Bridge Bidding System

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1 One side bidding

1.1 $1 \rightleftharpoons \text{ opening}$

1♣ - ?

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

1♦ − ?

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

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

1 - 1 2 - 2

• $2 \lor = \text{NAT}, \mathbf{F1}$

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

 $2 \blacklozenge - 2NT$

• 2 = 3 + 4, **F1**

• 3 = 3, **GF**

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

• $3 \spadesuit = 3 \spadesuit \max$

1♣ - 2♣

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

1 – 2

 $2 \blacklozenge - ?$

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

$1 \blacklozenge - 2 \blacklozenge$

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

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

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• 2NT = ASK LSF

1♣ – **2♠**

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

1♦ - **2**♠

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

Two way checkback

After any $1\mathbf{x} - 1\mathbf{y} - 1\mathbf{z}$ sequence (except: 1 - 1 = 1 = 1).

$$1x - 1y$$

1z - ?

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

1.2 Negative 1♦

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

1♣ − **1**♦

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

1♣ - 1♦

1₩ − ?

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

1.3 1**₩** opening

1♥ - ?

- $1 \spadesuit = 4 + \spadesuit$, no $3 \heartsuit$ OR $5 \spadesuit 3 \heartsuit + \mathbf{GF}$
- 1NT = 5-11HCP, (or 5-7HCP with \forall fit)
- $2\Phi = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$, **GF**
- 2 = constructive raise
- $2 = \min \text{ splinter}$
- 2NT = limit raise

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

1♠ − ?

- 1NT = 5-11HCP, (or 5-7HCP with \spadesuit fit)
- $2 = \text{any } \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacklozenge$, **GF**
- 2 = 5, **GF**
- 2 = constructive raise
- 2NT = mini splinter
- $3\clubsuit = \text{solid } 6\clubsuit$, INV
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{solid } 6 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, INV$
- 3 = 3 + 4, INV
- 3 = mixed raise
- 3NT = splinter
- $4\clubsuit = \text{splinter } \clubsuit$
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{splinter} \blacklozenge$
- $4 \nabla = 11 \text{HCP}, 4 \spadesuit$, no shortness

1♥ - 1♠

• $2NT = INV^+$ art

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1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2 NT
                                                                                                         !!
    • 3\clubsuit = any minimum or NAT, \mathbf{F} (\rightarrow 3\spadesuit = ask)
    • 3 \blacklozenge = 4 + \blacklozenge, max
    • 3 \checkmark = 7 + \checkmark, max (cue = agreeing \checkmark)
    • 3 \spadesuit = 3 + \spadesuit, max
1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2NT
3♠ - ?
    • 4 = agreeing 
    • 4 \blacklozenge = agreeing \spadesuit
1♥ - 1♠
2 V - 2NT
3 - 3 - ?
    • 3 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} \spadesuit, \text{GF}
1♥ - 1♠
2  – 2 NT
3♣ - 3♦
    • 3 = \min, no 3 
    • 3 \spadesuit = \min, 3 \spadesuit
    • 3NT = max, 4
1♥ - 1♠
2 \blacktriangledown - 2NT
(3\clubsuit - 3\spadesuit)
3♥ - ?
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• $3 \spadesuit = \text{agreeing} , \text{ASK LSF}$

1.4 2/1 GF

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

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

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\frac{\mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{y}}{2\mathbf{NT} - ?}
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• 3 = checkback

$$x - 2y$$
 $2NT - 3$

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

1.5 Responder's 2nt rebid

3-color auction

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

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

$$egin{array}{l} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{2NT} \\ \mathbf{7} \end{array}$$

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

• 3NT = 5x 4z 1-y 3+

1.6 Rebid 2nt

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

- 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

1.7 1nt opening

1 NT opening = (14)15-17 BAL

1NT - ?

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

1NT - 2

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

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

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

1NT − 3♥

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

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$$1NT - 2$$

- $2 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$, 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

• $3 \checkmark = 5 \spadesuit 4 \checkmark$, INV

1NT - 2

$$2$$
 $- 2$

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

$$1NT - 2$$

?

• PASS, $3 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$

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

1.8 2nt opening

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

2NT - ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{forces } 3 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}, \text{ GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{forces } 3 \spadesuit, \text{ GF}$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{forces } 3 \text{NT}$
- 3NT = 5 4 , NF
- 4♣ = 55 **%**
- 4 •, $4 \checkmark = Texas$
- 4NT = quantitative

2NT − 3♦

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

- 3**★** =2**★**
- 3NT =3♠
- $4\clubsuit$, $4\blacklozenge = 4+\spadesuit$, cue bid

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2NT - 3

3NT - ?

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

1.9 2_{NT} opening – extended

2NT - 3

3♦ − ?

• 4 = Minor Puppet Stayman

2NT - 3

3₩ − ?

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

2NT - 3♣

(3 - 3)

3NT - ?

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

2NT - 3

3♥ - ?

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

2NT - 3♥

3♠ − ?

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

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

4 - ?

- 4♥ = 4♣
- 4♠ = 4♦
- 4NT = SIGN-OFF

$$4 \blacklozenge - 4 \blacktriangledown$$

?

- 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 $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$
- $5 \checkmark = \text{fit } 2 \text{ Aces, } Q$

$$4 \blacklozenge - 4 \spadesuit$$

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- 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

- $5 \triangleq = \text{fit} 2 \text{ Aces, } Q$
- ... 4 💠

4♥ − ?

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

... - 4

4♠ − ?

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

... − 4**♦** ?

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

... - 4

4♥ - ?

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

1.10 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 $5 \clubsuit$
- 3% = 5-fit 4-6DP (or 4 with shortness)
- 3NT over $1 \spadesuit (3 \spadesuit \text{ over } 1 \heartsuit) = \text{Two Tiered Splinters} = 4 + \heartsuit$, unspecified singleton, (10)11DP
- 4 4 / 4 / 4 = void splinter

P-1

2♣ - ?

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

P − 1♠

2♣ - ?

- 2 =no interest in the game
- $2 \Rightarrow INV$

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• 2NT = ASK LSF, usually 18-20 BAL
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•
$$3 - 3 / 3 / 3 = 55(54)$$
 Slam Try

•
$$3NT/4 - 4\sqrt{4} = splinter (3NT = 4)$$

• $4 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$

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P-1
2
2
2
2
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• 3x = NAT, unspecified singleton, +4-fit ★ support

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

1.11 Non Serious 3_{NT}

After agreeing on \bigvee (\spadesuit), if **GF**, the no-jump $3\spadesuit$ (3NT) bid is an invite (usually no shortness) to Slam. The (serious) cue bid instead of non serious bid forces partner to show their cue.

1.12 Reverses, jump shifts and jump reverses

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1x - 1y - ?
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- $2\mathbf{z}$, $\mathbf{y} < \mathbf{z} = \text{reverse}$
- $3\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} > \mathbf{z} = \text{jump shift}$
- 3z, y < z = jump reverse

1m - 1 - ?

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

1.13 Preempt opening

2♦ − ?

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

$2 \blacklozenge - 2NT$

?

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

2♥ - ?

- 2 = ASK LSF
- $2NT = 5 + \spadesuit$
- 3 = 4/ **GF**
- $3 \blacklozenge = INV$ to 3NT

2♠ − ?

- 2NT = ASK LSF
- 3 = 4/ GF
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = INV$ to 3NT

?

- 3♥ = 1-♣

• 3OM = accept

2x - ?

• 4 = RKCB 0/1-Q/1+Q/2-Q/2+Q

1.14 Acol 2♣

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{positive } 4+, \mathbf{GF}$
- 2 = negative 3-
- $2\spadesuit$, $3\clubsuit$, 3♦ = own suit 5+
- 2NT = own suit () 5+

$$2 - 2$$

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

$$2NT - ?$$

System as after 2NT opening, except non-GF transfers: $3 \blacklozenge$, $3 \blacktriangledown$ force $3 \blacktriangledown$, $3 \spadesuit$.

$$2 - 2$$

• 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♥ - ?

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

$$2 - 2$$

2♠ − ?

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

$$2 - 2$$

$$2$$
 $- 2$

?

- 2NT = 5 + 4
- 3 = 5 + 4
- 3**♦** = 6+**♥**
- 3 = 5 + 4

$$2 - 2$$

$$2 - 2NT$$

?

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

• $3 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit + 4 \clubsuit$

1.15 Acol – Kokish relay

2♣ - **2**♦

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

2 - 2

 $2 \checkmark - 2 \spadesuit$

?

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

2 - 2

2♥ - **2♠**

2NT - ?

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1.16 Rebid with 3-card support

1♣ - 1♥

2♥ - ?

- $2 \spadesuit = 5 + \heartsuit$, INV⁺, ASK LSF
- $2NT = 4 \checkmark$, INV
- 3 = 4 + 4, INV
- $3 \blacklozenge = 4 \blacktriangledown$, **GF**

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1♣ - 1♠
2♠ - ?
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- 2NT = 4, INV
- 3 = 4 + 4, INV
- 3 = 5, INV^+ , ASK LSF
- 3 = 4 , GF

1.17 Ask LSF

All basic ASK LSF sequences:

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

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

Answering:

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

1.18 Gazilli

1♥ - **1♠**

• 2 = 5 • 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**

1♥ – **1NT** ?

• 2 = 5 • 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**

- 2 > = 5 4 > 11-15
- 2♥ = 11-15
- $2 \spadesuit = 6 \heartsuit 5 \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$
- $2NT = 6 \checkmark 5 \Leftrightarrow GF$
- 3♣ = 5♥ 5♣ **GF**
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 5 \blacklozenge \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \lor = agreeing \lor GF$

1 - 1NT

?

- $PASS = 5332 \ 12-14$
- 2 = 5 = 5 = 11-15 OR 16 + HCP = 1
- 2 = 5 4 11-15
- 2 = 5 4 11-15
- 2 = 11-15
- 2NT = 6 4 5 GF
- $3 \clubsuit = 5 \spadesuit 5 \clubsuit GF$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit 5 \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = 6 4 5 \checkmark GF$
- $3 \triangleq \text{agreeing} \triangleq \mathbf{GF}$

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

1 - 1 NT

2♣ – ?

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

1 - 1NT

2♣ - ?

- 2**♦** = 8+
- 2 = 5 = 5 = 7
- 2♠ = 2-3♠ 5-7
- 2NT = 1 45 7
- 3♣ = 6+♣ 5-7
- 3 > 6 + 5 = 7

1♥ - 1♠

2 - 2

?

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

$$2 - 2$$

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$$2 = 5 4 11-15$$

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$$2NT = 5332 18-20$$

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$$3 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 4 \blacklozenge 16 +$$

$$1 - 1NT$$

$$2 - 2$$

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$$2 = 5 4 = 16 + 16 + 16 = 100$$

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$$2NT = 5332 18-20$$

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$$3 > = 5 \implies 4 > 16 +$$

1.19 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**♠

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- 2NT = ASK LSF
- 1 2NT

?

- $3 \clubsuit = \mathbf{ASK} \ \mathbf{LSF}$
- **1♥ 2♠**

2NT - ?

- $3 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$ shortness
- $3 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$ shortness
- 3 = 4 shortness
- $3 \spadesuit = \spadesuit$ shortness **GF** (max)
- $1 \red 2NT$

3♣ - ?

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

2 Competitive bidding – dealing with interference

2.1 1_{NT} – dealing with interference

1NT - (2 - ?)

 $2 \clubsuit = \clubsuit$

• \times = Stayman

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

2 - 5/4

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

1NT - (2) - ?

 $2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$

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

- 3 = 5 + 4, INV^+
- 3 = 5 + 4, INV^+
- 3nt = no ♦ stopper
- $4 \blacklozenge$, $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$

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

$$2 > 6 +$$

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

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

- \times = negative
- $2 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- $3 = 5 + , INV^+$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$, INV^+
- $3 \checkmark = 1 \checkmark$, \mathbf{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
- $4 \rightarrow = \text{Texas}$

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

$$2NT = \clubsuit$$

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

1NT - (3-) - ?

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

1NT - (3) - ?

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

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

× artificial

SYSTEM ON

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

 \times = penalty

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

$$\begin{aligned} &1NT-\left(\times \right) -P^{\text{A}}-\left(P\right) \\ &\times\times-\left(P\right) -?\end{aligned}$$

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

2.2 Acol interference

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

 $\times = \clubsuit$

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

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

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

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2.3 LSF – dealing with interference

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

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

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

2.4 Transfers after $1 \% (\times)$

1♥ - (×) -?

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

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

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

2.5 RKCB – dealing with interference

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

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

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3 Defensive bidding – how to overcall

3.1 Overcalls after 1_{NT} opening

(1NT) - ?

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

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

- 2 = PASS/correct
- 2
 ightharpoonup = 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♣ = 2+ or fully artificial

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

- 1 > = NAT (5+)
- 2 = Michaels
- 2 = weak (6+)

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

• 2 = Michaels

3.3 Dealing with preempts

(2) - ?

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

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

$$(2♥) - × - (P) - ?$$

- 2NT = Better Minor Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 0-11, 5+♣
- 2 = weak
- 3 = INV (8-11)
- $3 \checkmark = \text{no } 4 \spadesuit$, no \checkmark stopper
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit$, INV (8-11)
- 3NT = no 44, \forall stopper
- $4 \nabla = \clubsuit$, no ∇ control, Slam Try

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• $4 \spadesuit = \text{to play}$

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

- $(\mathbf{P}) 3\mathbf{m} (\mathbf{P}) ?$ $\bullet \quad 3 \bullet = \text{weak}$
 - $3 \checkmark = 4 \spadesuit$, no \checkmark stopper
 - $3 \spadesuit = 4 \spadesuit$, INV (8-11)
 - 3NT = 44, \forall stopper

$$(2
ightharpoonup) - imes - (3
ightharpoonup) - ?$$

• $\times = \text{no } 44, 10+$

$$(2.) - ?$$

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

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

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

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

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$$(2\clubsuit) - \times - (P) - 2NT$$

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

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

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

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

3.4 Two-suiter overcalls

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

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

$$(2•) - 4• - (P) - ?$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• $4\clubsuit = NAT$

3.5 2nt overcall after major preempt

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$$(2\%) - ?$$

• 2NT = 16-18 BAL, promises ♥ stopper

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (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 $4 \cdot 4$
- 4♠ = 3♠

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

$$(P) - ?$$

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

$$(2)$$
 – 2 NT – (P) – 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 $(P) - 3 \diamondsuit - (P) - ?$

- PASS = weak with ◆
- 3♥ = 3-♥
- $3 \spadesuit = 4 \heartsuit$

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$$3NT = 5$$

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

$$(P) - 3♦ - (P) - 3♥$$

$$(P) - ?$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$(P) - 3$$
 $\vee - (P) - ?$

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

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$$4 - 4 = NAT$$

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

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

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

$$(2•) - 2NT - (P) - 3•$$

(P) -?

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$$3NT = to play$$

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

 $(P) - 4\blacktriangledown - (P) - ?$

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

3.6 Overcalls after 2NT opening

(2NT) - ?

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

3.7 Dealing with Multi/Wilkosz

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

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

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

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

System like after 2♦ preempt.

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

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

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

- PASS = no suitable call OR takeout with ♥ shortness
- \times = takeout with \spadesuit shortness

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• 2NT = 17-19, BAL

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

• \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)
- $3\Phi = \text{Stayman}$
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{TRSF to } \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}, \text{ GF} + \text{ superaccepts}$
- 3 = TRSF to , GF + superaccepts
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{TRSF to NT}$, no $\$ \implies$ stoppers
- $4 \blacklozenge$, $4 \blacktriangledown = Texas$

$$(2 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}) - \times - (\times \times / \text{PASS}) - 2 \text{NT}$$

 $(P) - 3 \stackrel{\clubsuit}{\bullet} - (P) - ?$

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

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

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

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

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

 $(P) - 3 \stackrel{\clubsuit}{•} - (P) - ?$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$(2•) - P - (P) - ?$$

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

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

Overcalls after mini 1_{NT} opening

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

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

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