# Bridge Bidding System

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# 1 One side bidding

## 1.1 1♣ opening

```
1♣ - ?
    • 1 \rightleftharpoons \text{negative}
    • 1 \lor = 4 + \lor
    • 1♠ = 4+♠
    • 1NT = 7-10, no 4
    • 2 \clubsuit = \mathbf{GF}
    • 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 
    • 2NT = 11-12 \text{ 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 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \mathbf{GF} (\rightarrow \text{all NAT})
```

• 2 / 2NT = INV art (bids above 3 = accept)

#### **1**♣ - **1**♠

- $2 \blacklozenge = \mathbf{GF}$
- 2 = INV NAT
- 2NT = INV (bids above 3 accept)

## **1♣** – **2♣**

?

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

- 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♣** – **2♠**

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

## 1.2 1 ightharpoonup opening

```
1♦ - ?
    • 1 \lor = 4 + \lor

    1♠ = 4+♠

    • 1NT = 6-10, no 4
    • 2 = GF, no 4 
    • 2 \blacklozenge = \text{no } 4 \clubsuit, 4 + \blacklozenge, INV^+
    • 2 \lor = 5 \spadesuit 4 \lor 5-11
    • 2 = 11 + BAL, no 4 
    • 2NT = 11-12 BAL
    • 3\clubsuit = \blacklozenge preempt or shortness, strong hand (\to 3\diamondsuit)
    • 3 \Rightarrow = mixed raise
    • 3NT = 15-17 BAL
1 → 1 ♥
    • 1NT = 12-14 BAL
    • 2 \blacklozenge = 6 + \blacklozenge
1♦ - 1♠
    • 1NT = 12-14 BAL, may have 1 \spadesuit
    • 2 \blacklozenge = 6 + \blacklozenge
1♦ - 3♣
3♦ - ?
    • 3 \checkmark / 3 \spadesuit / 3NT = \checkmark / \spadesuit / \spadesuit shortness
1♦ - 1₩
2♦ − ?
    • 2 \rightleftharpoons = \mathbf{NF}
```

• 3rd suit = stopper, GF

- 2NT = GF
- $3 \Rightarrow = INV$
- **1**♦ **2**♦
  - $2 \nabla = \nabla \text{ stopper}$
  - $2 \spadesuit = stopper$
  - 2NT = both major stoppers
  - 3♣ = NAT
  - $3 \Rightarrow = \text{sign off (treshold for invite)}$

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

$$1 - 2$$

- 2NT = BAL min
- $3 \clubsuit = 4 + \clubsuit \min$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 + \blacklozenge \min$
- $3 \lor = 1 \lor , 5 + \lor GF$
- $3 \spadesuit = 1 \spadesuit$ ,  $5 + \spadesuit$  **GF**
- 3NT = to play

## 1.3 Negative 1♦

**1♣** - ?

• 1 > 0 = 0-6 or 16+ BAL or 5+ 7-11

$$1 - 1$$
?

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

- $2 \checkmark / 2 \checkmark / 2 \checkmark = \text{serious revers } (19+)$
- $3\clubsuit$  = 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

## 1.4 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
- $2 \bullet = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$

## 1.5 Flannery

• 2NT = ASK LSF

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## 1.6 1**₩** opening

**1♥** - ?

- $1 \spadesuit = 4 + \spadesuit$ , no  $3 \heartsuit$  OR  $5 \spadesuit 3 \heartsuit + \mathbf{GF}$
- 1NT = 5-11HCP, (or 5-7HCP with 2-3 $\heartsuit$ )

- $2 = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$ , **GF**
- 2 = constructive raise
- 2NT = limit raise
- 3 = mixed raise
- 3 = mini splinter (3 = **ASK LSF**)
- $3 \checkmark$  = preempt
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{splinter} \spadesuit$
- 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 2-3 $\spadesuit$ )
- $2 = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$ , **GF**
- 2 = 5, **GF**
- 2 = constructive raise
- 2NT = limit raise
- 3 = mixed raise
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \min \text{ splinter } (3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} = \mathbf{ASK LSF})$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{solid } 6 \checkmark, INV$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{preempt}$
- 3NT = splinter  $\forall$
- 4 4 = splinter
- 4 = 11HCP, 4, no shortness

```
1♥ - 1♠
2♥ - ?
                                                                                               !!
    • 2NT = INV^+ art
1♥ - 1♠
2 \blacktriangledown - 2NT
                                                                                               !!
    • 3 \clubsuit = \text{any minimum or NAT}, \mathbf{F} (\rightarrow 3 \spadesuit = \text{ask})
    • 3 \blacklozenge = 4 + \blacklozenge, max
    • 3 \nabla = 7 + \nabla, max (cue = agreeing \nabla)
    • 3 \spadesuit = 3 + \spadesuit, max
1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2NT
3♠ − ?
    • 4 = agreeing 
    • 4 \rightarrow = agreeing \  \  
1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2NT
3 - 3 - ?
    • 3 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \spadesuit, \text{GF}
1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2NT
3 - 3 
    • 3 = \min, no 3 
    • 3 \spadesuit = \min, 3 \spadesuit
    • 3NT = max, 4
1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2NT
(3 - 3)
3♥ - ?
```

•  $3 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} , \text{ASK LSF}$ 

## 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.

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```
\frac{\mathbf{x}-2\mathbf{y}}{?}
```

- 2NT = 5332 or 5422, denies 4-card support
- 3y = 4-card support or 3-card support with shortness

$$\frac{\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{y}}{2\mathbf{NT} - ?}$$

• 3 = checkback

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{2NT} - 3 \clubsuit \\ ? \end{array}$$

- $3 \Rightarrow 3 = 3 \mathbf{y}$
- other = denies 3y

## 1.8 Responder's 2nt rebid

3-color auction

$$x - y$$
 $z - ?$ 

- 4th suit = ask for stopper, **GF**
- 2NT = ask shape, GF

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

- 3 = 3y
- 3 = 5x 4z 2y 2
- 3 = 5x 5z 2y 1
- 3 = 5x 5z 1-y 2+

• 3NT = 5x 4z 1-y 3+

## 1.9 Rebid 2<sub>NT</sub>

Accepting transfer agrees suit.

#### **1**♣ - **1**♥

#### 2NT - 3

- 3**♦** = 3**♥**
- $3 \checkmark = 4 \spadesuit$ , denies  $3 \checkmark$
- 3**♦** = 5**♣**
- 3NT = 4

#### 1♦ - 1♥

#### $2NT - 3 \clubsuit$

- 3**♦** = 3**♥**
- $3 \checkmark = 4 \spadesuit$ , denies  $3 \checkmark$
- 3**★** = 6**♦**
- 3NT = 3 + 4

#### **1**♣ - **1**♠

#### 2NT - 3

- $3 \blacklozenge = 4 \blacktriangledown$ , may have  $3 \spadesuit$
- $3 \checkmark = 3 \spadesuit$ , denies  $4 \checkmark$
- 3**♦** = 5**♣**
- 3NT = 4

#### **1**♦ - **1**♠

#### 2NT - 3

- $3 \blacklozenge = 4 \blacktriangledown$ , may have  $3 \spadesuit$
- $3 \checkmark = 3 \spadesuit$ , denies  $4 \checkmark$
- 3**★** = 6**♦**
- 3NT = 3 + 4

## 1.10 1nt opening

```
1NT - ?
     • 2 = \text{Stayman}
     • 2 \checkmark / 2 \checkmark = \rightarrow \checkmark
     • 2 \spadesuit = \rightarrow \clubsuit
     • 2NT = 6 + \bullet \text{ weak}/\text{GF} \text{ or } \clubsuit \text{ weak } (54)
                                                                                                                           !
     • 3♣ = Puppet Stayman (like after 2NT opening)
     • 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 6 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} INV
                                                                                                                          ?
     • 3 \rightleftharpoons = 4441 (\rightleftharpoons \text{shortness}) GF
1NT - 2
     • 2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{no } 4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\blacktriangleright}
     • 2 = 4 
     • 2 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit
     • 2NT = both 4\%, min
     • 3\clubsuit = both 4\%, max
1NT - 2
2♦ − ?
     • 2 =  weak
     • 2 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit, INV
     • 2NT = INV
     • 3 = ask shape
     • 3 \Rightarrow = \text{ask } 3 
     • 3 \checkmark = 4 shortness
     • 3 \spadesuit =  shortness
```

```
1NT - 2
```

$$2 \blacklozenge - 3 \clubsuit$$

?

• 3♥ = 2♠

• 3NT = 33(34)

#### 1NT - 2

$$2 \blacklozenge - 3 \blacklozenge$$

**3**♥ − ?

• 
$$3NT/4\%$$
 = to play

• other = cuebid

$$1NT - 2$$

**2♥** - ?

• 
$$2 \spadesuit = \text{relay } (2NT = \min, 3 \clubsuit = \max)$$

• 
$$2NT = 5 \spadesuit$$
,  $INV$ 

- 3 =ask shape
- $3 \bullet = \implies$  shortness
- $3 \checkmark = INV$
- 3 4/4 = splinter

1NT - 2

2NT - ?

• 
$$3 \clubsuit = 6 \clubsuit 4 \spadesuit 1 NV$$

• 
$$3 \blacklozenge = 6 \blacklozenge 4 \spadesuit INV$$

- $3 \checkmark = 4 \checkmark$  slam try, no splinter
- 3NT = choice of games

#### 1NT - 2

- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 6 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} 4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} (3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} = ask)$
- $3 \lor = 4 \lor \text{slam try}$ , no splinter
- 3NT = to play

#### 1NT - 2

$$2 \spadesuit - ?$$

- 2NT = INV
- 3 =ask shape
- $3 \bullet = \implies$  shortness
- $3 \checkmark = 4 \checkmark$  slam try, no splinter
- $3 \spadesuit = INV$

$$1NT - 2$$

$$2$$
  $-3$ 

- 3♦ = 43♣
- 3♥ = 4♣
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$  (over  $2 \spadesuit$ : slam try + fit)
- 3NT = 4333 (4%)

$$1NT - 2$$

$$2NT - ?$$

- Pass = INV bal
- $3\clubsuit = 6+•$ ,  $\clubsuit$  shortness, no  $4\clubsuit$ , **GF**
- 3 > 4 + ?
- 3♥ = 4+**♠**

$$1NT - 2$$

- 3♥ = 4+**♠**
- $3 \spadesuit = 6 + \spadesuit$ ,  $\clubsuit$  shortness, no  $4 \clubsuit$ , **GF**

1NT -2 $\checkmark$ /2 $\checkmark$ 

?

- $2 \rightleftharpoons acc$
- 2NT = 4 + max
- $3\% = 4 + \% \min$

1NT - 2

2♥ - ?

- $2 \spadesuit = INV$
- $2NT = 4 + \Phi GF$
- $3 = 4 + \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 6 + \bigvee GF$
- $3 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$ , INV
- 3 4/4 = splinter

1NT - 2

 $2 \checkmark - 2 \spadesuit$ 

?

- 2NT/3 = min
- $3\clubsuit = \max$ , no  $3\blacktriangledown$
- $3 \blacklozenge = \max, 3 \blacktriangledown$
- 3NT = choice of games

1NT - 2

2V- 2NT

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- 3 3 + 4
- 3**♦** = 3**♥**
- 3♥ = 4♣
- 3NT = to play

```
1NT - 2♥
2♠ - ?
```

- $2NT = 4 + \Phi GF$
- $3 = 4 + \mathbf{GF}$
- 3 = 55 , INV
- $3 \checkmark = 6 + 4 \checkmark GF$
- $3 \spadesuit = 6 + \spadesuit INV$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$
NT  $-2$ 

- 2NT = min
- $3 \clubsuit = \max$

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

•  $3 \implies$  = better minor

- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{to play}$
- 3 = splinter (agreeing •)

## 1.11 2nt opening

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

#### 2NT - ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- $3 = \rightarrow + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3 \nabla = \rightarrow + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{forces } 3 \text{NT}$
- 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
- $4\clubsuit$ ,  $4\blacklozenge = 4+\blacktriangledown$ , cue bid

$$2NT - 3$$

?

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

$$2NT - 3$$

3NT - ?

- 4♣ = 6+♣
- $4 \blacklozenge = 6 + \blacklozenge$
- 4♥ = 54♣ 1-♥
- 4♠ = 54♣ 1-♠

## 1.12 Minor Puppet Stayman

2NT - 3

**3**♦ − ?

• 4♣ = Minor Puppet Stayman

2NT - 3♣

**3**♥ − ?

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{2NT} - \mathbf{3} \clubsuit \\ (\mathbf{3} \blacklozenge - \mathbf{3} \maltese) \end{array}$$

- 3NT ?
  - 4♣ = Minor Puppet Stayman
  - 4 
    ightharpoonup = Minor Puppet, ask 3s

All above rules apply also after 1NT - 3 sequence.

$$2NT - 3$$

- 3♥ ?
  - 4♣ = Minor Puppet Stayman
  - 4 
    ightharpoonup = Minor Puppet, ask 3s

$$2NT - 3$$

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

- $4 \rightleftharpoons = 4 \clubsuit$ , no  $5 \clubsuit$
- 4♥ = 5+♣
- 4♠ = 5+**♦**
- $4NT = no 4 \clubsuit$
- 5 = 5 , 4
- 5♦ = 5♦, 4♣

- **4**♦ − ?
  - 4♥ = 4♣
  - 4♠ = 4♦
  - 4NT = SIGN-OFF

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

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

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

```
• 5♠ = fit • 2 Aces, Q•
```

- 4♥ = 3+♣, 3+◆
- 4 = 3 + 4, 2 (4NT = SIGN-OFF, other bids agreeing 4)
- $4NT = 2\Phi$ ,  $3+\bullet$  (all bids agreeing  $\bullet$ )

$$... - 4$$
 $4$ 
 $- ?$ 

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

## 1.13 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.
- 3% = 5-fit 4-6DP (or 4 with shortness)
- 3NT over  $1 \spadesuit (3 \spadesuit \text{ over } 1 \heartsuit) = \text{Two Tiered Splinters} = 4 + \heartsuit \diamondsuit$ , unspecified singleton, (10)11DP
- 4 4 / 4 / 4 = void splinter

```
P-1 \checkmark 2 \checkmark -?
```

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

## P-1

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

$$P-1$$

$$2-2$$

?

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

$$2 - 2$$

- $2 \checkmark$  over  $1 \spadesuit = \text{Last Train (says nothing about } \checkmark)$
- 2 = SIGN-OFF
- 2NT = 11, BAL
- 3 = 4-card support
- 4% = to play
- any other bid = NAT, INV

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

After agreeing on  $\P$  ( $\clubsuit$ ), 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.

## 1.15 Reverses, jump shifts and jump reverses

```
1x - 1y - ?
2z, y < z = reverse</li>
3y, y > z = jump shift
3z, y < z = jump reverse</li>
1m - 1♥
?
1♠ = 4♠, 12-17
```

(10)10

•  $2 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$ , (18)19+

3-color reverse biddings:

$$\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{z} - ?}$$

- $2\mathbf{y} = \text{slow down}$
- 4th suit = ask for stopper **GF**
- 2NT = ask shape GF

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

- 3♣ = 3**y**
- 3 = 6x + 2y = 1
- 3 = 6x + 21y + 2
- 3NT = other

## 1.16 Preempt opening

```
2♥ - ?
    • 2 \spadesuit = ASK LSF
    • 2NT = ask NT features
    • 3♣ = ♣, GF
    • 3 • = (5)6 + •, INV<sup>+</sup>
    • 3 \checkmark / 3 \text{NT} / 4 \checkmark / 5 \checkmark = \text{to play}
    • 4 \clubsuit = RKCB
2   - 2 
2NT - ?
    • 3 \clubsuit / 3 \spadesuit = \text{NAT}, INV
2♥ - 2♠
3x - ?
   • 3 \spadesuit = \text{cue}
    • 3NT = to play
2 V - 2NT
    • 3 - 3 / 3  = NAT, NT values
    • 3  = weak hand
    • 3NT = very strong suit (AKJ/AQJ)
2 V - 2NT
3♣ − ?
    • 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = INV to 3NT, NAT
2 V - 2NT
3x - ?
    • 3 = 5, GF
    • 3 \checkmark / 3 \text{NT} / 4 \checkmark / 5 \checkmark = \text{to play}
    • 4NT = INV, NAT
```

!!

```
2♥ - 3♣
```

- $3 \lor = 2 + \clubsuit$ ,  $2 + \diamondsuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  shortness
- 3NT = shortness

- $3 \lor = 4$  shortness, weak hand
- $3 \spadesuit = 2 3 \spadesuit$ , weak hand
- 3NT = ♠ shortness, good hand
- $4 \implies = 3 \spadesuit$ , splinter
- $4 \lor = \rightarrow 4 \spadesuit$
- $4 \implies$  = slam try, no shortness

#### $2 \spadesuit - ?$

- 2NT = ask NT features
- $3 \clubsuit = ASK LSF$
- $3 = (5)6 + \checkmark$ , **INV**<sup>+</sup>
- 3♥ = ♣, **GF**
- 34/3NT/4%/5\$\implies = to play
- $4 \clubsuit = RKCB$

$$2 - 2NT$$

?

- 3 4/3 4/3 = NAT, NT values
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{weak hand}$
- 3NT = strong suit (AKJ/AQJ)

!!

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2 - 2NT
3♣ - ?
    • 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = INV to 3NT, NAT
2 - 2NT
3x - ?
    • 3 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark, F to 3 \spadesuit
    • 3 4/3NT/4 4/5 = to play
    • 4NT = INV, NAT
2 - 3 
    • 3 \checkmark = 2 - 3 \checkmark, weak hand
    • 3 \spadesuit =  v shortness, weak hand
    • 3NT =  v shortness, good hand
    • 4 = 3 , splinter
    • 4 \blacklozenge = \rightarrow 4 \blacktriangledown
    • 4 = \text{slam try}, no shortness or \bullet shortness
    • 3NT =  shortness
    • 4 \implies = no \implies shortness
2 - 3
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**4♣** - ?

•  $4 \blacklozenge = agreeing \blacklozenge$ 

• other = agreeing  $\clubsuit$ 

### 1.17 Acol with controls

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

#### **2**♣ - ?

- $2 \rightleftharpoons = 0 \text{-} 1 \text{ controls}$
- 2 = 2 controls
- 2 = 3 +controls
- $2NT/3 \clubsuit/3 \diamondsuit/3 \heartsuit = \clubsuit/\diamondsuit/\heartsuit/\spadesuit$ , own suit (3/5 honors)
- 55**4**
- 3NT = 55

## **2**♣ - **2**♦

?

- 2 = Kokish relay
- 2♠ = 5+♠
- 2NT = 22-23, BAL
- 3♣ = 5+♣
- 3**♦** = 5+**♦**
- 3 = 4 = 6 + 6
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit 6 + \spadesuit$
- 3NT = to play
- $4\clubsuit = \forall$  void
- $4 \blacklozenge = \bigstar \text{ void}$
- $4 \nabla = 55 \clubsuit$ ,  $\nabla$  shortness
- $4 \spadesuit = 55 \clubsuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  shortness

$$2 - 2$$

$$2$$
  $- 2$ 

- 3♣ = 5♥ 4♣ 3♠
- 3**♦** = 6**♥**
- $3 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  shortness
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  shortness
- 3NT = to play

- $4 \rightleftharpoons = leaping$
- 2 2
- 2♥ 2♠
- 3♣ ?
  - $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{no fit}$
  - $3 \checkmark / 3 \triangleq = \checkmark / \triangleq$  fit
- 2 2
- 2♥ 2♠
- 3 3x
  - x+1 = 4
  - x+2 = 4
- 2 2
- **2**♠ − ?
  - 2NT = support
  - $3 \clubsuit / 3 \spadesuit / 3 \blacktriangledown = \text{transfer to } \spadesuit / \blacktriangledown / \clubsuit$
  - $3 \spadesuit = \text{no support}$
- $2\clubsuit-2\blacktriangledown$
- ?
- 2♠ = 5+♠
- 2NT = 22+, BAL
- 3♣ = 5+♣
- 3**♦** = 5+**♦**
- 3♥ = 5+♥
- 3♠ = 4♠ 5+**♦**
- $3NT = 4 \checkmark 6 + \checkmark, F1$
- $4\clubsuit = \forall$  void
- $4 \blacklozenge = \bigstar \text{ void}$
- $4 \lor = 55 \diamondsuit$ ,  $\lor$  shortness
- $4 \spadesuit = 55 \clubsuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  shortness

$$2 - 2$$

- 2NT = 22+, BAL
- 3x = 5+
- 3NT = 6 + 4 4
- $4\clubsuit = \forall$  void
- $4 \blacklozenge = \spadesuit$  void
- $4 \nabla = 55 \clubsuit$ ,  $\nabla$  shortness
- $4 \spadesuit = 55 \clubsuit$ ,  $\spadesuit$  shortness

$$2 - 2x$$

- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{ask } 4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$
- $3 \checkmark / 3 \spadesuit = 5 \checkmark / 5 \spadesuit$

$$2 - 2x$$

any color = agreeing  $\forall$ , cue

## 1.18 Rebid with 3-card support

Do not rebid  $2\spadesuit$  with 3(244). With 43(42) rebid  $1\spadesuit$ , not  $2\blacktriangledown$ .

- $2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{GF}$
- $2NT = INV \spadesuit$
- $3 \clubsuit / 3 \blacktriangledown = INV$

• 
$$2NT = 4$$
 (3 • ask)

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• 3 \clubsuit = 3 \blacktriangledown + \text{ shortness } (3 \blacklozenge = \text{ask, does not agree } \blacktriangledown)
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• 
$$3 \Rightarrow = 2326$$

• 
$$3 \spadesuit = 2335$$

• 
$$3NT = 2344$$

$$2NT - 3$$

?

• 
$$3 \Rightarrow = BAL$$

• 
$$3NT = 1435$$

• 
$$2NT = \mathbf{GF}$$

• 
$$3x = INV$$

$$2 - 2NT$$

?

• 
$$3 \clubsuit = 4 \spadesuit (3 \spadesuit = ask)$$

• 
$$3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} + \text{ shortness } (3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} = \text{ask, does not agree } \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet})$$

• 
$$3 \triangleq 3325$$

• 
$$3NT = 3235$$

$$2 - 2NT$$

$$3 - 3$$

• 
$$3 \checkmark = BAL$$

- $3 \spadesuit = 4225$
- 3NT = 4315
- 4 = 4135

**2♥** - ?

- $2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{GF}$
- $2NT = INV \spadesuit$
- $3 \clubsuit / 3 \checkmark = INV$

?

- 2NT = 4 (3 = ask)
- $3\clubsuit = 3\blacktriangledown + \text{ shortness } (3\blacklozenge = \text{ask, does not agree } \blacktriangledown)$
- 3 > 2362
- 3♥ = 3352
- $3 \triangleq 2335$
- 3NT = 2352

2 - 2

$$2NT - 3$$

?

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

**1**♦ - **1**♠

2 - ?

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

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\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{1} \blacklozenge - \mathbf{1} \clubsuit \\ \mathbf{2} \spadesuit - \mathbf{2NT} \end{array}
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- $3 \clubsuit = 4 \spadesuit (3 \spadesuit = ask)$ 
  - $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} + \text{ shortness } (3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} = \text{ask, does not agree } \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet})$
  - 3♥ = 3262
  - $3 \spadesuit = 3352$
  - 3NT = 3252

$$2 - 2NT$$

?

• 
$$3 \checkmark = BAL$$

- $3 \spadesuit = 4252$
- 3NT = 4351
- 4♣ = 4153

$$2 - ?$$

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

$$2 - 2NT$$

• 
$$3 - 4 = 4$$
 ( $3 + 2 = 4$  ask)

- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} + \text{ shortness } (3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} = \text{ask, does not agree } \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet})$
- 3♥ = 3622
- $3 \spadesuit = 3532$
- 3NT = 3523

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1♥ - 1♠
2♠ - 2NT
3♣ - 3♦
?
```

- $3 \checkmark = BAL$
- $3 \spadesuit = 4522$
- 3NT = 4531
- 4 = 4513

## 1.19 Ask LSF

Basic ASK LSF sequences:

- 1\\ 2\\ 2\\ +1^A
- 1 1 = 3 = 3 = 3 = 1

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

#### **Answering:**

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

## 1.20 Gazilli

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1♥ - 1♠ ?
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- 2 = 5 4 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- 2NT = 6  $\checkmark 4$ , 15 +

**1♥** – **1NT** ?

- 2 = 5 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 4 \blacklozenge 11-15$
- 2 = 11-15
- $2 \spadesuit = 6 \blacktriangledown 5 \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$

- 2NT = 6 4 4 4 4 4
- 3♣ = 5♥ 5♣ **GF**
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 5 \blacklozenge \mathbf{GF}$
- 3 = agreeing **GF**

## 1 - 1NT

- ?
  - $PASS = 5332 \ 12-14$
  - 2 = 5 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
  - 2 = 5 4 11-15
  - $2 \lor = 5 \spadesuit 4 \lor 11-15$
  - 2 = 11-15
  - 2NT = 6 4 4 15 +
  - 3♣ = 5♠ 5♣ **GF**
  - $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} 5 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} GF$
  - 3♥ = 5♠ 5♥ **GF**
  - $3 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$

#### **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
  - $3 \lor = \lor \text{ fit, } \mathbf{GF}$
- 1V- 1NT
- 2 ?
  - 2 > 8 +

- 2♥ = 2-3♥ 5-7
- 2 = 55 5 7
- $2NT = 1 \checkmark 5 7$
- 3 = 6 + 5 = 5 = 7
- 3 > 6 + 5 = 7

- 2**♦** = 8+
- 2 = 5 = 5 = 7
- $2 \spadesuit = 2 3 \spadesuit 5 7$
- 2NT = 1 45 7
- 3♣ = 6+♣ 5-7
- 3 = 6 + 5-7

$$2 - 2$$

?

- $2 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \checkmark 11-15$
- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \heartsuit$ , =  $3 \spadesuit 16 +$
- 2NT = 5332 18-20
- 3♣ = 5♥ 4♣ 16+
- 3 > = 5 4 > 16 +
- 3♥ = 6♥ 16+
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 \heartsuit 4 \spadesuit GF$

$$2 - 2$$

- 2 = 5 4 11-15
- 2 = 5 4 16 +
- 2NT = 5332 18-20

- 3♣ = 5♥ 4♣ 16+
- 3 > = 5 4 > 16 +
- 3♥ = 6♥ 16+

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

## 1**\** − 1**\** /1NT

2NT - ?

- $3\clubsuit = PASS/correct$
- $3 \Rightarrow = ask, GF$
- 3% = agreeing %
- 3**₩** = NAT

$$1 - 1 / 1NT$$

$$2NT - 3$$

- $3 \checkmark = 4 (3 4 = \text{ask strength}, 3 \text{NT} = \text{weaker})$
- $3 \spadesuit =$  good hand
- 3NT =

## 2 Competitive bidding – dealing with interference

## 2.1 1**♣ (**×)

- **1**♣ (×) ?
  - $\times \times = 10+$
  - 1 /1 /1 = 7 + HCP, 4 +
  - 1NT = 7-11
  - 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 = transfer to / / 2 / 2 6+, weak/GF
  - 2NT = 4 weak/**GF**
  - $3 \clubsuit / 3 \blacklozenge = INV$

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

- $\times \times = 10+$
- $1 \checkmark / 1 = 7 + HCP, 4 +$
- 1NT = 7-11
- 2 = raise weak/**GF**
- 2 /2 /2 = transfer to /4 6+, weak/GF
- 2 = 6 + weak/GF
- 2NT = 4 + •,  $INV^+$
- 3 = INV
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{preempt}$

## 2.2 1**₩** (×)

- $\times \times = 10 + \text{(may have } 3 \text{)}$
- $1 \triangleq \text{NAT}, 4 + \triangleq, F1$
- 1NT = TRSF to 2
- 2 = TRSF to 2
- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{TRSF to } 2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor}$ , constructive 8-10
- 2 = 4-7, 3
- SYSTEM ON

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

- $\times \times = 10 + \text{(may have } 3 \clubsuit)$
- 1NT = TRSF to 2
- 2 = TRSF to 2
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{TRSF to } 2 \blacktriangledown$
- 2 = TRSF to 2 , constructive 8-10
- $2 \spadesuit = 4-7, 3 \spadesuit$
- SYSTEM ON

## 2.3 1♣ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

$$1 - (1 - ?)$$

- $\times = 7+, 4+$
- $1 \lor = 7+, 4+ \spadesuit$
- $1 \spadesuit = \rightarrow 1$ NT
- 1NT = 7-10, stopper
- 2 = 54 6-11
- $2 \cdot \sqrt{2} = \text{transfer to } / 2 \cdot 6 +, \text{ weak/GF}$
- 2NT = INV

- 3 = INV
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{ask stopper, long } \Phi$

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

$$1 - (1 - ?)$$

- × = 4-5♥
- 1NT = 7-10,  $\bigstar$  stopper
- 2 2 / 2 = transfer to / / 6 +, weak/GF
- $2 = \mathbf{GF}$ , ask stopper
- 2NT = INV
- $3 \clubsuit / 3 \blacklozenge / 3 \blacktriangledown = INV$

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

- $\times$  = penalty 9+
- 2 = 54 (44)
- $2 \checkmark / 2 \checkmark / 2 \checkmark = \mathbf{NF}$
- 2NT = 55
- $3\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{INV} \; \mathbf{BAL}$

$$1 - (2 - ?)$$

$$2 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$$

- $\times$  = negative
- $2 \diamondsuit / 2 \blacktriangledown / 2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{NF}$

- 2NT = 54%GF
- $3 \clubsuit / 3 \spadesuit / 3 \blacktriangledown = \text{transfer to } \diamondsuit / \blacktriangledown / \clubsuit 5 +, INV^+$
- 3 =ask stopper
- 3NT = to play

## 2.4 1♠ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

$$1 - (2 ) - ?$$

- $2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$ 
  - $\times$  = takeout
  - $2 \checkmark / 2 \spadesuit = \text{NAT } \mathbf{NF}$
  - $2NT/3 •/3 \checkmark = transfer to •/ /•INV^+$
  - 3 = 54 % GF
  - $3 \spadesuit = \text{ask for } \bullet \text{ stopper}$

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2 \spadesuit = \text{NAT } \mathbf{NF}$
- 2NT/3 3V = transfer to 1NV + 1NV +
- $3 \blacklozenge =$ ask stopper
- 3♠ = ♣

$$1 - (2 - ?)$$

- $\times$  = takeout
- 2NT/3 3 = transfer to -7
- $3 \checkmark = ask stopper$
- 3**★** = **★**

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

$$2NT = \clubsuit$$

- $\times$  = takeout
- 3 = 54, **GF**
- $3 / 3 = \text{transfer to } / , INV^+$
- $3 \spadesuit = \rightarrow 3 \text{NT}$

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times$  = takeout, **GF**
- $3 / 3 = \text{transfer to } / , INV^+$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{transfer to } \blacklozenge, \mathbf{GF}$

$$1 - (3 - ?)$$

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times$  = takeout, **GF**
- $3 \checkmark = \text{transfer to } \spadesuit, INV^+$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{transfer to } \blacklozenge, \mathbf{GF}$

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times = \Phi$ , INV<sup>+</sup>
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$ , no  $\forall$  stopper, **GF**

$$1♣ - (3♠) - ?$$

 $2nt = \clubsuit$ 

•  $\times = 4$ , **GF**, no stopper

### 2.5 1♦ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

 $2nt = \clubsuit$ 

• × = 4+♠

- $1 \spadesuit = \rightarrow 1$ NT
- 1NT = 7-10
- 2 2 / 2 / 2 = transfer to / 2 / 2, weak/GF
- $2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge \mathbf{INV}$
- 2NT = INV
- $3 \clubsuit / 3 \spadesuit = \text{NAT}, INV$
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{preempt}$

$$1 - (1 - ?)$$

 $2nt = \clubsuit$ 

- × = 4-5♥
- 1NT = 7-10
- 2 / 2 / 2 = transfer to / /, weak/**GF**
- 2 = INV
- 2NT = INV
- $3 \clubsuit / 3 \blacktriangledown = \text{NAT}, \text{INV}$
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{preempt}$

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

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times$  = penalty 10+
- 2 = 54 (44)
- $2 \diamondsuit / 2 \blacktriangledown / 2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{NF}$
- 2NT = INV•
- 3 = NAT, INV BAL
- $3 \rightarrow = \text{preempt}$

$$1 - (2 - ?)$$

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

•  $\times$  = takeout

- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{=} NAT$
- $2 \checkmark / 2 \triangleq \text{NAT}, \mathbf{F1}$
- 2NT = 54
- $3 = \text{INV}^+$
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{preempt}$
- $3 \checkmark / 3 \spadesuit = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

## 2.6 1♦ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

$$1♦$$
 -  $(2♥)$  - ?

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2 \spadesuit = \text{NAT } \mathbf{NF}$
- $2NT/3 3 = transfer to 4/4 = INV^+$
- 3 
  ightharpoonup = competitive

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

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2NT/3 = transfer to / NV^+$
- 3 = competitive
- $3 \lor = NAT, GF$

$$1 - (3 - ?)$$

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times$  = takeout, **GF**
- $3 \bullet = \text{competitive}$
- 3 = 4,  $INV^+$
- 3♠ = ♥, **GF**

$$2nt = \clubsuit$$

• 
$$\times = \Phi$$
, GF

• 
$$3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$$
, no  $\heartsuit$  stopper, **GF**

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

$$2nt = \clubsuit$$

## 2.7 1♥ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

- $\times$  = takeout
- 1NT = ♣
- 2♣ = **♦**
- $2 
  ightharpoonup = \text{fit, constructive/} \mathbf{GF}$
- 2 = weak raise (4-6)
- 2 = 4, INV
- SYSTEM ON

$$1$$
♥ - (1NT) - ?

- $\times = 10+$ , penalty
- $2 \sqrt{2} / 2 \sqrt{2} = NAT$ , **NF**
- $2NT = \clubsuit$
- 3 = INV + fit
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{mixed raise}$
- 3 = preempt
- $3 \spadesuit / 3$ NT $/ 4 \clubsuit = \spadesuit / \spadesuit / \clubsuit + fit$

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

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2 \bullet = \mathbf{F1}$
- 2♥ = 6-10
- $2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{F1}$
- 2NT = GF + fit
- 3 = INV + fit
- 3 = mixed raise
- $3 \forall$  = preempt
- $3 \spadesuit / 4 \spadesuit = \operatorname{color} + \operatorname{fit}$

$$1 - (2 - ?)$$

- $\times$  = takeout
- 2♥ = 6-10
- $2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{F1}$
- $2NT = \triangle INV^+$
- $3 \clubsuit = \mathbf{GF} + \text{fit}$
- $3 \Rightarrow = INV + fit$
- $3 \checkmark$  = preempt
- $3 \spadesuit / 4 \clubsuit = \text{color} + \text{fit}$

## 2.8 1♥ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2NT = \clubsuit$ ,  $INV^+$
- $3 \clubsuit = \blacklozenge$ ,  $INV^+$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \nabla$  competative/**GF**
- 3♥ = ♥ **INV**

- $3 \spadesuit = \text{splinter}$
- 4 4 = color + fit

#### 1♥ -(2♠) - ?

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2NT = \clubsuit$ ,  $INV^+$
- $3 \clubsuit = \blacklozenge$ ,  $INV^+$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \nabla$  competative/**GF**
- 3♥ = ♥ INV
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{splinter}$
- 4 4 = color + fit

- $\times$  = takeout
- $3 \blacklozenge = \heartsuit$ , competative/**GF**
- $3 \checkmark = \checkmark$ , INV
- $3 \spadesuit = \spadesuit GF$
- $4 \implies$  slam try, no  $\implies$  shortness
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{slam try}, \clubsuit \text{shortness}$

- $\times$  = takeout
- $3 \checkmark$  = competative
- 3♠ = ♠, **GF**
- $4 \implies \text{slam try, no } \bullet \text{ shortness}$
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{slam try}, \blacklozenge \text{shortness}$

- $\times$  = takeout
- $4 \clubsuit = \text{slam try}$ , no  $\spadesuit$  shortness
- $4 \rightleftharpoons \text{slam try}, \blacktriangle \text{shortness}$

•  $4 \spadesuit = \text{slam try}, \spadesuit \text{ void}$ 

## 2.9 1♠ opening: dealing with opponent's overcall

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

- $\times = 10+$ , penalty
- $2 \sqrt{2} / 2 \sqrt{2} = \text{NAT}, NF$
- 2NT = ♣
- 3 = INV + fit
- $3 \rightleftharpoons = \text{mixed raise}$
- $3 \checkmark /4 /4$  = color + fit

$$1 - (2 - ?)$$

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

$$1 - (2) - ?$$

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2 \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{1}$
- 2 = 6-10
- $2NT = \triangle INV^+$
- 3 = fit, **GF**
- $3 \bullet = \text{fit}, INV$

- 3 = mixed raise
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{preempt}$
- $4 \clubsuit / 4 \blacktriangledown = \operatorname{color} + \operatorname{fit}$

#### 1 - (2 ) - ?

- $\times$  = takeout
- 2 = 6-10
- $2NT = \clubsuit INV^+$
- $3 \clubsuit = \bullet INV^+$
- $3 \blacklozenge = \spadesuit$ , **GF**
- $3 \lor = 4$ , INV
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{preempt}$
- 4 4 = color + fit

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

#### **1**♠ - (**3**♠) - ?

- $\times$  = take out
- $3 \blacklozenge = \blacktriangledown$ ,  $\mathbf{INV}^+$
- 3 = 4, competative/**GF**
- $3 \spadesuit = \spadesuit$ , INV
- 3NT = to play
- $4 \implies$  slam try, no  $\implies$  shortness
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{slam try}, \clubsuit \text{shortness}$
- $4 \checkmark /4 = \text{to play}$

$$1 - (3) - ?$$

- $\times$  = takeout
- $3 \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{F}$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{competitive}$

- 3NT = to play
- $4 \implies$  = slam try, no shortness
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{slam try}, \blacklozenge \text{shortness}$
- $4 \checkmark / 4 = \text{to play}$

- $\times$  = takeout
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{competitive}$
- 3NT = to play
- 4 = slam try, no shortness
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{slam try}, \blacklozenge \text{shortness}$
- $4 \checkmark = \text{slam try}, \checkmark \text{ void}$
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{to play}$
- 4NT = minors

### 2.11 1<sub>NT</sub> – 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
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$

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

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

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

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

- 4 = Texas
- 1NT (2) ?
  - $\times$  = negative
  - 2NT = Lebensohl
  - $3 = 5 + , INV^+$
  - $3 = 5 + \checkmark$ ,  $INV^+$
  - $3 \lor = 55 , GF$

  - 3NT = no stopper
  - $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{Texas}$
- $1NT-(2NT^{A})-?$
- $2nt = \clubsuit$ 
  - $\times = 10+$
  - $3 \clubsuit = \text{Stayman}$
  - $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}, INV^+$
  - 3 = 5 + 4,  $INV^+$
- $1NT (3\clubsuit) ?$ 
  - $\times$  = 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

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

× artificial

SYSTEM ON

$$1NT - (x) - ?$$

 $\times$  = 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
- $2 \blacklozenge = 4 \blacklozenge + 4 \clubsuit$
- $2 \checkmark = 4 \checkmark + 4 \spadesuit$

### 2.12 Dealing with Michaels & Unusual 2nt

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

 $2nt = \clubsuit$ 

- $3 = \forall$ , INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3 = •, INV<sup>+</sup>
- 3% = to play

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

- $3 = INV^+$ , fit
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{simple raise } 6-9$
- 3 = 5 + 4, **GF**
- 3 = 6, **NF**

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

- 3♣ = 5♥, **GF**
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = INV^+$ , fit
- $3 \checkmark = 6 \checkmark$ , **NF**
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{simple raise } 6-9$

$$1 - (2 ) - ?$$

$$2 \blacklozenge =$$

- 2 = 4,  $INV^+$
- $2 \spadesuit = \blacklozenge$ , **GF**

$$1$$
♥  $-(2$ ♥)  $-?$ 

- $\times$  = ownership
- $2 = INV^+$ , fit
- $3 \implies = 5+, \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{simple raise } 6-9$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{splinter}$
- $4 \Longrightarrow = \text{fit jump } (5 \Longrightarrow \text{ with } 2/3 \text{ honors, } 7+, 4 \heartsuit)$

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## 2.13 Acol interference – controls

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

- $\times \times = 0$ -1 controls
- 2 = 2 +controls
- $\mathbf{x} = 2 + \text{controls}$ , NAT

$$2 - (2/3x) - ?$$

- $\times$  = 0-1 controls
- Pass = 2+ controls
- y = 2+ controls, NAT

2 - (P) - 2 - (2/3x)?

- $\times$  = takeout
- PASS  $= \rightarrow \times$

## 2.14 LSF – dealing with interference

 $\frac{\mathbf{ASK}}{\mathbf{ASK}} - (\bullet) - ?$ 

- $\times$  = 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

## 2.15 RKCB – dealing with interference

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

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$$4NT - (5) - ?$$

**DEPO** 

# 3 Defensive bidding – how to overcall

### 3.1 Overcalls after 1nt opening

(1NT) - ?

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

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

- 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 > = NAT (5+)
- $2 \clubsuit = NAT$
- 2 = Michaels

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

$$1 - 3 +$$

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

#### $(1^{\diamond}) - ?$

•  $2 \rightarrow$  = Michaels

$$(1•) - 2• - (P) - ?$$

- 2 = preference
- 3♣ = ♥, INV<sup>+</sup>
- $3 \blacklozenge = \spadesuit$ ,  $\mathbf{INV}^+$
- 3% = mixed raise
- 4% = preempt

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

- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{to play}$
- $2NT = \text{show minor}, INV^+$
- 3 = pass/correct
- $3 \blacklozenge = \bigstar \text{ fit, } \mathbf{INV}^+$
- 3 = mixed raise

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

- $3 \implies$  = to play
- $3 \checkmark = 4$ , accepting INV
- $3 \spadesuit = \diamondsuit$ , accepting **INV**

#### 3.3 Dealing with preempts

$$(2 ) - ?$$

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

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

$$(2♥) - × - (P) - ?$$

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

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

- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{weak}$
- $3 \checkmark = 4 \spadesuit$ , no  $\checkmark$  stopper
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit$ , **INV** (8-11)

- 3NT = 44,  $\forall$  stopper
- $(2 \checkmark) \times (3 \checkmark) ?$ 
  - $\times = \text{no } 44, 10+$
- (2.) ?
  - $3 \triangleq$  = Michaels
  - 4 4 = Leaping Michaels, GF
  - $4 \spadesuit = \clubsuit$ , strong
  - $4NT = \clubsuit$ , weaker then  $4 \checkmark$
- $(2\spadesuit) \times (P) ?$ 
  - 2NT = Better Minor Lebensohl
  - 3 = 0-11, 5+
  - 3 /3 = INV (8-11)
  - $3 \spadesuit = \text{no } 4 \heartsuit$ , no  $\spadesuit$  stopper
  - $3NT = no 4 \checkmark$ , stopper
  - $4 \forall$  = to play
  - $4 \nabla = 4$ , no  $\triangle$  control, Slam Try
- $(2\clubsuit) \times (P) 2NT$

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

- $3 \checkmark / 3 \checkmark = \text{to play}$
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \heartsuit$ , no  $\spadesuit$  stopper
- $3NT = 4 \checkmark$ , stopper
- $(2\spadesuit)$   $\times$   $(4\spadesuit)$  ?
  - 4NT = two-suited OR weak ♥
  - $5 \clubsuit / 5 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$
  - $5 \checkmark = \text{Slam Try}$

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#### 3.4 Two-suiter overcalls

- $(2\clubsuit) 4\clubsuit (P) ?$ 
  - $4 \blacklozenge = agreeing \blacktriangledown$
  - $4 \checkmark = SIGN-OFF$
  - $4 \triangleq \text{agreeing} \triangleq$
  - $5 \clubsuit = \text{SIGN-OFF}$
- (2•) 4• (P) ?
  - 4 = Sign-off
  - $4 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \spadesuit$
  - 4NT = agreeing  $\forall$
  - $5 \blacklozenge = SIGN-OFF$
- (2 ) 4 (P) ?
  - $4 \rightarrow = \text{agreeing } \blacktriangle$
  - $4 \nabla = \text{agreeing } \Phi$
  - $4\spadesuit = SIGN-OFF$
  - $5\clubsuit = SIGN-OFF$
- (2 ) 4 (P) ?
  - 4 = agreeing
  - $4 \spadesuit = \text{SIGN-OFF}$
  - 4NT = agreeing •
  - $5 \Rightarrow = \text{SIGN-OFF}$
- (3♣) ?
  - 4♣ = ♦+₩, **GF**
  - 4♦ = **\**, **GF**

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

• 
$$4 \nabla = \text{agreeing} \bullet$$

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

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

$$(3\clubsuit) - 4\clubsuit - (P) - 4\diamondsuit + (P) - 4\diamondsuit + (P) - 4\heartsuit - (P) - ?$$

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

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

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

$$(3)$$
 - ?

• 
$$4\clubsuit = \text{NAT}$$

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### 3.5 2nt overcall after major preempt

$$(2\%) - ?$$

• 2NT = 16-18 BAL, promises ♥ stopper

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

- $3\clubsuit$  = forces  $3\spadesuit$ , 1- $\heartsuit$ GF OR weak with  $\spadesuit$
- $3 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow GF$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{forces } 3 \spadesuit, 5 + \spadesuit, \text{ weak or } GF$
- $3 = \log \min(\text{minor/minors}, \text{no } \forall \text{shortness}, 3\text{NT} = ASK)$
- 3NT = to play
- $4 \clubsuit = 6 \clubsuit 5 \spadesuit$ , may have shortness
- $4 \blacklozenge = 6 \blacklozenge 5 \spadesuit$ , may have shortness
- 4♥ = 6+♠
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{minors}$
- 4NT = quantitative

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

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

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

$$(P) - 3$$
 ←  $(P) - 3$  ♥

- (P) ?
  - $3 \spadesuit = \text{last train for a 3NT game}$
  - 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
- $4 \nabla = 4 \cdot 4$  agreeing  $4 \cdot 4$ , 4NT agreeing  $4 \cdot 4$

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

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

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

- PASS = weak, 5+
- 3NT = PASS/correct
- $4 \sqrt{4} = NAT$

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

- 4 4 = NAT, agreeing suit
- 4 = 1, both minors
- $4 \spadesuit = \text{void} \spadesuit$ , 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- $\spadesuit$ **GF** OR weak with  $\diamondsuit$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{forces } 3 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}, 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}, \text{ weak or } \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 = \log \min(-1)$  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

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

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

$$(2•) - 2NT - (P) - 3•$$

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

- (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♦ = own suit
- 4♥ = 3♥

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

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

- 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
- $4 \rightleftharpoons \text{ void } \spadesuit \text{ both minors}$

$$(2•) - 2NT - (P) - 3•$$
  
(P) -?

- 4♣ = 4♥
- 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 2<sub>NT</sub> 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

4♣ = ♣+♥

$$(2 
ightharpoonup) - P - (P^A) - ?$$

System like after 2♦ preempt.

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

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

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

• 
$$\times$$
 = takeout

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

$$(P) - ?$$

• 
$$2NT = \clubsuit$$

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

- PASS = want to defend, doubles are penalty
- 2 = 5 +, to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)

• 
$$3\Phi = \text{Stayman}$$

- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{TRSF to } \checkmark$ , **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♥, 3♠ = **INV**

$$(2 
ightharpoonup) - \times - (laphi/lapha) - ?$$

- $\times = 9+$ , F to 2NT, no 5, no shortness
- 2NT = Lebensohl (see below)
- $3\Phi = \text{Stayman}$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{TRSF to } \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}, \text{ GF} + \text{ superaccepts}$
- $3 \lor = \text{TRSF to } \diamondsuit$ , GF+ superaccepts
- $3 \spadesuit$  = takeout with opps' suit shortness, **GF**
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$

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

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

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

- PASS = to play
- 2 = 4, **F**1
- 2NT = NAT, minimum
- $3 \clubsuit = NAT$ , minimum
- $3 \Rightarrow = NAT$ , minimum
- $3 \forall$  over  $2 \spadesuit = \text{NAT}$ , minimum
- cue  $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit = \text{maximum}$ , no stopper, no  $4 \spadesuit$
- 3NT = maximum, stopper, no  $4 \spadesuit$

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

$$(24) - ?$$

- Pass  $= \mathbf{F1}$
- $\times$  = penalty
- 2NT = do not want to defend, **GF**
- 3 = NAT, GF
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = NAT, GF$
- $3 \lor = NAT, GF$
- 3♠ = maximum, no ♠ stopper
- 3NT = maximum, stopper

$$(2\red)$$
 –  $imes$  –  $(2\red)$  –  $imes$ 

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

•  $3 \spadesuit = \spadesuit$  shortness, **GF** 

$$(2 
ightharpoonup) - imes - (2 
ightharpoonup) - imes$$

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

### 3.8 Overcalls after mini 1nt opening

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

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

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

#### 3.9 Other

- $(1^{\bullet})$  ?
  - $3 \blacklozenge = \text{gambling } \clubsuit$
- (1.) ?
  - $3 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$  preempt
- 1♣ (×) ?
  - $2NT = preempt \, \Phi$
  - 3 = limit raise
- 1 (1x) ?
  - 3 = preempt
- ...5x ?
- $5x = \text{query kings}, \ \ \text{\ agreed}$ 
  - 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 ?
- $5x = \text{query kings}, \implies \text{agreed}$ 
  - $5\mathbf{x}+1 = 0$  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 $(...) \rightarrow T$
- $XT9(...) \rightarrow T$

#### 4.2 Other

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