# Bridge Bidding System

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### 1 1m opening

### 1♣ - ?

- 1 > 0 6
- 1 = 4 +
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 7-10, no 4M
- $2 = 12-14 \text{ BAL or } , \mathbf{GF}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{no } 4\mathbf{M}, 5 + \blacklozenge, \mathbf{GF}$
- 2♥ = 5♠4♥ 6-9
- 2 = 11 + BAL, no 4M
- 2NT = 11-12 BAL
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

#### **1**♦ - ?

- 1 = 4 +
- 1♠ = 4+♠
- 1NT = 6-10, no 4M, no 4M, no 4M
- 2 = 12-14 BAL or , GF

- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{no } 4\mathbf{M}, 4 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, \mathbf{GF}$
- 2♥ = 5♠4♥ 6-9
- 2 = 11 + BAL, no 4M
- 2NT = 11-12 BAL
- 3NT = 15-17 BAL

### **1♣** - **2♣**

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- $2 \Rightarrow BAL$
- $2 \checkmark = 5 4 \checkmark \text{ UNBAL}$
- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \clubsuit 4 \spadesuit$  UNBAL
- 2NT = 5 4 UNBAL
- 3♣ = ♣ UNBAL

### 1 > -2 >

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- 2 = stopper
- $2 \spadesuit = stopper$
- 2NT = 4 stopper
- 3 = sign off (treshold for invite)

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

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• 2NT = ASK LSF

# 1 - 2

- 2NT = BAL min
- $3\clubsuit = 5+\clubsuit \min$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 + \blacklozenge \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \lor = 1 \lor, 5 + \clubsuit GF$
- 3 = 1 4, 5 + 6
- 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

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

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

### 2 1nt opening

1 NT opening = (14)15-17 BAL

#### 1NT - ?

- 2 = Stayman
- $2 \blacklozenge = \text{forces } 2 \blacktriangledown$
- 2 = forces 2
- $2 \spadesuit = \text{inv or } \rightarrow \clubsuit$
- $2NT = \rightarrow \bullet$
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3**♦** = 55**♣**
- 3 = 3 1 7, 54
- 3 = 3 1 4, 54 + 4
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = 55**\**
- $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown = \text{Texas}$
- 4NT = Quantitative

### 1NT - 2

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

#### 1NT-2NT

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

### 1NT – 3♥

- $3 \spadesuit = NAT$
- 3NT = to play
- 4 = exclusion, choose
- 4NT = choose

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$$1NT - 2$$

$$2 - ?$$

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

#### 1NT - 2

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

#### 1NT - 2

•  $3 \checkmark = 5 \checkmark 4 \checkmark$ , inv

#### 1NT - 2

$$2$$
  $- 2$ 

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

# $\begin{array}{c} 1NT-2 \blacktriangledown \\ 2 \clubsuit -3 \blacktriangledown \end{array}$

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- PASS,  $3 \triangleq$  to play
- 3NT,  $4 \checkmark$ ,  $4 \spadesuit$  = to play

### 3 Overcalling 1nt

(1NT) - ?

- $\times = 5 + 4$
- 2 = 54 **\**
- 2 > 6 +
- $2 \mathbf{V} = 5 \mathbf{V} + 4 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}$
- $2 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit + 4 \spadesuit$

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

- 2 = PASS/correct
- $2 \Rightarrow = \text{own suit}$
- 2 = PASS/correct
- 2 = own suit
- 2NT = show minor
- 3 
  ightharpoonup = show major

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

- $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{show better major}$
- $2 \checkmark$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$  = preference

(1NT) - 2 - (P) - ?

- 2 = PASS/correct
- $2 \spadesuit = \text{inv with } \blacktriangledown$

### 4 1<sub>NT</sub> – dealing with interference

1NT - (2 - ?)

- 2♣ = ♣
  - $\times$  = Stayman

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

- 2 = 5/4
  - × = 8+
    - $2 \checkmark$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$ ,  $3 \spadesuit$  = to play
  - 2NT = minors

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

- $2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$ 
  - $\times$  = negative
  - $2 \checkmark$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$  = to play
  - 2NT = Lebensohl
  - $3 \clubsuit = 5 + \heartsuit$ , inv+
  - $3 \blacklozenge = 1 \blacklozenge$ , inv+
  - 3 = 5 + 4, inv+
  - $3 \spadesuit = 5 + \spadesuit$ , inv+
  - 3NT = no ♦ stopper
  - $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ ,  $4 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown} = \text{Texas}$

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

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

1NT - (2 ) - ?

- $\times$  = negative
- 2 = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3 = 5 +, inv+
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ , inv+
- $3 \checkmark = 1 \checkmark$ , inv+
- 3 = 55 , GF
- 3NT = no stopper
- 4 = Texas

### 1NT - (2•) - ?

- $\times$  = negative
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- $3 \clubsuit = 5 + •$ , inv+
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}$ , inv+
- $3 \lor = 55 ..., GF$
- $3 \spadesuit = 1 \spadesuit$ , inv+
- 3nt = no ♠ stopper
- $4 \blacklozenge = \text{Texas}$

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

2NT = minor

- $\times = 10+$
- 3 = Stayman
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5 + \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown}$ , inv+
- $3 \checkmark = 5 + \spadesuit$ , inv+

### $1NT - (3\clubsuit) - ?$

- $\times$  = negative
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 + \blacktriangledown$ , inv+
- 3 = 5 + 4, inv+
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 + \spadesuit$ , inv+
- 3NT = to play

1NT - (3) - ?

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

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

 $\times$  artificial SYSTEM ON

 $1NT - (\times) - ?$ 

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

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

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

### 5 2nt opening

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

#### 2NT - ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- $3 \blacklozenge = \text{forces } 3 \blacktriangledown, \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{forces } 3 \spadesuit, \text{ GF}$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{forces } 3 \text{NT}$
- 3NT = 5 4
- 4 = 55 M
- $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ ,  $4 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\blacktriangledown} = \text{Texas}$
- 4NT = Quantitative

#### 2NT - 3

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- 3 = 2
- $3 = 4 + \forall$ , cue bid
- 3NT = =3
- $4\clubsuit$ ,  $4\blacklozenge = 4+\blacktriangledown$ , cue bid

### 2NT − 3♥

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

2NT - 3

3nt -?

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

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### 7 Reverses, jump shifts and jump reverses

1x - 1y - ?

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

1m - 1 - ?

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

### 8 Preempt opening

TBD

### 9 Acol 2♣

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

#### **2♣** − ?

- $2 \rightarrow = positive 4+, GF$
- 2 = negative 3
- $2\spadesuit$ ,  $3\spadesuit$ ,  $3\spadesuit$  own suit 5+
- 2NT = own suit ( ) 5+

### **2♣** – **2♥**

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- PASS = good
- 2 = 5+, F1
- 2NT = min BAL, NF

any other bid = GF

$$2 - 2$$

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- 2NT = min BAL
- $2 \checkmark$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$ ,  $3 \spadesuit$ ,  $3 \spadesuit = 5 +$ , UNBAL
- $3 \checkmark$ ,  $3 \spadesuit$ ,  $4 \spadesuit$ ,  $4 \diamondsuit$  = suit fixed

$$2 - 2$$

$$2nt - ?$$

System as after 2NT opening

$$2 - 2$$

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

$$2 - 2$$

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

$$2 - 2$$

$$2$$
  $\vee$   $2$ 

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

$$2 - 2$$

$$2 - 2NT$$

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• 
$$3 - 5 + 4$$

• 
$$3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit + 4 \blacktriangledown$$

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

#### Acol interference

$$2 - (x) - ?$$

- $\times$  = negative
- PASS = positive

## 10 Dealing with preempts

 $\operatorname{TBD}$ 

### 11 Rebid with 3-card support

**TBD** 

### 12 Ask LSF

All basic ASK LSF sequences:

- $1\mathbf{M} 2\mathbf{M}$  $2\mathbf{M} + 1^{\mathbf{A}}$
- $1 \rightleftharpoons -1 \mathbf{M}$  $2\mathbf{M} - 2\mathbf{M} + 1^{\mathbf{A}}$
- $1\mathbf{M} 2\mathbf{x}$  $2\mathbf{M} - 2\mathbf{M} + 1^{\mathbf{A}}$
- $1 \clubsuit 1M$  $3M - 3M + 1^A$

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

#### **Answering:**

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

### 13 Gazilli

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1♥ - 1♠
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• 2 = 5 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1** 

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1♥ – 1NT ?
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- 2 = 5 11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 4 \blacklozenge 11-15$
- 2 = 11-15
- $2 \spadesuit = 6 \checkmark 5 \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$

- $2NT = 6 \checkmark 5 \Leftrightarrow GF$
- 3♣ = 5♥5♣ **GF**
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \blacktriangledown 5 \blacklozenge \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \lor = \text{fixes} \lor \mathbf{GF}$

#### 1 - 1NT

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- PASS =  $5332 \ 12-14$
- $2 = 5 = 11-15 \text{ OR } 16 + \text{HCP } \mathbf{F1}$
- $2 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit 4 \blacklozenge 11-15$
- $2 \lor = 5 4 \lor 11-15$
- 2 = 11-15
- 2NT = 6 45 GF
- $3 \clubsuit = 5 \spadesuit 5 \clubsuit GF$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit 5 \blacklozenge \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = 6 45 \checkmark GF$
- $3 \spadesuit = \text{fixes} \spadesuit \text{GF}$

#### 1♥ - 1♠

**2♣** – ?

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

#### V- 1NT

#### ♣ - ?

• 
$$2 > 8 +$$

• 
$$2 = 55 5 - 7$$

• 
$$2NT = 1 - 7$$

• 
$$3 \blacklozenge = 6 + \blacklozenge 5 - 7$$

$$1 - 1NT$$

#### **2♣** – ?

• 
$$2 > 8 +$$

• 
$$2 = 5 = 5 = 7$$

• 
$$2NT = 1 - 45 - 7$$

• 
$$3 > 6 + 5 - 7$$

$$2 - 2$$

• 
$$2 = 5$$
,  $= 3$   $16 +$ 

• 
$$2NT = 5332 18-20$$

• 
$$3 = 5 4 = 16 +$$

• 
$$3 > = 5 \checkmark 4 > 16 +$$

• 
$$3 \spadesuit = 5 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit GF$$

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

### 14 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 = ASK LSF

### 1 $\vee$ -2

2nt - ?

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

### **1**♠ - **2**nt

3♣ - ?

- 3 = 4 shortness
- $3 \lor = \bullet$  shortness
- $3 \spadesuit =$  shortness
- $3NT = \bigvee \text{shortness } \mathbf{GF} \text{ (max)}$

#### Transfers after $1_{\text{M}}$ ( $\times$ ) **15**

TBD

### 16 2nt overcall after major preempt

(2M) - ?

• 2NT = 16-18 BAL, promises **M** stopper

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

- $3\clubsuit = \text{forces } 3\diamondsuit$ , 1- $\bigvee$ GFOR weak with  $\diamondsuit$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 4 \spadesuit \mathbf{GF}$
- $3 \checkmark = \text{forces } 3 \spadesuit$ , weak or **GF**
- $3 \spadesuit = \log \min(\text{minor/minors}, \text{ no } \forall \text{ shortness}, 3\text{NT} = \text{ASK}$
- 3NT = to play
- $4 \clubsuit = 5/5 \clubsuit \spadesuit$ , may have shortness
- $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = 5/5 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ , may have shortness
- 4♥ = 6+**♦**
- $4 \rightleftharpoons = \text{minors}$
- 4NT = Quantitative

TBD

### 17 Overcalling 2<sub>NT</sub>

**TBD** 

## 18 Dealing with Multi/Wilkosz

**TBD** 

### 19 Other

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{P} - (\mathbf{1}) - \mathbf{P} - (\mathbf{2}) \\ \mathbf{?} \end{array}$$

- $\times = \clubsuit \spadesuit$ , choose
- $2NT = \clubsuit \bullet$ , choose
- $3 \clubsuit = \text{to play}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1} \end{array}$$

- $\times = \clubsuit ,$  choose
  - $2NT = \clubsuit \bullet$ , choose
  - 3 = to play

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \blacklozenge - (1 \clubsuit) - P - (2 \clubsuit) \\ ? \end{array}$$

- $\times = , choose$
- 3 = 4, choose

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{1} \blacklozenge - (\mathbf{1} \blacktriangledown) - \mathbf{P} - (\mathbf{2} \blacktriangledown) \\ ? \end{array}$$

- $\times = •$ , choose
- 3 = 4, choose