Bridge Bidding System

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# 1 One side bidding

# 1.1 1♣ opening

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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 $1 \blacklozenge$ 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 = 5 4 5 - 11
    • 2 = 11 + BAL, no 4 = 11 + BAL
    • 2NT = 11-12 BAL
    • 3NT = 15-17 BAL
1 → - 1 ♥
?
    • 1NT = 12-14 BAL
    • 2 \blacklozenge = 6 + \blacklozenge
1♦ - 1♥
2♦ – ?
    • 2 = GF \text{ art } (\rightarrow \text{ all NAT})
    • 2NT = INV \text{ art}, F \text{ to } 3 \spadesuit
1♦ - 1♥
2 \blacklozenge - 2NT
    • 3\clubsuit = any minimum or \clubsuit values
    • 3 \blacklozenge = 7 + \blacklozenge, GF
    • 3 \lor = 3 \lor, GF
1 → - 1 •
```

!!

!!

• 1NT = 12-14 BAL, may have  $1 \spadesuit$ 

```
• 2♦ = 6+♦
```

• 
$$2 \nabla = \mathbf{GF}$$
 art

• 
$$2NT = INV \text{ art}, F \text{ to } 3 \spadesuit$$

$$2 \blacklozenge - 2 \blacktriangledown$$

?

• 
$$2 \spadesuit = 3 \spadesuit (2NT = ASK LSF)$$

• 
$$2NT = NAT$$

$$2 > -2$$

• 
$$3 \blacklozenge = agreeing \blacklozenge$$

• 
$$3 \checkmark = agreeing \checkmark$$

$$2 \blacklozenge - 2NT$$

?

• 
$$3\clubsuit$$
 = any minimum or  $\clubsuit$  values

• 
$$3 \blacklozenge = 7 + \blacklozenge$$
, **GF**

• 
$$3 \lor = \lor \text{ values max } (4 \lor = \mathbf{NF})$$

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

• 
$$2 =$$
 stopper

• 
$$2 \spadesuit = stopper$$

•  $3 \Rightarrow = \text{sign off (treshold for invite)}$ 

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

- ?
- 2NT = BAL min
- 3 = 4 + 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**♣ - ?

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

# 1♣ - 1♦

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

### 1♣ - 1♦

### **1**₩ - ?

- 1♠ = 4+♠
- $1NT = 3-\forall, 3-\spadesuit$
- 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).

$$\begin{array}{c} 1x-1y \\ 1z-? \end{array}$$

- 2 =any invite, forces 2
- $2 \bullet = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$

# 1.5 Flannery

```
1♣ - 2♥
?
• 2NT = ASK LSF
!!
```

# 1.6 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.

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

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

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

•  $3\Phi$  = checkback

```
x - 2y
2NT - 3♣
?
```

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

# 1.7 Responder's 2<sub>NT</sub> rebid

3-color auction

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

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

$$egin{array}{l} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{2NT} \\ \mathbf{?} \end{array}$$

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

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

Accepting transfer agrees suit.

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

# **1**♦ - **1**♥

### 2NT - 3

- 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

# 1.9 1nt opening

### 1NT - ?

- 2 = Stayman
- $2 \checkmark / 2 \checkmark = \rightarrow \checkmark$
- $2 \spadesuit = \rightarrow \clubsuit$
- $2NT = 6 + \bullet \text{ weak}/\text{GF} \text{ or } \bigstar \text{ weak } (54)$
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman (like after 2NT opening)
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 6 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} INV$
- 3% = 4441 (% shortness) **GF**

!

```
\frac{1}{?}
```

- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{no } 4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\blacktriangleright}$
- $2 \checkmark = 4 \checkmark$
- $2 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$
- 2NT = both 4%, min
- $3\clubsuit = both \ 4\clubsuit$ , max

$$1NT - 2$$

 $2 \blacklozenge - ?$ 

- 2♥ = **\** weak
- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit$ , INV
- 2NT = INV
- 3 =ask shape
- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{ask } 3$
- $3 \checkmark = 4$  shortness
- $3 \spadesuit =$  shortness

?

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

1NT - 2

$$2 \blacklozenge - 3 \blacklozenge$$

- 3NT/4 = to play
- other = cuebid

- $2 \triangleq \text{relay } (2NT = \min, 3 \triangleq \max)$
- 2NT = 5, INV
- 3 =ask shape
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \implies$  shortness
- $3 \checkmark = INV$
- 3 4/4 = splinter

$$1NT - 2$$

$$2NT - ?$$

- PASS INV BAL
- 3 6 4
- $3 \blacklozenge = 6 \blacklozenge 4 \spadesuit INV$
- $3 \lor = 4 \lor \text{slam try}$ , no splinter
- 3NT = choice of games

### 1NT - 2

$$2$$
  $- 2$ 

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

### 1NT - 2

$$2 - ?$$

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

$$2$$
  $3$ 

?

- 3**♦** = 43**♣**
- 3♥ = 4♣
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$
- 3NT = 4333 (4%)

 $1NT-2\clubsuit$ 

2NT - ?

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

1NT - 2

3♣ - ?

- 3**♦** = 4+**♥**
- 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♥** - ?

- $2 \spadesuit = INV$
- $2NT = 4 + \clubsuit GF$
- $3 = 4 + \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \bullet = 6 + \mathbf{\nabla GF}$

- $3 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$ , INV
- $3 \spadesuit / 4 \clubsuit$  = splinter

?

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

### 1NT - 2

$$2$$
V  $- 2NT$ 

?

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

### 1NT - 2

- $2NT = 4 + \clubsuit GF$
- $3 \clubsuit = 4 + \blacklozenge GF$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 55 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ , INV
- $3 \checkmark = 6 + 4 \checkmark GF$
- $3 \spadesuit = 6 + \spadesuit INV$

$$1NT - 2$$

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

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

•  $3 \implies$  = better minor

## 1NT - 2NT 3♣ - ?

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

# 1.10 1nt opening

1 NT opening = (14)15-17 BAL

### 1NT - ?

- 2 = Stayman
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{forces } 2 \blacktriangledown$
- $2 \checkmark = \text{forces } 2 \spadesuit$
- 2 = INV or TRSF to  $\Phi$
- $2NT = TRSF \text{ to } \blacklozenge$
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ = 55♣
- 3♥ = 3-♠ 1-♥, 54♣♦
- 3♠ = 3-♥ 1-♠, 54♣♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4 = 55
- 4 •,  $4 \checkmark = Texas$
- 4NT = quantitative

$$1NT - 2$$

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

# ${1 \over 2} NT - 2NT$

- 3 = superaccept
- 3 = accept

# 1NT - 3♥

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

# Smolen

$$1NT - 2$$

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

$$1NT - 2$$

•  $2 \spadesuit = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$ , INV

### 1NT - 2

• 3 = 5 4 , INV

## 1NT - 2

$$2$$
V $- 2$ 

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

```
1NT - 2♥
2♠ - 3♥
?
```

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

# 1.11 2nt opening

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

2NT - ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- $3 = \rightarrow + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3 = \rightarrow + \text{superaccepts}$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{forces } 3 \text{NT}$
- 3NT = 5 4 , NF
- 4♣ = 55 **\**
- $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ ,  $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} = \text{Texas}$
- 4NT = quantitative

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

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

!

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 
  ightharpoonup = Minor Puppet, ask 3s

2NT - 3♣

(3 - 3)

3NT - ?

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

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

2NT − 3♦

3♥ - ?

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

2NT - 3

**3**♠ − ?

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

```
... − 4♣
?
```

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

$$4 \blacklozenge - 4 \spadesuit$$

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

```
... - 4 🕏
4♥ - ?
     • 4 \spadesuit = \text{fit } \clubsuit, 1/4 \text{ Aces}
     • 4NT = SIGN-OFF
     • 5 = \text{fit } 0/3 \text{ Aces}
     • 5 \blacklozenge = \text{fit } \clubsuit, 2 Aces, no Q\clubsuit
     • 5 \checkmark = \text{fit } 2 \text{ Aces, } Q 
... - 4 🕏
4♠ − ?
     • 4NT = SIGN-OFF
     • 5 \clubsuit = \text{fit} \blacklozenge, 1/4 \text{ Aces}
     • 5 \blacklozenge = \text{fit} \blacklozenge, 0/3 \text{ Aces}
     • 5 = \text{fit}, 2 Aces, no Q•
     • 5 \spadesuit = \text{fit} • 2 \text{ Aces, } Q •
... - 4♦
?
     • 4 = 3 + 4, 3 + 4
     • 4 \spadesuit = 3 + \clubsuit, 2 \spadesuit (4NT = SIGN-OFF, other bids agreeing \clubsuit)
     • 4NT = 24, 3+ (all bids agreeing •)
... − 4♦
4♥ - ?
     • 4 \spadesuit = agreeing \spadesuit
     • 4NT = SIGN-OFF
     • 5\Phi = agreeing \bullet
```

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

# P - 1♥

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

### P − 1♠

### **2♣** − ?

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

```
P - 1 ↑ ?

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

P - 1 ↑ 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 3 ↑ · 2 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 3 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 3 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 3 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ · 4 ↑ ·
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# 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
2♠ = 4♠, (18)19+
```

3-color reverse biddings:

```
x - y
z - ?
```

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

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

- 3 = 3y
- 3 = 5x 4z 2y 2
- 3 = 6x + 2y = 1
- 3 = 6x + 21y = 2
- 3NT = other

# 1.16 Preempt opening

### $2 \blacklozenge - ?$

•  $2NT = OGUST (after 2 \bullet only!)$ 

# 2 - 2NT

- 3 = 5-7, bad quality
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5-7$ , good  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$  quality
- $3 \lor = 8-10$ , bad quality
- $3 \spadesuit = 8-10$ , good quality

### **2♥** - ?

- $2 \spadesuit = \mathbf{ASK} \ \mathbf{LSF}$
- $2NT = 5 + \spadesuit$
- 3♣ = ♣/**♦GF**
- $3 \blacklozenge = INV \text{ to } 3NT$

### **2**♠ − ?

- 2NT = ASK LSF
- $3\Phi = \Phi/\phi GF$
- $3 \blacklozenge = INV \text{ to } 3NT$

# $2 \checkmark / 2 - 3$

?

- 3♥ = 1-♣
- 3♠ = 1-**♦**

$$2lap{/}{2}$$
  $-3 
ightharpoonup$ 

?

• 3OM = accept

$$2x - ?$$

• 4 = RKCB 0/1-Q/1+Q/2-Q/2+Q

# 1.17 Acol 2♣

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

### **2**♣ - ?

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

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

# **2**♣ - **2**♥

2NT - ?

System as after 2NT opening, except non-**GF** transfers:  $3 \diamondsuit$ ,  $3 \heartsuit$  force  $3 \heartsuit$ ,  $3 \diamondsuit$ .

# **2♣** − **2♦**

?

- 2NT = 23-24, BAL
- 2 = Kokish relay (see: Kokish relay)
- $2\spadesuit$ ,  $3\spadesuit$ ,  $3 \spadesuit = 5+$ , BAL
- $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit$ ,  $4 \spadesuit$ ,  $4 \diamondsuit$  = agreeing suit

$$2 - 2$$

2NT - ?

System as after 2NT opening

$$2 - 2$$

**2**♠ − ?

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

$$2 - 2$$

$$2 - 2NT$$

?

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

# 1.18 Acol – Kokish relay

- 2 = Kokish relay, forces 2
- 2NT = 23-24, BAL

$$2 - 2$$

?

• 
$$2NT = 25+$$
, BAL

• 
$$3 • = 6 \checkmark, 23 +$$

• 
$$3 \spadesuit = 5 \heartsuit + 4 \spadesuit, 23 +$$

$$2 - 2$$

$$2$$
  $- 2$ 

$$2NT - ?$$

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# 1.19 Rebid with 3-card support

### 1♣ - 1♥

• 
$$2 \spadesuit = 5 + \heartsuit$$
, INV<sup>+</sup>, ASK LSF

• 
$$2NT = 4 \checkmark$$
,  $INV$ 

• 
$$3 = 4 + 4$$
, INV

• 
$$3 • = 4 \lor, GF$$

• 
$$2NT = 44$$
,  $INV$ 

• 
$$3 = 4 + 4$$
, INV

• 
$$3 = 5$$
,  $INV^+$ ,  $ASK LSF$ 

• 
$$3 = 4 , GF$$

# 1.20 Ask LSF

Basic ASK LSF sequences:

- 1 2  $2 + 1^A$
- 1♣ 1♣ 3♣ - 3♣+1<sup>A</sup>

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

### **Answering:**

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

# 1.21 Gazilli

```
1♥ − 1♠
```

• 2 = 5 4 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1** 

```
1♥ – 1NT
```

- - 2 = 5 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
  - 2 = 5 ♥ 4 11-15
  - 2 = 11-15
  - $2 \spadesuit = 6 \heartsuit 5 \spadesuit GF$
  - $2NT = 6 \checkmark 5 \checkmark GF$
  - 3♣ = 5♥ 5♣ **GF**
  - $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 5 \blacklozenge \mathbf{GF}$
  - $3 \checkmark = agreeing \checkmark GF$

- $PASS = 5332 \ 12-14$
- 2 = 5 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**

- 2♦ = 5♠ 4♦ 11-15
- 2 = 5 4 11-15
- 2 = 11-15
- 2NT = 6 bigstyle 5 bigstyle GF
- $3 \clubsuit = 5 \spadesuit 5 \clubsuit GF$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit 5 \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$
- 3♥ = 5♠ 5♥ **GF**
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \spadesuit \text{GF}$

- **♦** = 8+
- **♥** = 2**♥** 5-7
- $\spadesuit = \text{good } 5 \spadesuit 5-7$
- 2NT = 1 7
- 3♣ = 6+♣ 5-7
- $3 \blacklozenge = 6 + \blacklozenge 5 7$
- $3 \checkmark = \checkmark \text{ fit, } \mathbf{GF}$

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

$$1 - 1NT$$

• 2**♦** = 8+

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

$$2 - 2$$

?

- 2 = 5 4 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♠ = 5♥ 4♠ **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+

$$1 - 1NT$$

$$2 - 2$$

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

- 3♣ = 5♠ 4♣ 16+
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit 4 \spadesuit 16 +$
- $3 \spadesuit = 6 \spadesuit 16 +$

# 1.22 Mini Splinters

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

### 1♥ - ?

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

### **1**♠ − ?

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

# **1♥** - **2♠**

?

• 2NT = ASK LSF

### 1 - 2NT

?

•  $3 \clubsuit = \mathbf{ASK} \ \mathbf{LSF}$ 

### 1♥ - 2♠

2NT - ?

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

$$1$$
  $-2$ NT

3♣ - ?

• 3 = 4 shortness

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

# 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

•  $3 \blacklozenge = \text{preempt}$ 

# 2.2 1**₩** (×)

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

# **1**♠ - (×) - ?

- $\times \times = 10 + \text{(may have } 3 \spadesuit \text{)}$
- 1NT = TRSF to 2•
- 2 = TRSF to 2
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{TRSF to } 2 \blacktriangledown$
- 2 = TRSF to 2 , constructive 8-10
- $2 \spadesuit = 4-7, 3 \spadesuit$
- $2NT = 4 \triangle INV^+$
- 3 4 = 4, (3)4 + 10
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, (3)4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} INV^+$

!!

- 3 = 4 + 4, 6-9
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 + \spadesuit$ , 0-5
- 3NT = 4 + 4, ASK LSF
- $4 \clubsuit = \text{semi-preempt}, \clubsuit, 4 + \spadesuit$
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{semi-preempt}, \blacklozenge, 4 + \spadesuit$
- $4 \nabla = \text{semi-preempt}, \nabla, 4 + \triangle$
- $4 \rightleftharpoons \text{preempt}$

# 2.3 1♠ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

!!

$$1 - (2 ) - ?$$

- $2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$ 
  - $\times$  = takeout
  - $2 \checkmark / 2 \spadesuit = \text{NAT } \mathbf{NF}$

  - 3 = 54 % GF
  - $3 \spadesuit = \text{ask for } \bullet \text{ stopper}$

$$1♣ - (2♥) - ?$$

- $\times$  = takeout
- $2 \spadesuit = \text{NAT } \mathbf{NF}$
- $2NT/3 \clubsuit/3 \blacktriangledown = transfer to \pounds/ / \bullet INV^+$
- 3 =ask stopper
- 3♠ = ♣

$$1 - (2 - ?)$$

- $\times$  = takeout
- 2NT/3 3 = transfer to 7 = 10 = 10
- $3 \checkmark =$ 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**
- $3 /3 \lor = \text{transfer to } \lor / •, INV^+$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{transfer to } \blacklozenge, \text{ GF}$

$$1 - (3) - ?$$

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

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

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times = \Phi$ , GF
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$ , no  $\forall$  stopper, **GF**

$$1 - (3 - ?)$$

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

•  $\times = 4$ , **GF**, no stopper

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

## 2.5 1♥ opening: dealing with opponent's preempt overcall

TODO

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

TODO

#### 2.7 1<sub>NT</sub> – dealing with interference

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

$$2 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$$

• 
$$\times$$
 = Stayman

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

$$2 - 5/4$$

• 
$$\times = 8+$$

• 
$$2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$$
,  $2 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$ ,  $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ ,  $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$  = to play

• 
$$2NT = minors$$

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

$$2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$$

- $\times$  = negative
- $2 \checkmark$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$  = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- $3 = 5 + \forall$ ,  $INV^+$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 1 \blacklozenge$ ,  $\mathbf{INV}^+$
- 3 = 5 + 4,  $INV^+$
- 3 = 5 + 4,  $INV^+$

- 3NT = no stopper
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$

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

$$2 > 6 +$$

- $\times = 8+$
- $2 \checkmark$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$  = 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
- $4 \bullet$ ,  $4 \heartsuit = \text{Texas}$

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

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

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

- $\times$  = negative
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3 = 5 + •,  $INV^+$

- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}$ ,  $INV^+$
- 3♥ = 55♣, **GF**
- $3 = 1 1 \cdot 100$
- 3NT = no ♠ stopper
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{Texas}$

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

 $2nt = \clubsuit$ 

- $\times = 10+$
- 3♣ = Stayman
- $3 \bullet = 5 + \heartsuit$ ,  $INV^+$
- 3 = 5 + 4,  $INV^+$

1NT - (3-) - ?

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

1NT - (3) - ?

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

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

× artificial

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

 $\times$  = penalty

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

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

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

#### 2.8 Dealing with Michaels & Unusual 2nt

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

 $2NT = \clubsuit$ 

- 3♣ = ♥, INV<sup>+</sup>
- $3 \blacklozenge = \spadesuit$ ,  $INV^+$
- 3% = to play

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

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

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

- 3♣ = 5♥, **GF**
- $3 \Rightarrow INV^+$ , fit
- $3 \mathbf{V} = 6 \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{NF}$
- $3 \triangleq$  = simple raise 6-9

$$1 - (2 ) - ?$$

$$2 \blacklozenge =$$

• 
$$2 \lor = \clubsuit$$
,  $INV^+$ 

• 
$$2 \spadesuit = \blacklozenge$$
, **GF**

$$1$$
♥  $-(2$ ♥)  $-?$ 

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

#### Acol interference

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

$$\times = \Phi$$

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

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

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

#### LSF – dealing with interference

- $\times$  = 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

#### 2.11 RKCB – dealing with interference

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

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

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# 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 2<sub>NT</sub>

- (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 = weak (6+)
- $(1^{\diamond}) ?$ 
  - $2 \rightarrow$  = Michaels
- (1•) 2• (P) ?
  - 2 = preference
  - $3 = \forall$ , INV<sup>+</sup>
  - $3 \blacklozenge = \spadesuit$ , INV<sup>+</sup>
  - 3% = mixed raise
  - 4% = preempt
- (1 ) 2 (P) ?
  - $2 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$
  - $2NT = \text{show minor}, INV^+$
  - 3 = pass/correct
  - $3 \bullet = 4$  fit,  $INV^+$
  - 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
- $4 \nabla = \mathbf{A}$ , strong

!!

!

!!

!

•  $4NT = \clubsuit$ , 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
- $4 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$

$$(2^{\blacktriangledown}) - \times - (P) - 2NT$$
  
 $(P) - 3^{\bigstar} - (P) - ?$ 

- $3 \Rightarrow = \text{weak}$
- $3 \checkmark = 4 \spadesuit$ , 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

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

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

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

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

• 
$$4 = SIGN-OFF$$

• 
$$4 \spadesuit = \text{SIGN-OFF}$$

• 
$$4NT = agreeing$$

• 
$$5 = agreeing$$

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

• 
$$PASS = SIGN-OFF$$

• 
$$4 \Rightarrow = agreeing •$$

• 
$$4NT = agreeing$$

• 
$$5 \blacklozenge = SIGN-OFF$$

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

• 
$$PASS = SIGN-OFF$$

• 
$$4NT = agreeing •$$

• 
$$5 = agreeing$$

• 
$$5 \Rightarrow = SIGN-OFF$$

$$(3)$$
 - ?

• 
$$4\clubsuit = \text{NAT}$$

!!

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#### 3.5 2<sub>NT</sub> 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  $\spadesuit$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 4 \spadesuit GF$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{forces } 3 \spadesuit, 5 + \spadesuit, \text{ weak or } GF$
- $3 = \log \min(\text{minor/minors}, \text{no } \forall \text{shortness}, 3\text{NT} = ASK)$
- 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♠ = 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  $\forall$  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  $4 \cdot 4$

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

- $3 \checkmark = \text{minors}$
- 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  $\diamondsuit$
- $3 \blacklozenge = \text{forces } 3 \blacktriangledown, 5 + \blacktriangledown, \text{ weak or } \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 = \log \min(-1)$  shortness, 3 = ASK
- 3♠ = 4♥, **GF**
- 3NT = to play
- $4\clubsuit = 6\clubsuit$  5 $\blacktriangledown$ , 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
- $4\clubsuit$ ,  $4\blacklozenge$  = own suit
- 4♥ = 3♥

$$(2 \stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}) - 2 NT - (P) - 3 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}$$

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

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

$$(2•) - 2NT - (P) - 3$$

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

• 4 - 4 = NAT, agreeing suit

- $4 \checkmark = 1 \spadesuit$  both minors
- $4 \rightleftharpoons \text{ void } \spadesuit \text{ both minors}$

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

- 4♣ = 4♥
- 3NT = to play

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

- 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

!!

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

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

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

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

• 
$$\times$$
 = takeout

$$(2 \color{red} lacktriangle) - P - (2 \color{red} lacktriangle) - P$$

$$(P) - ?$$

• 
$$2NT = \clubsuit$$

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

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

• 
$$3\Phi = \text{Stayman}$$

- $3 \rightleftharpoons = \text{TRSF to } \forall, \text{ GF} + \text{ superaccepts}$
- 3 = TRSF to , GF + superaccepts
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{TRSF to NT}$ , no % stoppers
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = Texas$

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

- 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**
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = Texas$

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

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

$$(2 
ightharpoonup) - \times - (2 \rightharpoonup) - \times (P) - ?$$

- 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
- $3 \clubsuit = NAT, GF$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = NAT, GF$
- $3 \lor = NAT, GF$
- 3♠ = maximum, no ♠ stopper
- 3NT = maximum, stopper

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

$$(24) - P - (P) - ?$$

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

- 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+
- $2NT = 4 \checkmark, 5 + 4 \checkmark$

#### 3.9 Other

- $(1^{\bullet})$  ?
  - $3 \blacklozenge = \text{gambling } \clubsuit$
- (1.) ?
  - $3 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$  preempt
- 1♣ (×) ?
  - $2NT = preempt \, \clubsuit$
  - 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