INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{fit}, \text{GF}$
- $3\diamond = \text{fit}, \text{INV}$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{mixed raise}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{preempt}$
- $4\clubsuit/4\heartsuit = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

1♠ – (2♥) – ?

- ♠ = takeout
- 2♠ = 6-10
- 2NT = ♣ INV⁺
- 3♣ = ♦ INV⁺
- 3♦ = ♠, GF
- 3♥ = ♠, INV
- 3♠ = preempt
- 4♣/4♦ = color + fit

2.10 1♠ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

1♠ – (3♣) – ?

- ♠ = take out
- 3♦ = ♥, INV⁺
- 3♥ = ♠, competitive/GF
- 3♠ = ♠, INV
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = slam try, no ♣ shortness
- 4♦ = slam try, ♣ shortness
- 4♥/4♠ = to play

1♠ – (3♦) – ?

- ♠ = takeout
- 3♥ = ♥ GF
- 3♠ = competitive
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = slam try, no ♦ shortness
- 4♦ = slam try, ♦ shortness

- $4\heartsuit/4\spadesuit = \text{to play}$

$1\spadesuit - (3\heartsuit) - ?$

- $\times = \text{takeout}$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{competitive}$
- $3\text{NT} = \text{to play}$
- $4\clubsuit = \text{slam try, no } \diamond \text{ shortness}$
- $4\diamond = \text{slam try, } \diamond \text{ shortness}$
- $4\heartsuit = \text{slam try, } \heartsuit \text{ void}$
- $4\spadesuit = \text{to play}$
- $4\text{NT} = \text{minors}$

2.11 $1\text{NT} - \text{dealing with interference}$

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

$2\clubsuit = \clubsuit$

- $\times = \text{Stayman}$

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

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

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

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

$2\diamond = \diamond$

- $\times = \text{negative}$
- $2\heartsuit, 2\spadesuit = \text{to play}$
- $2\text{NT} = \text{Lebensohl}$
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\heartsuit, \text{INV}^+$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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♣
- 2× = forces x+1

1NT – (×) – P^A – (P)

×× – (P) – ?

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

2.12 Dealing with Michaels & Unusual 2_{NT}

1♣ – (2NT) – ?

2NT = ♣♦

- 3♣ = ♥, INV⁺
- 3♦ = ♠, INV⁺
- 3♥♠ = to play

1♦ – (2NT) – ?

- 3♣ = INV⁺, fit
- 3♦ = simple raise 6-9
- 3♥ = 5+♠, GF
- 3♠ = 6♠, NF

!

1♠ – (2NT) – ?

- 3♣ = 5♥, **GF**
- 3♦ = **INV**⁺, fit
- 3♥ = 6♥, **NF**
- 3♠ = simple raise 6-9

!

1♣ – (2♦) – ?

2♦ = ♥♠

- 2♥ = ♣, **INV**⁺
- 2♠ = ♦, **GF**

1♥ – (2♥) – ?

- × = ownership
- 2♠ = **INV**⁺, fit
- 3♣♦ = 5+, **GF**
- 3♥ = simple raise 6-9
- 3♠ = splinter
- 4♣♦ = fit jump (5♣♦ with 2/3 honors, 7+, 4♥)

2.13 Acoll interference – controls

2♣ – (×) – ?

- ×× = 0-1 controls
- 2♥ = 2+ controls
- x = 2+ controls, NAT

2♣ – (2/3x) – ?

- × = 0-1 controls
- PASS = 2+ controls
- y = 2+ controls, NAT

2♣ – (P) – 2♦ – (2/3x)
?

- x = takeout
- PASS = →x

2.14 LSF – dealing with interference

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ASK – (•) – ?

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

...
ASK – (x) – ?

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

2.15 RKCB – dealing with interference

4NT – (x/5♣♦) – ?

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4NT – (5♥♠) – ?

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3 Defensive bidding – how to overcall

3.1 Overcalls after 1_{NT} opening

(1_{NT}) – ?

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

(1_{NT}) – \times – (P) – ?

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

(1_{NT}) – $2\clubsuit$ – (P) – ?

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

(1_{NT}) – $2\diamond$ – (P) – ?

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

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

3.2 Michaels & Unusual 2_{NT}

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

$1\clubsuit = 2+$ or fully artificial

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

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

$1\clubsuit = 3+$

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

$(1\diamond) - ?$

- $2\diamond = \text{Michaels}$

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

- $2\heartsuit = \text{preference}$
- $3\clubsuit = \heartsuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\diamond = \spadesuit, \text{INV}^+$
- $3\heartsuit = \text{mixed raise}$
- $4\heartsuit = \text{preempt}$

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

- $2\spadesuit = \text{to play}$
- $2_{\text{NT}} = \text{show minor, INV}^+$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{pass/correct}$
- $3\diamond = \spadesuit \text{ fit, INV}^+$
- $3\spadesuit = \text{mixed raise}$

(1♥) – 2♥ – (P) – 2NT
(P) – ?

- 3♣♦ = to play
- 3♥ = ♣, accepting INV
- 3♠ = ♦, accepting INV

3.3 Dealing with preempts

(2♥) – ?

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

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(2♥) – × – (P) – ?

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

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

- 3♦ = weak
- 3♥ = 4♠, no ♥ stopper
- 3♠ = 5♠, INV (8-11)

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- 3NT = 4♠, ♥ stopper

(2♥) – ✕ – (3♥) – ?

- ✕ = no 4♠, 10+

(2♠) – ?

- 3♠ = Michaels
- 4♣/4♦ = Leaping Michaels, GF
- 4♠ = ♣♦, strong
- 4NT = ♣♦, 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) – 3♣♦ – (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

3.4 Two-suiter overcalls

(2♠) – 4♣ – (P) – ?

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

(2♠) – 4♦ – (P) – ?

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

(2♥) – 4♣ – (P) – ?

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

(2♥) – 4♦ – (P) – ?

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

(3♣) – ?

- 4♣ = ♦+♥♠, GF
- 4♦ = ♥♠, GF

(3♣) – 4♣ – (P) – ?

- 4♦ = ASK ♥♠
- 4♥ = agreeing ♦

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(3♣) – 4♦ – (P) – ?

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

(3♣) – 4♣ – (P) – 4♦

(P) – 4♥ – (P) – ?

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

(3♣) – 4♣ – (P) – 4♦

(P) – 4♠ – (P) – ?

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

(3♦) – ?

- 4♣ = NAT

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3.5 2NT overcall after major preempt

(2♥♠) – ?

- 2NT = 16-18 BAL, promises ♥♠ stopper

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - ?$

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

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - 3♣$

$(P) - 3♦ - (P) - ?$

- $PASS = \text{weak with } ♦$
- $3♥ = 3-♠$
- $3♠ = 4♠$
- $3NT = 5♠$
- $4♣ = 6+♠$

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - 3♣$

$(P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3♥$

$(P) - ?$

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

$(2♥) - 2NT - (P) - 3♣$

$(P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3♥$

$(P) - 3♠ - (P) - ?$

- $3NT = \text{weak own suit}$
- $4♣, 4♦ = \text{own suit}$
- $4♥ = ♣♦: 4♠ \text{ agreeing } ♣, 4NT \text{ agreeing } ♦$

- $4\spadesuit = 3\spadesuit$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- $4NT = \text{RKCB 1430}$
- $5\text{x} = \text{EX 0314}$

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

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

- $4♥ = 6+♥$
- $4♠ = \text{minors}$
- $4NT = \text{quantitative}$

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 3♣$
 $(P) - 3♦ - (P) - ?$

- $PASS = \text{weak with } ♦$
- $3♥ = 3-♥$
- $3♠ = 4♥$
- $3NT = 5♥$
- $4♣ = 6+♥$

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 3♣$
 $(P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3♥$
 $(P) - ?$

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

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 3♣$
 $(P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3♥$
 $(P) - 3♠ - (P) - ?$

- $3NT = \text{weak own suit}$
- $4♣, 4♦ = \text{own suit}$
- $4♥ = 3♥$

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 3♦$
 $(P) - 3♥ - (P) - ?$

- $PASS = \text{weak, } 5+♥$
- $3NT = PASS/\text{correct}$
- $4♣/4♦ = NAT$

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 3♥$
 $(P) - 3♠ - (P) - ?$

- $4♣/4♦ = NAT, \text{ agreeing suit}$

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

$(2♠) - 2NT - (P) - 3♠$
 $(P) - ?$

- $4♣ = 4♥$
- $3NT = \text{to play}$

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

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

3.6 Overcalls after $2NT$ opening

$(2NT) - ?$

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

3.7 Dealing with Multi/Wilkosz

$(2♦) - ?$

- $× = (13)14-16 \text{ BAL, no } 5♥♠, \text{ may have minor singleton}$
- $2♥ = 11-15, 5+♥$
- $2♠ = 11-15, 5+♠$
- $2NT = 17-19, \text{ BAL}$
- $3♣ = ♣$, not $5332/5422$
- $3♦ = ♦$, not $5332/5422$
- $3♥, 3♠ = \text{solid suit, weaker then power double}$
- $3NT = ♣♦$
- $4♣ = ♣ + ♥♠$

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

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

System like after $2\spadesuit$ preempt.

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

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

!!

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

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

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

- $\times =$ takeout

!

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

- $2NT = \clubsuit\spadesuit$

$(2\spadesuit) - \times - (\times\times/PASS) - ?$

- PASS = want to defend, doubles are penalty
- $2\heartsuit\spadesuit = 5+\heartsuit\spadesuit$, to play
- $2NT =$ Lebensohl (see below)
- $3\clubsuit =$ Stayman
- $3\spadesuit =$ TRSF to \heartsuit , **GF**+ superaccepts
- $3\heartsuit =$ TRSF to \spadesuit , **GF**+ superaccepts
- $3\spadesuit =$ TRSF to NT, no $\heartsuit\spadesuit$ stoppers
- $4\spadesuit, 4\heartsuit =$ Texas

!!

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

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

!!

(2♦) – × – (♥/♠) – ?

- × = 9+, F to 2NT, no 5♥♠, no ♥♠ shortness
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)
- 3♣ = Stayman
- 3♦ = TRSF to ♥, GF+ superaccepts
- 3♥ = TRSF to ♠, GF+ superaccepts
- 3♠ = takeout with opps' suit shortness, GF
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas

!!

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

- PASS/3♦ = to play
- 3♥, 3♠ = INV

(2♦) – × – (2♥/♠) – ×
(P) – ?

- PASS = to play
- 2♠ = 4♠, F1
- 2NT = NAT, minimum
- 3♣ = NAT, minimum
- 3♦ = NAT, minimum
- 3♥ over 2♠ = NAT, minimum
- cue 3♥, 3♠ = maximum, no stopper, no 4♠
- 3NT = maximum, stopper, no 4♠

(2♦) – × – (2♥) – ×
 (2♠) – ?

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

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

- 3♠ = ♠ shortness, **GF**

(2♦) – × – (2♠) – ×
 (3♥) – ?

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

3.8 Overcalls after mini 1NT opening

(1NT^A) – ?

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

- × = 15+, 13+ on balancing position
- 2♣ = 44♥♠, 12+
- 2♦ = TRSF to ♥
- 2♥ = TRSF to ♠
- 2♠ = 4♠, 5+♣♦
- 2NT = 4♥, 5+♣♦

3.9 Other

(1♦) – ?

- 3♦ = gambling ♣

(1♣) – ?

- 3♣ = ♣ preempt

1♣ – (1×) – ?

- 2NT = preempt ♣
- 3♣ = limit raise

1♣ – (1x) – ?

- 3♣ = preempt

...5x – ?

5x = query kings, ♥♠ agreed

- agreed suit = no kings
- 5x+1 = lowest side-suit king or two other kings
- 5x+2 = middle side-suit king or two other kings
- 5x+3 = highest side-suit king or two other kings

...5x – ?

5x = query kings, ♣♦ agreed

- 5x+1 = 0 kings
- 5x+2 = 1 king ...

4 Defensive signaling

4.1 Opening lead – Polish (upside down) version

- Highest from the honour sequence
- Highest from inner sequence ($AQJx \rightarrow Q$)
- Higher from doubleton with an honour
- Lower from doubleton without an honour
- Fourth best from a long suit containing an honour
- Second best from small cards (also containing T and no 9)
- Middle from three cards (even if it is an honour)
- $T9x \rightarrow 9$
- $T9$ or $T9xx(\dots) \rightarrow T$
- $XT9(\dots) \rightarrow T$

4.2 Other

- Upside down count and attitude (high-low odd / discouraging)
- Lavinthal (suit preference) discards