

# 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 BAL or ♣, **GF**
- 2♦ = no 4M, 5+♦, **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 ♦ support
- 2♣ = 12-14 BAL or ♣, **GF**

- $2\diamond = \text{no } 4\mathbf{M}, 4+\diamond, \mathbf{GF}$
- $2\heartsuit = 5\spadesuit 4\heartsuit \text{ 6-9}$
- $2\spadesuit = 11+ \text{ BAL, no } 4\mathbf{M}$
- $2\text{NT} = 11\text{-}12 \text{ BAL}$
- $3\text{NT} = 15\text{-}17 \text{ BAL}$

$1\clubsuit - 2\clubsuit$   
?

- $2\diamond = \text{BAL}$
- $2\heartsuit = 5\clubsuit 4\heartsuit \text{ UNBAL}$
- $2\spadesuit = 5\clubsuit 4\spadesuit \text{ UNBAL}$
- $2\text{NT} = 5\clubsuit 4\diamond \text{ UNBAL}$
- $3\clubsuit = \clubsuit \text{ UNBAL}$

$1\diamond - 2\diamond$   
?

- $2\heartsuit = \heartsuit \text{ stopper}$
- $2\spadesuit = \spadesuit \text{ stopper}$
- $2\text{NT} = \clubsuit \text{ stopper}$
- $3\clubsuit = \text{sign off (threshold for invite)}$

bidding higher suit denies lower stopper

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

- $2\text{NT} = \text{ASK LSF}$

1♣ – 2♠  
?

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

1♦ – 2♠  
?

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

## Two way checkback

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

1x – 1y  
1z – ?

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

## 2 1NT opening

1NT opening = (14)15-17 BAL

1NT – ?

- 2♣ = Stayman
- 2♦ = forces 2♥
- 2♥ = forces 2♠
- 2♠ = inv or → ♣
- 2NT = → ♦
- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ = 55♣♦
- 3♥ = 3-♠1-♥, 54♣♦
- 3♠ = 3-♥1-♠, 54♣♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4♣ = 55♥♠
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas
- 4NT = Quantitative

1NT – 2♠

?

- 2NT = 14-15(16)
- 3♣ = (16)17

1NT – 2NT

?

- 3♣ = superaccept
- 3♦ = accept

1NT – 3♥  
?

- 3♠ = NAT
- 3NT = to play
- 4♥ = exclusion, choose ♣♦
- 4NT = choose ♣♦

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1NT – 2♣  
2♦ – ?

- 2♥ = 5♥4♠, to play
- 2♠ = 5♠4♥, to play
- 3♥ = 5♠4♥, **GF**
- 3♠ = 5♥4♠, **GF**

1NT – 2♦  
2♥ – ?

- 2♠ = 5♥4♠, inv

1NT – 2♥  
2♠ – ?

- 3♥ = 5♠4♥, inv

1NT – 2♦  
2♥ – 2♠  
?

- PASS, 2NT, 3♥ = to play
- 3NT, 4♥, 4♠ = to play

1NT – 2♥

2♠ – 3♥

?

- PASS, 3♠ = to play
- 3NT, 4♥, 4♠ = to play

### 3 Overcalling 1NT

(1NT) – ?

- ♠ = 5♣♦ + 4♥♠
- 2♣ = 5♦♥♠
- 2♦ = 6♥♠
- 2♥ = 5♥ + 4♣♦
- 2♠ = 5♠ + 4♣♦

(1NT) – ♠ – (P) – ?

- 2♣ = PASS/correct
- 2♦ = own suit
- 2♥ = PASS/correct
- 2♠ = own suit
- 2NT = show minor
- 3♦ = show major

(1NT) – 2♣ – (P) – ?

- 2♦ = show better major
- 2♥, 2♠ = preference

(1NT) – 2♦ – (P) – ?

- 2♥ = PASS/correct
- 2♠ = inv with ♥

## 4 1NT – dealing with interference

1NT – (2♣) – ?

2♣ = ♣

- ✕ = Stayman

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1NT – (2♣<sup>A</sup>) – ?

2♣ = 5/4 ♥♠

- ✕ = 8+
- 2♥, 2♠, 3♣ = to play
- 2NT = minors

1NT – (2♦) – ?

2♦ = ♦

- ✕ = negative
- 2♥, 2♠ = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♥, inv+
- 3♦ = 1-♦, inv+
- 3♥ = 5+♠, inv+
- 3♠ = 5+♣, inv+
- 3NT = no ♦ stopper
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas

1NT – (2♦<sup>A</sup>) – ?

2♦ = 6+ ♥♠

- ♠ = 8+
- 2♥, 2♠ = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♦, inv+
- 3♦ = 5+♥, inv+
- 3♥ = 5+♠, inv+
- 3♠ = 5/5 ♣♦
- 3NT = to play
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas

1NT – (2♥) – ?

- ♠ = negative
- 2♠ = to play
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♦, inv+
- 3♦ = 5+♠, inv+
- 3♥ = 1-♥, inv+
- 3♠ = 55 ♣♦, GF
- 3NT = no ♥ stopper
- 4♥ = Texas



1NT – (2♠) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 2NT = Lebensohl
- 3♣ = 5+♦, inv+
- 3♦ = 5+♥, inv+
- 3♥ = 55 ♣♦, GF
- 3♠ = 1-♠, inv+
- 3NT = no ♠ stopper
- 4♦ = Texas

1NT – (2nt<sup>A</sup>) – ?

2NT = minor

- ✕ = 10+
- 3♣ = Stayman
- 3♦ = 5+♥, inv+
- 3♥ = 5+♠, inv+

1NT – (3♣) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 3♦ = 5+♥, inv+
- 3♥ = 5+♠, inv+
- 3♠ = 5+♦, inv+
- 3NT = to play

1NT – (3♦) – ?

- ✕ = negative
- 3♥ = 5+♠, inv+
- 3♠ = 5+♥, GF
- 3NT = to play

1NT – (✕<sup>A</sup>) – ?

✕ artificial  
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1NT – (✕) – ?

✕ = penalty

- PASS = forces ♠♠
- ♠♠ = forces 2♣
- 2♣ = forces ♣+1

1NT – (✕) – P<sup>A</sup> – (P)

♠♠ – (P) – ?

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

## 5 2NT opening

2NT<sup>A</sup> opening = 21-22 BAL, may have 5M

2NT – ?

- 3♣ = Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ = forces 3♥, **GF**
- 3♥ = forces 3♠, **GF**
- 3♠ = forces 3NT
- 3NT = 5♠4♥
- 4♣ = 55 M
- 4♦, 4♥ = Texas
- 4NT = Quantitative

2NT – 3♦  
?

- 3♥ = =2♥
- 3♠ = 4+♥, cue bid
- 3NT = =3♠
- 4♣, 4♦ = 4+♥, cue bid

2NT – 3♥  
?

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

2NT – 3♠

3nt – ?

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

## 6 Drury

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## 7 Reverses, jump shifts and jump reverses

1x – 1y – ?

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

1m – 1♥ – ?

- 1♠ = 4♠, 12-17
- 2♠ = 4♠, (18)19+

## 8 Preempt opening

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## 9 Acol 2♣

2♣ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

2♣ – ?

- 2♦ = positive 4+, **GF**
- 2♥ = negative 3-
- 2♠, 3♣, 3♦ = own suit 5+
- 2NT = own suit (♥) 5+

2♣ – 2♥  
?

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

any other bid = **GF**

2♣ – 2♦  
?

- 2NT = min BAL
- 2♥, 2♠, 3♣, 3♦ = 5+, UNBAL
- 3♥, 3♠, 4♣, 4♦ = suit fixed

2♣ – 2♦  
2nt – ?

System as after 2NT opening

2♣ – 2♦  
2♥ – ?

- 3♥ = fit
- 3♠ = no fit, relay

2♣ – 2♦

2♠ – ?

- 2NT = no fit, relay
- 3♠ = fit

2♣ – 2♦

2♥ – 2♠

?

- 2NT = 5♥ + 4♣
- 3♣ = 5♥ + 4♦
- 3♦ = 6 + ♥
- 3♥ = 5♥ + 4♠

2♣ – 2♦

2♠ – 2NT

?

- 3♣ = 5♠ + 4♦
- 3♦ = 5♠ + 4♥
- 3♥ = 6 + ♠
- 3♠ = 5♠ + 4♣

Acol interference

2♣ – (x) – ?

- x = negative
- PASS = positive

## 10 Dealing with preempts

TBD

## 11 Rebid with 3-card support

TBD

## 12 Ask LSF

All basic ASK LSF sequences:

- $1M - 2M$   
 $2M+1^A$
- $1\clubsuit\spadesuit - 1M$   
 $2M - 2M+1^A$
- $1M - 2x$   
 $2M - 2M+1^A$
- $1\clubsuit\spadesuit - 1M$   
 $3M - 3M+1^A$

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

**Answering:**

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

## 13 Gazilli

$1\heartsuit - 1\spadesuit$   
?

- $2\clubsuit = 5\heartsuit\clubsuit$  11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**

$1\heartsuit - 1NT$   
?

- $2\clubsuit = 5\heartsuit\clubsuit$  11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- $2\diamondsuit = 5\heartsuit4\diamondsuit$  11-15
- $2\heartsuit = 11-15$
- $2\spadesuit = 6\heartsuit5\spadesuit$  **GF**

- $2NT = 6♥5♣♦$  **GF**
- $3♣ = 5♥5♣$  **GF**
- $3♦ = 5♥5♦$  **GF**
- $3♥ = \text{fixes } ♥$  **GF**

$1♠ - 1NT$

?

- PASS = 5332 12-14
- $2♣ = 5♠♣$  11-15 OR 16+ HCP **F1**
- $2♦ = 5♠4♦$  11-15
- $2♥ = 5♠4♥$  11-15
- $2♠ = 11-15$
- $2NT = 6♠5♣♦$  **GF**
- $3♣ = 5♠5♣$  **GF**
- $3♦ = 5♠5♦$  **GF**
- $3♥ = 6♠5♥$  **GF**
- $3♠ = \text{fixes } ♠$  **GF**

$1♥ - 1♠$

$2♣ - ?$

- $♦ = 8+$
- $♥ = 2♥$  5-7
- $♠ = \text{good } 5♠$  5-7
- $2NT = 1-♥$  5-7
- $3♣ = 6+♣$  5-7
- $3♦ = 6+♦$  5-7



1♥ – 1NT

2♣ – ?

- 2♦ = 8+
- 2♥ = 2-3♥ 5-7
- 2♠ = 55♣♦ 5-7
- 2NT = 1-♥ 5-7
- 3♣ = 6+♣ 5-7
- 3♦ = 6+♦ 5-7

1♠ – 1NT

2♣ – ?

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

1♥ – 1♠

2♣ – 2♦

?

- 2♥ = 5♥4♣ 11-15
- 2♠ = 5♥, =3♠ 16+
- 2NT = 5332 18-20
- 3♣ = 5♥4♣ 16+
- 3♦ = 5♥4♦ 16+
- 3♥ = 6♥ 16+
- 3♠ = 5♥4♠ **GF**

1♥ – 1NT

2♣ – 2♦

?

- 2♥ = 5♥4♣ 11-15
- 2♠ = 5♥4♠ 16+
- 2NT = 5332 18-20
- 3♣ = 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♦ = 5♠4♦ 16+
- 3♥ = 5♠4♥ 16+
- 3♠ = 6♠ 16+

## 14 Mini Splinters

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

1♥ – ?

- 2♠ = mini splinter
- 2NT = inv + fit

1♠ – ?

- 2NT = mini splinter
- 3♥ = inv + fit

1♥ – 2♠  
?

- 2NT = ASK LSF

1♠ – 2nt  
?

- 3♣ = ASK LSF

1♥ – 2♠  
2nt – ?

- 3♣ = ♣ shortness
- 3♦ = ♦ shortness
- 3♥ = ♠ shortness
- 3♠ = ♠ shortness **GF** (max)

1♠ – 2nt  
3♣ – ?

- 3♦ = ♣ shortness
- 3♥ = ♦ shortness
- 3♠ = ♥ shortness
- 3NT = ♥ shortness **GF** (max)

## 15 Transfers after 1M (✗)

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## 16 2<sub>NT</sub> overcall after major preempt

(2M) – ?

- 2<sub>NT</sub> = 16-18 BAL, promises M stopper

(2♥) – 2<sub>NT</sub> – (P) – ?

- 3♣ = forces 3♦, 1-♥GFOR weak with ♦
- 3♦ = 4♠GF
- 3♥ = forces 3♠, weak or GF
- 3♠ = long minor/minors, no ♥ shortness, 3<sub>NT</sub> = ASK
- 3<sub>NT</sub> = to play
- 4♣ = 5/5 ♣♠, may have shortness
- 4♦ = 5/5 ♦♠, may have shortness
- 4♥ = 6+♠
- 4♠ = minors
- 4<sub>NT</sub> = Quantitative

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

TBD

## 18 Dealing with Multi/Wilkosz

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## 19 Other

1♣ – (1♥) – P – (2♥)  
?

- × = ♣♠, choose
- 2NT = ♣♦, choose
- 3♣ = to play

1♣ – (1♠) – P – (2♠)  
?

- × = ♣♥, choose
- 2NT = ♣♦, choose
- 3♣ = to play

1♦ – (1♠) – P – (2♠)  
?

- × = ♦♥, choose
- 3♣ = ♣♦, choose

1♦ – (1♥) – P – (2♥)  
?

- × = ♦♠, choose
- 3♣ = ♣♦, choose