

# HB-GJP 1.0

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## 1 Introduction

Let's start with the basic opening structure of the system:

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1♣.....	2+♣, NAT or BAL, 11+ HCP (12+ if BAL)
1♦.....	4+♦, 11+ HCP (12+ if BAL)
1♥♠.....	5+♥/♠, 11+ HCP (12+ if BAL)
1NT.....	15-17 BAL
2♣.....	Weak-two in ♦ / Any game force except ♦
2♦.....	Multi-coloured: 6+♥/6+♠ and 5-10 HCP or 22-24 BAL or FG with ♦
2M.....	5M, 4+m, 5-10 HCP
2NT.....	20-22 HCP, BAL (5M332 or 5m422 possible) and maybe even 4441, 5431 or 6322 (no 5+M)
3X.....	PRE
3NT.....	Gambling with a solid major and no A/K in another suit (Namyats)

## 2 Changes

### 2.1 2023-12-03

- 1C-1M-3C-3D relay with 5+M, the rest denies
- Layout improvements for 1C-2D
- 1D-1M-3D shows 3M as well
- 1D-1M-2N may include onesuiter, 6+♦, no 3M, 15-17 (besides onesuiter, 18+)
- 1D-1M-3M relay asks for: 1st lowest singleton; 2nd highest; 3rd 5422 max; 4th 5422 min
- Transfers after 1m and a one level overcall has a better explanation of the transfer bids available and further developments are better described
- 1H-1S-2C-2D-2N
- 1H-1S-2C-2D-3H
- 1H-1S-2C-2D-3S
- 1H-1S-2N
- 1H-1S-3H
- no Texas 3♦/♥ after 1NT-(P)-2♣-(D)-2NT/3♣
- 2NT-3♦-3♥-3♠ shows 55 MM, slamtry
- 2NT-3♥-3♠-4♥ shows 55 MM, N/F
- 2NT-4♥
- 2NT-4♠
- our 3NT after they open
- intervention over their 2NT/3NT opening
- (1♣)-2NT-(P)-4♣ is agreeing hearts now, not a natural INV
- what to do with fit (INV+) after our 1M opening and a suit intervention

## 2.2 2023-10-06

- 3NT opening Namyats
- Two-way checkback (double deux) only after 1m-1M-1SA and its responses changed
- 1m-1M-2M
- 1m-1M-3M
- 1M-2N
- 1C-2D is either a weak Multi or a strong hand with 5+♦ and 4M

## 2.3 2023-07-22

- Two-way checkback (double deux) after 1m-1M-1SA and 1m-1H-1S
- 3SA opening includes Namyats
- Bidding after our Stayman on 1SA
- 2SA opening with standard Stayman or Puppet Stayman

## 3 The 1♣ opening

This is the cornerstone of the 1 level opening bids: the rest of the 1 level opening bids depend on the meaning of 1♣. This system has been developed around 1990 when a club of Dutch bridge players did not want to continue with the old fashioned 4 card major opening bids.

So 1♥ and 1♠ show 5 cards and 1♦ shows 4 cards. Combined with the knowledge of the Polish club, 1♣ shows a limited opening but is forcing anyway in order not to end in 1♣ when opener is strong with 18-19 HCP and a balanced hand.

The range of the 1♣ opening is between 11 HCP and 22 HCP, so up to (but excluding) game forcing hands. Because 1♣ is forcing you can have quite a good hand compared with a non forcing 1♣.

Responder has two negative bids: 1♦ and 2♦ (a kind of Multi) and that means limited to about 6/7 HCP. When you bid positive the bidding becomes game forcing opposite a strong hand (17+ HCP). So a possible club fit is important when you are minimum for a positive bid.

### 3.1 Answers

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1♣
├─ Pass....impossible except when 5+♣ and 0-3 HCP
├─ 1♦.....one of:
│   ├── 1) negative, 0-7 HCP
│   ├── 2) 4+♦, 8+ HCP (but not GF with 5♦ and 4M)
│   └── 3) 8+ HCP, no major, no 4+♦, no other bid
├─ 1M.....4+M, 8+ HCP
├─ 1NT.....8-10 HCP, BAL, no 4M
├─ 2♣.....inverted minor, 5+♣, FG
├─ 2♦.....one of:
│   ├── 1) 0-7 HCP, 6M
│   └── 2) 5+♦, 4M, GF
├─ 2♥.....5♠-4♥, 5-9 HCP
├─ 2♠.....inverted minor, INV
└─ 2NT.....11-12 HCP, INV
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- 3♣.....6♣, 6-9 HCP, expects to win 3NT opposite a strong balanced hand
- 3X.....6X, good suit, INV
- 3NT.....13-15 HCP, BAL

### 3.1.1 1♣-1♦

- 1♣-1♦
  - 1M.....3M or 4M but only 3M if there is no alternative (with 2245 you open 1♦ or rebid 2♣)
    - 1♠.....0-7 HCP, 4+♠
    - 1NT.....NF
    - 2m.....NF (after 1♣-1♦-1♠ opener shows at least 3+♣)
    - 2NT.....FG, 4+♦
    - 3m.....FG, NAT
  - 1NT.....18-19 NT. See the 1NT opening.
  - 2♣.....11-16 HCP, 6+♣ or 2245 with good clubs
    - 2♦.....NF
    - 2M.....FG, NAT (maybe 3 cards only)
    - 2NT.....F till 3♣
      - 3♣.....MIN
      - 3X.....MAX, S/S
      - 3NT.....MAX, no S/S
    - 3♣.....INV, not suitable for a 2NT bid
    - 3♦.....FG, 6+♦
    - 3M.....FG, SPL
  - 2♦.....17+HCP, 5+♣, 4+♦
    - 2M.....5M, weak so NF
    - 2NT.....PUP, usually a S/O
      - 3♣.....NF
        - 3♦.....(light) INV
        - 3X.....too strong for 3♣
  - 2M.....20+HCP, 5+♣, 4+M
    - 2NT.....PUP, see 1♣-1♦-2♦-2NT
  - 2NT.....20+ HCP, 6♣, F
    - 3♣.....S/O
    - 3X.....FG, NAT
  - 3♣.....17-19 HCP, 6♣
    - 3X.....FG, NAT
  - 3X.....20+ HCP, 6♣, S/S
    - 4♣.....the only bid that is a S/O

- 1♣-1♦-1♥
  - 2♥.....4♥, 5-7 HCP
  - 2♠.....FG, 4SFG
  - 3♥.....FG, 5+♥ (opener can have 3 cards so with 4♥ you bid 1C-2D), longer diamonds

- 1♣-1♦-1♠
  - 2♥.....FG, 4SFG
  - 2♠.....4♠, 5-7 HCP
  - 3♠.....FG, 5+♠ (opener can have 3 cards so with 4♠ you bid 1C-2D), longer diamonds

### 3.1.2 1♣-1M

#### Changes

\* 2023-10-06

- Two-way checkback (double deux) only after 1m-1M-1SA

\* 2023-12-03

- 1C-1M-3C-3D relay with 5+M, the rest denies

Description

1♣-1♥  
 └ 1♠.....shows 4♠ (but can bid 1NT too with 4333)  
   └ 2♦.....Fourth suit GF

1♣-1M  
 └ 1NT.....12-14 NT. 4♠333 possible after 1♣-1♥.  
 └ 2♣.....11-16 HCP, 5+♣  
 └ 2NT.....onesuiter, FG  
   └ 3♣.....(R), opener responds naturally  
   └ 3♦.....(R), ♣-fit, (mild) S/T, opener responds naturally  
   └ 3X.....NAT  
 └ 3♣.....onesuiter, INV  
   └ 3♦.....(R), FG, 5+M  
     └ 3M.....no 3M, exactly 4M, stopper ♦  
     └ 3oM.....no 3M, exactly 4M, stopper oM  
     └ 3NT.....no 3M, both stoppers  
     └ 4X.....3M  
   └ 3M.....exactly 4M, stopper ♦  
   └ 3oM.....exactly 4M, stopper oM  
   └ 3NT.....exactly 4M, both stoppers

1♣-1M-2♣

1♣-1M-2♣  
 └ 2♦.....3rd suit forcing, FG unless opener bids NF and responder passes  
   └ 2M.....NF  
   └ 2NT.....NF  
   └ 3♣.....NF  
   └ 3♦.....NAT, FG  
   └ 3M.....3M, FG  
 └ 2M.....NAT, NF  
 └ 2NT.....exactly 4M, F  
   └ 3♣.....MIN  
   └ 3M.....MAX, S/S (also 3M)  
   └ 3NT.....MAX, no S/S  
 └ 3♣.....INV, not suitable for 2NT  
 └ 3♦.....5M-5♦, FG  
 └ 3M.....FG, 6M

1♣-1♥-2♣-2♦  
 └ 2♠.....4SFG

1♣-1♠-2♣-2♦  
 └ 2♥.....4SFG

1♣-1♥-2♣  
 └ 2♠.....NAT, FG  
 └ 3♠.....SPL

1♣-1♠-2♣  
 └ 2♥.....NAT, INV (1♣-2♥ shows 5♠-4♥ and a weak hand)  
 └ 3♥.....55 MM

### 1♣-1M-2♦

1♣-1M  
 └ 2♦.....one of:  
     1) 18-19 HCP, BAL, 4M possible  
     2) 17+ HCP, NAT, reverse  
 └ 2♥.....exactly 4M  
     └ 2♠.....variant 1, either 4♠ (after 1♣-1♥) or waiting (after 1♣-1♠)  
     └ 2NT.....normally variant 1  
         └ 3X.....NAT  
     └ 3♣.....variant 2, 5-4  
     └ 3♦.....variant 2, 6-5  
     └ 3M.....variant 1, 4M, no 4333  
     └ 3NT.....variant 1, 4M333  
 └ 2♠.....5+M  
     └ 2NT.....variant 1  
         └ 3X.....NAT  
     └ 3♣.....variant 2, 5-4  
     └ 3♦.....variant 2, 6-5  
     └ 3M.....3M, suitable for trumps  
     └ 3NT.....variant 1, 4M333, stops  
 └ 2NT.....11+ HCP, BAL, no 5M  
 └ 3♣.....5M-4m, good suits (else 2♠), S/T  
 └ 3♦.....5M-5♦, good suits (else 2♠), S/T  
 └ 3M.....6M, good suit (else 2♠), S/T

1♣-1♥-2♦  
 └ 3♠.....65 MM, good suits (else 2♠), S/T

1♣-1♠-2♦  
 └ 3♥.....55 MM, good suits (else 2♠), S/T

### 1♣-1M-2oM

1♣-1♥  
 └ 2♠.....NAT, STR, FG

1♣-1♠  
 └ 2♥.....NAT, STR, FG

**Strong with 4 cards fit after 1♣-1M** After 1♣-1M there is room to show an unbalanced and game forcing hand with 4 cards fit by bidding 3♦. After a 1♦ opening this is not possible hence the development after 1♦-1M is different.

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1♣-1M
├─ 3♦.....SPL ♦, 4M, FG
├─ 3M.....4M, INV
├─ 3NT.....5422, 4M, FG
├─ 4♣.....6-4, good suits, (mild) S/T
└─ 4X.....(X < M), void, 4M

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1♣-1♥
└─ 3♠.....SPL ♠, 4♥, FG

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1♣-1♠
└─ 3♥.....SPL ♥, 4♠, FG

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### 3.1.3 1♣-1NT

#### Changes

\* 2017-12-22

- Added 1C-1N

#### Description

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1♣-1NT
├─ 2♣.....S/O
├─ 2♦♥♠....NAT, reverse, F
├─ 2NT.....PUP (maybe S/O in ♣)
├─ 3♣.....FG
└─ 2NT.....INV, short in the other minor

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### 3.1.4 1♣-2♦

Either:

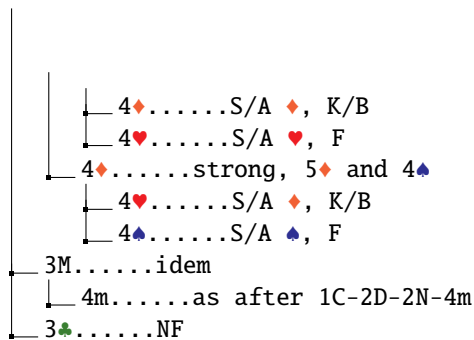
1. a weak Multi-coloured ( $\leq 6$  HCP) and a hand that may not be strong enough opposite a strong (balanced) hand.
2. a GF hand with 5+♦ and 4M and a reason to show the diamonds and not just bid 1M after 1C (passed hand not GF just below) .

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1♣-2♦
├─ 2M.....P/C, see the 2M opening
├─ 3♣.....strong, 5♦ and 4♥
├─ 3♦.....strong, 5♦ and 4♠
├─ 2NT.....idem
├─ 3X.....as after 2D - 2N
└─ 4♣.....strong, 5♦ and 4♥

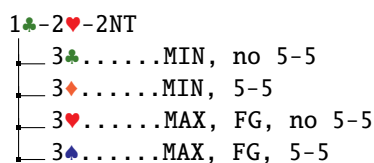
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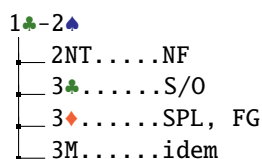
### 3.1.5 1♣-2♥

Shows at least 5♠-4♥ and 5-9 HCP. This bid exists because after 1♣-1♠-2♣ a bid of 2♥ is at least INV. It is not mandatory because if you prefer 2♣ if partner rebids it, you can bid 1♦ or 1♠.

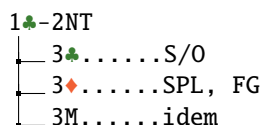


### 3.1.6 1♣-2♠

Inverted minor and just INV.

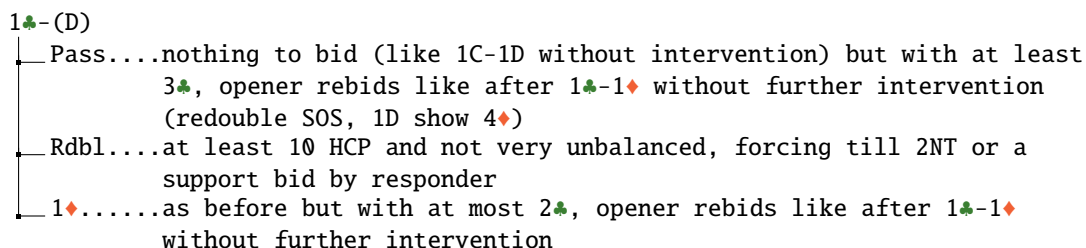


### 3.1.7 1♣-2NT



### 3.1.8 Intervention after 1♣

**1♣-(D)** Pass is allowed now. All bids except pass, redouble and 1♦ remain unchanged. So for example, 2♣ is still inverted minor and FG.



**1♣-(1X)** We play transfers now.

**1♣-(1X)-P-(2X)** Any bid by opener is strong. 2NT is natural after which partner acts as if 2NT has been opened.

**1♣-(2X)-P** Like 1♣-(1X)-P-(2X) except that a double may not be so strong.

**1♣-(P)-1♦-(D)** A pass shows a minimal balanced hand. Redouble shows a strong hand and at least 3♦. Other bids are as usual but 1M suggests an unbalanced hand.

**1♣-(P)-1♦-(nX)** Double is for take-out and strong and a NT bid shows a maximal balanced hand.

**1♣-(P)-1M-(...)** (Re)double shows 3M support but only when we can return to 2M.

**1♣-(P)-2♣-(...)** A double is for penalties by opener as long as they do not jump. If they jump it is for take-out (avoid doubles when short).

**1♣-(P)-2♦-(...)** See the Multi-coloured opening.

## 4 The 1♦ opening

The 1♦ opening shows at least 4♦. With 2♣ and 4♦ and a balanced hand we tend to open 1♦ but 1♣ can be chosen for strategic reasons. With 18-19 BAL we only open 1♦ with a good 5 card suit.

### 4.1 Answers

#### 4.1.1 Changes

2017-12-22

- Modified 1D-2C
- Modified 1D-2D
- Modified 1D-2H

#### 4.1.2 Description

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1♦
├── 1M.....4+M 5+HCP
├── 1NT.....6-10 no 4M
├── 2♣.....FG, 4+♣ (usually 5)
├── 2♦.....inverted minor, 4+♦, FG
├── 2♥.....5♠-4+♥, 5-9 HCP, see continuation after 1♣
├── 2♠.....INV, 4+♦
│   ├── 2NT.....NAT, F1 (we play 3♦ or 3NT, not 2NT)
│   ├── 3♣.....SPL, FG
│   ├── 3♦.....S/O
│   └── 3M.....SPL, FG
└── 2NT.....INV
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|
| 3m.....NF
| 3M.....SPL, FG
| 3♣.....INV 6+♣
| 3♦.....5-9 4+♦
| 3M.....INV 6+M
| 3NT.....12-15 all suits stopped, normally 3343 or 3334.

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### 4.1.3 1♦-1M

#### Changes

\* 2017-12-23

- 1D-1M-2S

\* 2023-12-03

- 1D-1M-3D shows 3M

#### Description

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1♦-1M
|
| 1♠.....4+♠ NF
| 1NT.....12-14 HCP, BAL, see 1♣ opening
| 2♣.....5+♦ 4+♣ 11-17(18)
| 2♦.....6+♦ 11-14(15)
| 2M.....(3)4+M 12-14
| 2NT.....(R), F1R
| 3♣♦.....FG, S/T
| 2♥.....16+ HCP, 5+♦-4+♥
| 2♠.....19+ HCP, 5+♦-4+♠, FG
| 3♣.....19+, 5+♦-4+♣, FG
| 3♦.....15-17, 6+♦, 3M (!)
| 3M.....stopper in ♣
| 3oM.....stopper in oM
| 4♣.....S/A M, slamtry
| 4♦.....S/A ♦, slamtry

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1♦-1♥-2♥
| 2♠.....INV+, NAT

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1♦-1♠-2♠
| 3♥.....INV+, NAT

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### 1♦-1M-2NT

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1♦-1M
| 2NT.....1) 15-17, a onesuiter with at least 6♦ and no 3M
|           2) 18+ HCP, a onesuiter with at least 5♦ (although with 5332 we
|              usually open 1C)
| 3♣.....(R)
| 3♦.....15-17
| 3M.....stopper in ♣
| 3oM.....stopper in oM

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## Description

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1♦-1NT
├── 2m.....NF
├── 2M.....16+ reverse, F1R
│   ├── 2NT.....PUP, S/O in 3m
│   └── 3m.....GF
├── 2NT.....INV, short in other minor
├── 3♣.....4+♣, FG
├── 3♦.....6+♦, INV
└── 3M.....6+♦, FG, autosplinter

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### 4.1.5 1♦-2♣

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1♦-2♣
├── 2♦.....min not suited for another bid, can be only 4♦
├── 2M.....extra's 5+♦ 4+M
├── 2NT.....bal
├── 3♣.....4+♣ not complete min
├── 3♦.....6+♦ 14+
└── 3M.....Spl 4+♣

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### 4.1.6 1♦-2♦

See inverted minor.

## 5 1m-1M-1NT

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1m-1M-1NT
├── 2♣.....PUP to 2♦
│   ├── 2♦.....Mandatory
│   │   ├── Pass....S/O
│   │   ├── 2M.....INV, 5M, NF
│   │   │   ├── 2NT.....max, no fit
│   │   │   └── 3NT.....COG
│   │   └── 2NT.....PUP to 3♣, either to play in 3♣ or GF with fit and an unbalanced hand
│   │       ├── 3♣.....mandatory
│   │       │   ├── Pass....S/O
│   │       │   ├── 3♦.....5M, 4m, lowest singleton
│   │       │   ├── 3♥.....5M, 4m, highest singleton
│   │       │   ├── 3♠.....4M, 5m, lowest singleton
│   │       │   └── 3NT.....4M, 5m, highest singleton
│   │       └── 3m.....INV, 5M, 5m
│   │           └── 3NT.....FG, (5M332), asks opener to bid M with 3M and a suitable hand
├── 2♦.....FG, CONV
├── 2NT.....INV
├── 3m.....5M-5m, good suits (else 2♦), FG
└── 3M.....6M, good suit (else 2♦), FG

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1m-1♥-1NT
├── 2♣
│   ├── 2♦
│   │   └── 2♠.....5♥, 4♠, INV
└── 3♠.....65 MM

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1♣-1♥-1NT4♠333 possible

- └ 2♦
- └ 2♠.....4♠333
- └ 2♠.....44 MM, INV

1m-1♠-1NT

- └ 2♣
- └ 2♦
- └ 2♥.....54 MM, INV
- └ 2♥.....55 MM, mild INV (too strong for 1m-2H)
- └ 3♥.....55 MM

## 6 1m-1M-2M

1m-1M

- └ 2M.....MIN, usually 4M but sometimes 3M is possible with a singleton or small doubleton
- └ 2NT.....F1, any INV+
- └ 3♣.....shortage in lowest unbid suit
- └ 3♦.....shortage in highest unbid suit
- └ 3M.....MIN, 4M
- └ 3NT.....4M333
- └ 4M.....MAX, 4M
- └ 3oM/4om.MAX, 4M, SPL in the suit bid
- └ 4m.....MAX, 5422
- └ 3M.....5M, (mildly) INV
- └ 2♠/3♥...(bid in other major w/o jump), 54 MM, INV+
- └ 3♣♦.....5M, NAT, S/T

## 7 1m-1M-3M

1m-1♥...4♥, INV

- └ 3♥
- └ 3♠.....(R)
- └ 3NT.....singleton lowest suit
- └ 4♣.....singleton highest suit
- └ 4♦.....5422, max
- └ 4♥.....5422, min

1m-1♠...4♠, INV

- └ 3♠
- └ 3NT.....(R)
- └ 4♣.....singleton lowest suit
- └ 4♦.....singleton highest suit
- └ 4♥.....5422, max
- └ 4♠.....5422, min

## 8 Inverted minor

1m-2m...is inverted minor and FG. Promises 5 cards after 1♣ and 4 cards after 1♦.

1♣-2♣  
 | 2♦.....at most 3 cards in ♣  
 | 2M.....at least 4♣, NAT  
 | 2NT.....at least 4♣, NAT  
 | 3♣.....at least 4♣, NAT  
 | 3NT.....18-19 BAL, 4♣, NAT  
 | 3X.....SPL, STR

1♦-2♦  
 | 2M.....NAT  
 | 2NT.....NAT  
 | 3♣.....SPL, STR  
 | 3♦.....NAT  
 | 3NT.....18-19 BAL, 5332, NAT  
 | 3M.....SPL, STR

## 9 Transfers after 1m and a one level overcall

### 9.1 Changes

#### 9.1.1 2023-10-06

- 1C-(1D)-1S = 44 MM

#### 9.1.2 2023-12-03

- Better explanation of the transfer bids available
- Further development better described

### 9.2 Description

All bids up to 2♠ (excluding 1NT and 2♣ after a 1♦ opening) are transfers starting from our opening colour. All these transfer bids are FG opposite a strong opener (17+ HCP). There may be also invitational transfer bids at the three level but only starting from their colour.

When X is their suit bid and Y is a new suit bid there are seven variants:

1. 2Y (m =< Y < X-1) shows a transfer to the next suit showing at least 5 cards. An example is 1♦-(1♠)-2♦.
2. 2Y (Y = X-1) is a transfer to their suit hence it shows fit and it is at least INV. An example is 1♦-(1♠)-2♥.
3. 2Y (X <= Y < ♠) is a transfer to the next suit showing at least 6 cards, either weak (6-9 HCP) or FG. An example is 1♦-(1♥)-2♥.
4. 3m is natural (at least 5 cards after 1♣ and 4 otherwise) and weak.
5. 3Y (Y < X) shows at least 6 cards and is weak.
6. 3Y (X <= Y < ♠) is a transfer to the next suit showing at least 6 cards and is invitational.
7. 3S is a transfer to 3NT showing at least Axx in their suit.

It is more difficult to play 2m but not impossible. You may be able to bid 1♠, a transfer to 1NT, after which you can correct to 2m.

1♣-(1♦)  
 └ 1♠.....44 MM (exactly, never 5+ cards in a major unless weak, i.e. less than an INV)

1m-(1X)  
 └ Db1.....Negative double with at least 4 (and at most 5) cards in the next suit (X<♠) or the other major (X=♠).  
 └ 1♥.....Transfer to 1♠. At least 4♠.  
 └ 1♠.....Transfer to 1NT (except 1C-(1D)-1S). Normally a hand without a good stopper, usually not too strong (else 2S or Texas cuebid).  
 └ 1NT.....NAT  
 └ 2m.....A transfer to the next suit showing at least 5 cards.  
 └ 2♠.....A transfer to 2NT. At least INV. Opener should play (positional).  
 └ 2NT.....Natural, INV  
 └ 3♠.....FG, BAL, Axx in their suit and wants to play 3NT

1♦-(1X)  
 └ 2♣.....NAT and INV+

1♣-(1♦)  
 └ 2♣.....variant 2: transfer to their suit, hence fit and at least INV  
 └ 2♦.....variant 3: transfer to the next suit, showing at least 6 cards  
 └ 3♣.....barrage  
 └ 3♦.....variant 6: 6♥, INV  
 └ 3♥.....variant 6: 6♠, INV

1♣-(1M)  
 └ 2♣.....variant 1: transfer to the next suit (♦) showing at least a reasonable 5 card suit and 9+HCP (trying for 3NT)  
 └ 3♣♦.....barrage

1m-(1♥)  
 └ 2♦.....variant 2: transfer to their suit, hence fit and at least INV  
 └ 2♥.....variant 3: transfer to the next suit (♠), showing at least 6 cards  
 └ 3♥.....variant 6: 6♠, INV

1m-(1♠)  
 └ 2♦.....variant 1: transfer to the next suit, showing a reasonable 5 card suit and 9+HCP or 6 cards and 6+HCP  
 └ 2♥.....variant 2: transfer to their suit, hence fit and at least INV  
 └ 3♥.....6♥, INV

### 9.3 Further development

Opener responds to a 1 level transfer as if the bid has been bid naturally but accepting the transfer shows 3 cards. Accepting the transfer by jumping to the two level just shows a minimal opening and 4 cards. When responder shows (not necessarily bids) ♥ and/or ♠ after 1♣, a 2♦ bid by opener is system-on (usually 18-19 BAL). When opener rebids 1NT after responder has show just one major we still play two-way Checkback Stayman. But after 1C-(1D)-1S we do not need to play that anymore, since responder can only have 5 cards in a major when weak.



## 10 The 1 major opening

### 10.1 Changes

#### 10.1.1 2023-12-03

- added interventions

### 10.2 Description

One of a major promises 5 cards and at least 11 HCP. It is limited since with game forcing hands you open 2♣.

After a non fit response of 1♠ or 1NT a direct 2NT rebid promises 6 cards in the major and maybe 4 cards in a minor. The 2NT bid is then forcing to game. An indirect 2NT rebid (via Gazilli) promises 18-19 NT or 17-19HCP with 5M4m.

### 10.3 Answers

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1♥
├─ 1♠.....4♠ and normally 6+ HCP
├─ 1NT.....no 4♠, 5-12 HCP, with fit you have a minimum
├─ 2♣.....FG
├─ 2♦.....5+♦, FG
├─ 2♥.....3♥, 7-9 HCP
├─ 2♠.....6♠, 8-11 HCP
├─ 2NT.....fit, 10-14 HCP
└─ 3m.....6m, INV
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1♠
├─ 1NT.....5-12 HCP, with fit you have a minimum
├─ 2♣.....FG
├─ 2♦.....5+♦, FG
├─ 2♥.....5+♥, FG
├─ 2♠.....3♠, 7-9 HCP
├─ 2NT.....fit, 10-14 HCP
├─ 3m.....6m, INV
└─ 3♥.....6♥, INV
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### 10.4 Intervention below 2NT

When they intervene with a bid showing one suit below 2NT, the cuebid shows 3 cards in our major and at least an invitational hand. 2NT shows at least 4 cards in our major and also at least an invitational hand.

### 10.5 Intervention below 3NT

We could play 4♣ as fit with a good hand and switch clubs and the cuebid.

#### 10.5.1 1♥-1♠

##### Changes

\* 2023-12-03

- 1H-1S-2C-2D-2N
- 1H-1S-2C-2D-3H
- 1H-1S-2C-2D-3S
- 1H-1S-2N
- 1H-1S-3H

## Description

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1♥-1♠
├─ 1NT.....12-14 SA
├─ 2♣.....a kind of Gazilli with one of:
│   1) 4+♣
│   2) 18-19 NT
│   3) 17-19 HCP, 5♥-4m
│   4) FG, exactly 5♥ and one minor
│   5) 3♠, 15-17 HCP, no 5332
├─ 2♦.....(R)
│   └─ 2♥.....variant 1
│       └─ 2♠.....ART, FG (!)
│       └─ 2NT.....INV, no 4♣
│       └─ 3♣.....T/P
│       └─ 3♦.....5♠-5♦, FG
│   └─ 2♠.....variant 5
│       └─ Pass....NF
│       └─ 2NT.....FG
│       └─ 3♣♦♥♠...FG
│   └─ 2NT.....variant 2 or 3 but never with 3♠ and 5431 (see 3H/S below)
│       └─ 3♣.....(R), FG, 5♣ or 5♠ possible
│           └─ 3♦.....no 4m
│               └─ 3♥.....shows 5♣
│                   └─ 3♠.....shows 5♠
│               └─ 3♥.....shows 4♣
│                   └─ 3♠.....shows 5♠
│               └─ 3♠.....4♦, 3♠ (changed 1-11-2017)
│                   └─ 3NT.....4♦, no 3♠ (changed 1-11-2017)
│               └─ 3♦.....5♦, FG
│               └─ 3♥.....3♥, FG
│               └─ 3♠.....6♠, FG
│       └─ 3m.....variant 4
│           └─ 3♥.....GF, variant 2 or 3, 3514 (in that order so 3♠, 5♥, 4♣)
│               └─ 3♠.....S/A ♠
│               └─ 4♣.....S/A ♣
│               └─ 4♦.....S/A ♥
│           └─ 3♠.....GF, variant 2 or 3, 3541 (3♠, 5♥, 4♦)
│               └─ 4♣.....S/A ♠
│               └─ 4♦.....S/A ♦
│               └─ 4♥.....S/A ♥, F (although switching 4C and 4H is more optimal)
├─ 2♥.....T/P, NAT, normally 3♥ but 2♥ and a very minimal hand is possible too
│   (otherwise 2♦)
├─ 2♠.....NAT, T/P, no interest in playing 3♣ opposite variant 1
├─ 2NT.....4♣, INV
│   └─ 3♣.....T/P
├─ 3♣.....5♣, INV
├─ 3♦.....6♦, T/P
├─ 3♥.....5♠-3♥, INV

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- 2♦.....5+♥-4+♦, limited to about 16 HCP
- 2♥.....6♥, NF
  - └ 2NT.....F, see 1m-1M-2m-2N
- 2♠.....NAT, normally 4♠
  - └ 2NT.....F, see 1m-1M-2M-2N
- 2NT.....6♥, onesuiter and either:
  - 1) 15-17, no 3♠ OR
  - 2) FG
- 3♣.....(R), FG, 5♣ or 5♠ possible
  - └ 3♦.....FG, no 3♠
    - └ 3♥.....shows 5♣
    - └ 3♠.....shows 5♠
  - └ 3♥.....15-17, no 3♠
    - └ 3♠.....shows 5♠, FG
  - └ 3♠.....FG, 6♥, 3♠
  - └ 3NT.....FG, 6♥, solid suit, natural
- 3♦.....5♦, FG
- 3♥.....3♥, FG
- 3♠.....6♠, FG
- 3♣.....15-17 HCP, 5♥-5♣
  - └ 3♦.....4SF, maybe slamtry in ♥
  - └ 3♥.....T/P
  - └ 3♠.....5+♠, FG
  - └ 4♣.....NAT, SUPP, S/A ♣
- 3♦.....15-17 HCP, 5♥-5♦
  - └ 3♥.....T/P
  - └ 3♠.....5+♠, FG
  - └ 4♣.....S/A ♥
  - └ 4♦.....NAT, SUPP, S/A ♦
- 3♥.....INV, 6♥, 3♠
  - └ 3♠.....do you know what is the best contract (3NT or 4H)?
  - └ 4♣.....S/A ♥
  - └ 4♣.....S/A ♠
- 3♠.....4♠, INV
  - └ 3NT.....ASK for SPL
- 3NT.....4♠, FG
  - └ 4♣.....ASK for SPL
    - └ 4♦.....SPL ♦
    - └ 4♥.....SPL ♣
- 4m.....4♠, S/T, void
- 4♥.....6+♥, 3♠
  - └ 4♠.....T/P

## 10.5.2 1M-1NT

1M-1NT

- └ 2♣.....a kind of Gazilli with one of:
  - 1) 4+♣
  - 2) 18-19 NT
  - 3) 17-19 HCP, 5M-4m
  - 4) FG, exactly 5M and another suit
  - 5) 15-17 HCP, 5♠-4♥ (after 1♠)
- └ 2♦.....(R)
  - └ 2M.....variant 1
    - └ 2NT.....INV, no 4♣
    - └ 3♣.....T/P
  - └ 2♥.....variant 5
    - └ 2NT.....FG

- 3♥.....NF
  - 2♠.....variant 4
  - 2NT.....variant 2 or 3
    - 3♣.....(R), FG, 5♣ possible
      - 3♦.....no 4m
        - 3♥.....shows 5♣
      - 3♥.....shows 4♣
      - 3♠.....4♦, 3oM (changed 1-11-2017)
      - 3NT.....4♦, no 3oM (changed 1-11-2017)
      - 3♦.....5♦, FG
    - 3m.....variant 4
  - 2M.....T/P, NAT, normally 3M (otherwise 2♦)
  - 2NT.....4♣, INV
    - 3♣.....T/P
  - 3♣.....5♣, INV
  - 3♦.....6♦, T/P
- 2♦.....5+M-4♦, limited to about 16 HCP
- 2M.....6M, NF
- 2NT.....6M, FG
  - 3X.....see 1M-1NT-2♣-2♦-2NT
- 3m.....15-17 HCP, 5M-5m
- 3M.....6M, INV

1♠-1NT

- 2♥.....5♠-4♥, 11-14 HCP

1♠-1NT-2♣

- 2♥.....5+♥, no interest in playing 3♣ opposite variant 1

1♥-1NT-3m

- 3♠.....NAT, stopper, FG

1♠-1NT-3m

- 3♥.....NAT, stopper, FG

1M-1NT-3♣

- 3M.....T/P
- 4♣.....S/A ♣
- 4♦.....S/A M

1M-1NT-3♦

- 3M.....T/P
- 4♣.....S/A M
- 4♦.....S/A ♦

## 11 Fit after 1M

### 11.1 Answers

1M

- 2M.....fit, 7-9 (10) HCP
- 3M.....(mild) INV, normally 6M
- 2♠/3♥...NAT, F
- 2NT.....limit
- 3m.....NAT, slam try
- 4M.....S/O
- 4m.....SPL, S/T
- 2NT.....usually 4M and at least a limit and unlimited
- 3♣.....(R), 11-16 HCP, (but not a dead minimum)
  - 3♦.....relay, positive
    - 3♥.....min, singleton somewhere
      - 3♠.....(R)
        - 3NT.....lowest suit
        - 4♣.....middle suit
        - 4♦.....highest suit
    - 3♠.....max, singleton lowest suit
    - 3NT.....max, singleton middle suit
    - 4♣.....max, singleton highest suit
    - 4M.....S/O, no singleton
  - 3M.....S/O
  - 3oM.....splinter oM, 15+ HCP
  - 4m.....splinter m, 15+ HCP
- 3♦.....17+ HCP, singleton somewhere
  - 3♥.....(R)
    - 3♠.....any void
      - 3NT.....which (lowest, middle, highest)
    - 3NT.....singleton, lowest suit
    - 4♣.....singleton, middle suit
    - 4♦.....singleton, highest suit
  - 3NT.....NAT (since slam is almost impossible)
- 3M.....S/O
- 3oM.....5422, 15-17 HCP
  - 1step...(R) asks for second suit (first response = lowest, second response = middle, third response = highest)
- 3NT.....18-19 BAL
- 4m.....55, ST, never two direct losers in doubleton
- 4M.....to play with 6 cards, no interest in slam
- 3NT.....4M, SPL in the other major, 13-15 HCP
- 4m.....4M, SPL m, 13-15 HCP

## 12 The 1NT Opening

Shows 15-17 HCP (semi)Balanced, 5m422 or 6m are possible and rarely singleton K or Q. 14 or 17 with a 5crd suit are upgraded regularly.

### 12.1 Answers

- 1NT
- 2♣.....Stayman, not with 5-4MM FG!
- 2♦.....5+♥ or 54MM FG TRF
- 2♥.....5+♠ TRF
- 2♠.....4441 or 5m4M31
- 2NT.....6+♣ or 5-5 mm FG TRF
- 3♣.....6+♦ TRF
- 3♦.....22(54) FG, looking for best game
- 3♥.....31(54) FG

- 3♠.....13(54) FG
- 3NT.....T/P
- 4♣.....6+♥
- └ 4♥.....forced
- 4♦.....6+♠
- └ 4♠.....forced

### 12.1.1 Continuation after Stayman

1NT-2♣

- 2♦.....no 4M
- 2♥.....4+♥, no 4♠
- 2♠.....4+♠, no 4♥
- 2NT.....44MM min
- └ 3♦.....TRF ♥
- └ 3♥.....TRF ♠
- 3♣.....44MM max
- └ 3♦.....TRF ♥
- └ 3♥.....TRF ♠

1NT-2♣-2♦

- 2♥.....4+♥ 4+♠ NF
- 2♠.....5+♠ 4+♥ NF
- 2NT.....INV
- 3m.....5+m 4M FG
- 3♥.....5♥-4♠ INV
- 3♠.....5♠-4♥ INV
- 3NT.....T/P
- 4♣.....4♣ S/T, balanced
- └ 4♦.....nat
- └ 4NT.....Sign off
- 4M.....CTRL
- └ 4NT.....sign off
- 4♦.....4♦ S/T, balanced
- └ 4♥.....K/B
- └ 4♠.....CTRL
- └ 4NT.....sign off
- 5♣.....CTRL

1NT-2♣-2♥

- 2♠.....(R)
- 2NT.....3433 or 34(42)
- └ 3♥.....S/A ♥
- 3m.....5m
- └ 3♥.....S/A ♥
- 3♥.....5♥
- └ 3♠.....S/A ♥, CTRL
- └ 4m.....S/A ♥, CTRL
- 2NT.....INV
- 3m.....5+m-4♠ FG
- 3♥.....INV
- 3♠.....3433 CoG
- 4m.....see 1N-2♣-2♦

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1NT-2♣-2♠
├─ 2NT.....INV
├─ 3m.....5+m-4♥ FG
├─ 3♥.....(R)
├─ 3♠.....exactly 4♠ not 4333
├─ 3NT.....4333
├─ 4X.....5♠ CTRL
├─ 3♠.....INV
└─ 4m.....see 1N-2♣-2♦

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### 12.1.2 Continuation after Transfers

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1NT-2♦
├─ 2♥.....NF
├─ 2♠.....5+4+MM FG
├─ 2NT.....(R)
├─ 3m.....3m
├─ 3M.....3M
├─ 3M.....5M4oM22
├─ 3NT.....55MM, MIN
├─ 4m.....55MM, MAX, SPL m
├─ 3m.....5+m (good suit) not 4M
├─ 3M.....S/A M
├─ 2NT.....INV
├─ 3m.....NF
├─ 3♠.....5+♠ FG
├─ 3m.....4+m FG
├─ 3M.....might be "I am stuck"
├─ 3♥.....6+♥ INV
├─ 3♠.....6+♥ SPL
├─ 3NT.....T/P
├─ 4m.....6+♥ SPL
├─ 4♥.....6+♥ S/T
├─ 2NT.....4+♥ MAX
├─ 3♣.....INV
├─ 3♦.....TRF
├─ 3♠.....SPL
├─ 4m.....SPL
└─ 3♥.....4+♥ MIN

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After 1NT-2♥ we use the same structure as over 1NT-2♦, so very natural.

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1NT-2NT
├─ 3♣.....Forced
├─ 3♦.....5-5 ♦+♣ FG
├─ 3M.....SPL 6+♣
└─ 3NT.....suggests SPL ♦

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1NT-3♣
├─ 3♦.....Forced
├─ 3M.....SPL
└─ 3NT.....suggest SPL ♣

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### 12.1.3 Continuation after 1NT-2♠

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1NT-2♠
├─ 2NT.....Forced
├─ 3X.....Shortness, bidding continues natural
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## 12.2 They bid over our 1NT opening

After a double we play system on. The only new bid is redouble which depends on the meaning of double. If double is for penalties (or just showing values), the redouble is a Puppet to 2♣. In any other case the redouble shows values as well and is forcing till 2♠.

```
1NT-(2♣)
├─ Db1.....values and a double later on is for take out
├─ 2♦.....NF
├─ 2♥.....NF (?)
├─ 2♠.....minors (?)
├─ 2NT.....transfer lebensohl
├─ 3X.....transfer lebensohl
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### 12.2.1 They bid over Stayman

#### Changes

\* 2023-12-03

- no Texas after 1NT-(P)-2♣-(D)-2NT/3♣

**Description** The idea is to bid a major of the opener thru a transfer, ensuring the right hand always plays the major. Furthermore, since they double regularly with not such a good suit, we also want to play 2 clubs redoubled when a good 4 card suit with at least one top honor. And you must also be able to play 2 clubs redoubled when having a good 5 card suit. The drawback is that having a stopper in their suit can not be shown directly.

```
1NT-(P)-2♣-(D)
├─ Pass....no 4 card major, maybe 5 good clubs
├─ (R).....Stayman again, INV+
├─ Pass....5 good clubs
├─ 2♦.....the rest
├─ Rdbl....no major, proposal to play with 4 good clubs (no 5 good clubs)
├─ 2♦.....4+ hearts
├─ 2♥.....S/O
├─ 3♥.....INV
├─ 2♥.....4+ spades
├─ 2NT/3♣..44 MM, min/max, no Texas 3♦/3♥ hereafter (responder usually has to
    │ play)
├─ 3♥♠.....S/O
├─ 4♣♦.....S/A ♥/♠
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```
1NT-(P)-2♣-(2♦)
├─ Pass....no M
├─ Db1.....take-out (difference with 2M?)
├─ 2M.....nat, 4+M
├─ 2NT.....MM, MIN
├─ 3♣.....MM, MAX
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1NT-(P)-2♣-(2M)
├─ Pass
├─ Db1.....take-out
├─ Db1.....take out (4+oM)
└─ 2♠.....5+♠

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1NT-(P)-2♣-(3m)
├─ Db1.....take-out
└─ 3M.....5+M

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### 12.2.2 They bid over our transfer

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1NT-(P)-2red-(D)
├─ Pass....no 3 cards fit
├─ Rdbl....retransfer
├─ 1step...to play
├─ 3m.....5-5, NF
├─ Rdbl....3+ cards fit, wants partner to play (usually no stopper or something
│   like Ax(x))
└─ 2M.....3+ cards fit, wants to play (usually a stopper)

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When they bid over our transfer a double is just for penalties. Support shows a good hand with fit, after 2D at least 4 cards (partner may have 4♥5♠ in the majors). If they bid our cuebid dbl shows fit and willingness to compete.

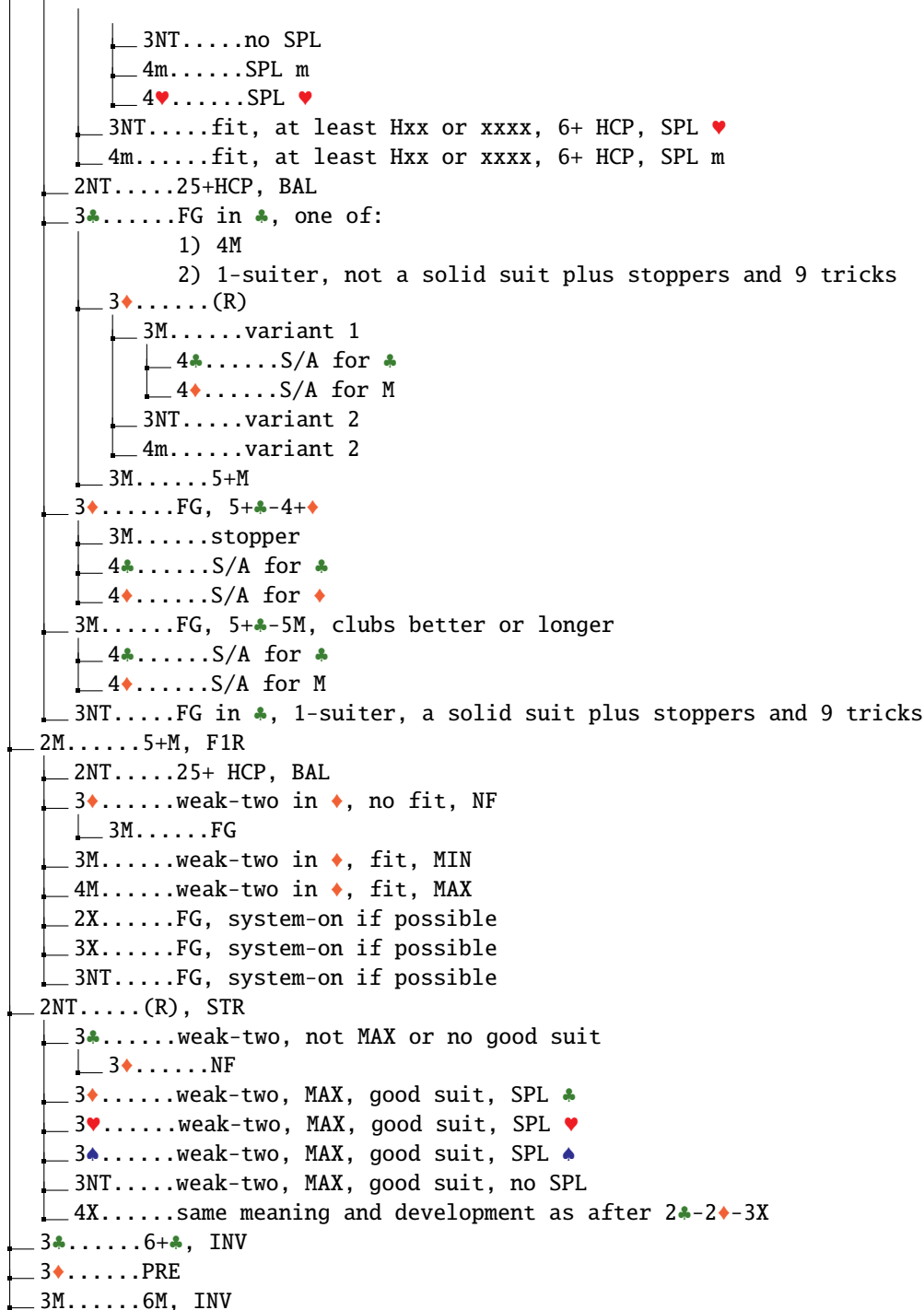
## 13 The 2♣ opening

### 13.1 Answers

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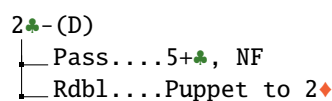
2♣.....One of:
├─ 1) weak-two in ♦
├─ 2) 25+ NT
└─ 3) FG in ♣, ♥ or ♠
└─ 2♦.....(R)
    ├─ Pass....weak-two in ♦
    └─ 2♥.....FG in ♥
        └─ 2♠.....(R), any hand not suitable for other bids hence 0+ HCP
            ├─ 2NT.....4♠
            ├─ 3m.....4+m
            └─ 3♥.....6♥
        └─ 2NT.....5+♠, 6+ HCP
            ├─ 3m.....5+m, 6+ HCP
            └─ 3♥.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP
                ├─ 3♠.....no SPL
                ├─ 3NT.....SPL ♠
                └─ 4m.....SPL m
            └─ 3♠.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ♠
                ├─ 3NT.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ♦
                └─ 4♣.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ♣
        └─ 2♠.....FG in ♠
            ├─ 2NT.....(R), any hand not suitable for other bids hence 0+ HCP
            ├─ 3m.....5+m, 6+ HCP
            └─ 3♥.....5+♥, 6+ HCP
                └─ 3♠.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP

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## 13.2 Intervention

We just keep it simple: a pass promises clubs, redouble is a Puppet to 2♦ with an own suit and a weak hand. The rest is system-on.



## 14 The 2♦ opening

### 14.1 Answers

#### 14.1.1 Changes

2018-01-09

- 2♦-2♠ is positive
- 2♦-2♠-3NT is 22-24 HCP, BAL

#### 14.1.2 Description

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2♦.....Multi-coloured, one of:
    1) weak-two in a major
    2) 22-24 NT
    3) FG in ♦
2♥.....(R)
2♠.....weak-two in ♠
    2NT.....(R) asking for shortness
        3♣♥.....Splinter, MIN/MAX
        3♠.....MIN
        3NT.....MAX
    3m.....T/P, no short ♥ (else 3m response)
    3♥.....6+♥, INV
    3♣.....PRE
    2NT.....22-24 NT, see 2NT opening
    3♣.....FG in ♦, one of:
        a) 4M
        b) 1-suiter, not a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
    3♦.....(R)
        3M.....variant a
            4♣.....S/A for M
            4♦.....S/A for ♦
        3NT.....variant b
        4m.....variant b
        3M.....5+M
    3♦.....FG, 5+♦-4+♣
        3M.....stopper
        4♣.....S/A for ♣
        4♦.....S/A for ♦
    3M.....FG, 5+♦-5M
        4♣.....S/A for M
        4♦.....S/A for ♦
    3NT.....FG in ♦, 1-suiter, a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
2♠.....NF, opposite a weak-two in ♠, positive (normally 10+ HCP)
    2NT.....weak-two in ♥
        3m.....5♠-5m, FG
        3♥.....NF
        3♠.....6♠, INV
    3X.....see 2♦-2♥-3X
    3NT.....22-24 HCP, BAL
2NT.....(R), STR
    3♣.....weak-two in ♥, not MAX or no good suit
    3♦.....weak-two in ♠, not MAX or no good suit
    3♥.....weak-two in ♠, MAX, good suit
    3♠.....weak-two in ♥, MAX, good suit
    3NT.....solid weak-two
    4X.....same meaning and development as after 2♦-2♥-3X
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- 3m.....T/P, short ♥ (else 2♥ response)
- 3M.....P/C
- 3NT.....T/P, short ♥
  - 4♣.....TRF for ♥ (e.g. KQJ109x)
  - 4♦.....TRF for ♠
- 4♣.....ART, asks for transfer
- 4♦.....ART, asks for major
- 4M.....NAT, T/P

## 14.2 Intervention

We just keep it simple: a pass promises diamonds, redouble is a Puppet to 2♥ in order to play with a long suit. The rest is system-on.

- 2♦-(D)
  - Pass....promises ♦
  - Rdbl....PUP to 2♥, T/P in our own suit

- 2♦-(2M)
  - Pass....NF
  - Db1....P/C

- 2♦-(3m)
  - Db1....PEN
  - 3M.....P/C
  - 4X.....see 2♦-4X

- 2♦-(P)-2NT-(3m)
  - Db1....that was my bid
  - Pass....3om was my bid

- 2♦-(P)-2NT-(3M)
  - Db1....PEN, my suit
  - Pass....oM, MIN

## 15 The Muiderberg

### 15.1 Changes

#### 15.1.1 2018-01-09

- Points added (5-10 HCP)
- No 3 cards in the other major if you have a maximum
- 2NT is not game forcing and answers after 2NT simple: mini/maxi
- 2M-3D is not a slam try (bid 2NT)

## 15.2 Description

Both 2♥ and 2♠ show 5M and 4+ minor (VULN 5) and less than a one level opening bid (usually 5-10 HCP). If your major suit is good you can open light. A minor of just four cards without a top honor is not allowed. A maximum and three cards in the other major is not allowed either.

## 15.3 Answers

2♥  
└ 2♠.....5+♠, NF

2♠  
└ 3♥.....6+♥, INV

2M  
└ 2NT.....INV+, (R)  
└ 3♣.....P/C  
└ 3♦.....INV for 4M  
└ 3M.....PRE  
└ 4♣.....5+♣-4+M  
└ 4♦.....5+♦-4+M  
└ 4M.....T/P  
└ 4NT.....mm

### 15.3.1 2M-2NT

2M-2NT  
└ 3♣.....4+♣, MIN  
└ 3♦.....NAT, 5+♦, FG, looking for best game/slam  
└ 3M.....FG with fit, S/T  
└ 3oM.....NAT, 5+ cards, FG, looking for best game/slam  
└ 3NT.....T/P  
└ 4♣.....NAT, S/T  
└ 4M.....T/P  
└ 3♦.....4+♦, MIN  
└ 3M.....FG with fit, S/T  
└ 3oM.....NAT, 5+ cards, FG, looking for best game/slam  
└ 3NT.....T/P  
└ 4♣.....CTRL for ♦  
└ 4♦.....NAT, S/T, no ♣ CTRL  
└ 4M.....T/P  
└ 3♥.....4+♣, MAX  
└ 3♠.....CoG  
└ 3NT.....T/P  
└ 4♣.....NAT, S/T  
└ 4♦.....S/A for M  
└ 4M.....T/P  
└ 3♠.....4+♦, MAX  
└ 3NT.....T/P  
└ 4♣.....S/A for M  
└ 4♦.....NAT, S/T  
└ 4M.....T/P

## 15.4 Intervention after our Muiderberg

2M-(D)  
| Rdbl....Showing strength, can be with fit  
| 2NT....asks partner to just bid his minor  
| 3m.....NAT, NF

2M-(2X)  
| Dbl.....PEN  
| 2NT....asks partner to just bid his minor  
| 4NT....asks partner to just bid his minor  
| 3♣.....NAT and T/P  
| 3♦.....NAT, T/P

2M-(2NT)  
| Dbl.....PEN  
| 3NT....asks partner to just bid his minor  
| 4NT....asks partner to just bid his minor  
| 3♣.....P/C  
| 3♦.....NAT, T/P

2M-(3X)  
| Dbl.....PEN  
| 4NT....asks partner to just bid his minor  
| 3♦/4♦....NAT, T/P  
| 4♣.....P/C

## 15.5 Opening in third / fourth position

2M  
| 2NT....P/C, asks for the minor but maybe a limit for the major  
| 3♣.....T/P, 6+♣  
| 3♦.....T/P, 6+♦  
| 3M.....SUPP, PRE

## 16 The 2NT opening

### 16.1 Answers

#### 16.1.1 Changes

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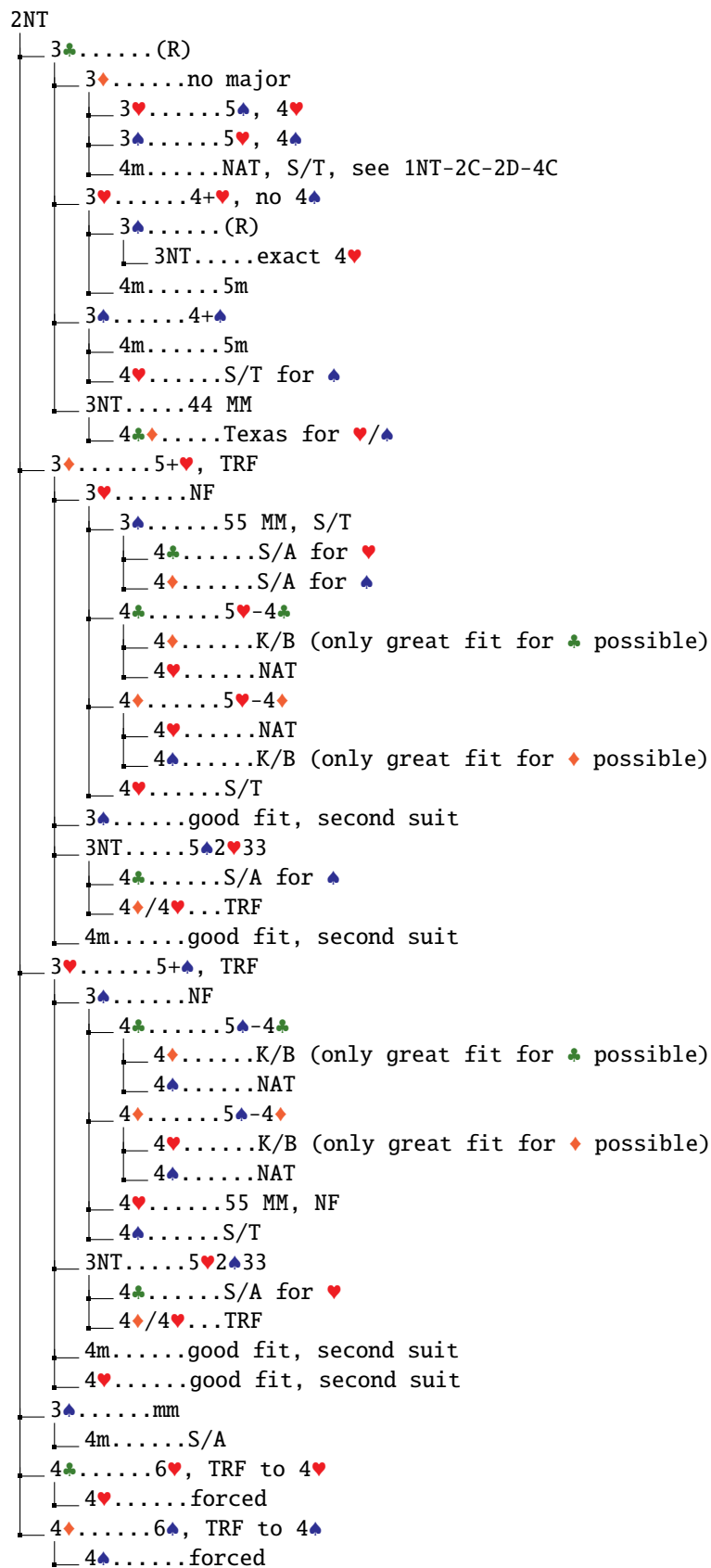
- 2NT-3♣-3♠-4♥ shows ♠ fit (typo solved)

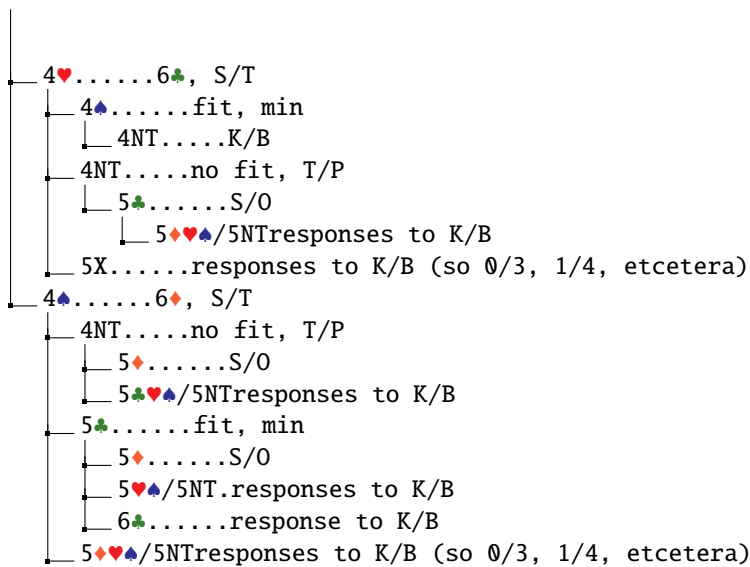
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- 2NT-3♦-3♥-3♠ shows 55 MM, slamtry
- 2NT-3♥-3♠-4♥ shows 55 MM, N/F
- 2NT-4♥
- 2NT-4♠

### 16.1.2 Description

After 2NT we just play standard Stayman.



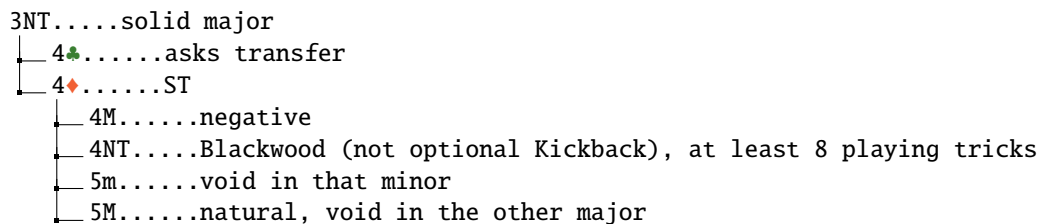


## 16.2 Intervention

## 17 The 3NT opening

Shows a solid major (Namyats) without a side Ace or King.

### 17.1 Answers



## 18 They open the bidding

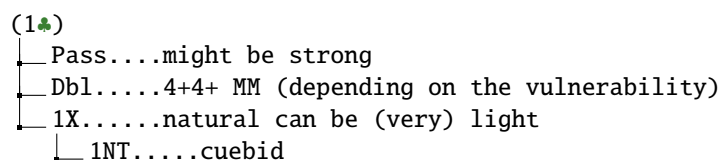
This chapter is about our defensive bidding if the opponent opens something on the 1 level.

### 18.1 A one level opening

A cue bid promises a rebid.

### 18.2 Strong 1♣ or 2♣ opening

We play pretty standard over their strong opening bids, the 1♣ opening is explained below and after the 2♣ opening we play something similar.





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├── 2NT.....(very) good raise
├── 1NT.....5+4+ mm
├── 2♣.....wide ranged
├── 2♦.....Weak
├── 2M.....Weak
├── 2NT.....5+5+ red suits
├── 3X.....PRE

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## 18.3 1NT Opening

### 18.3.1 Changes

2018-01-16

- (1NT)-2♦ may contain strong 5M5m

### 18.3.2 Description

The meaning of our dbl depends on the strength of their 1NT opening. If the lower limit is at most 13 HCP we consider it a weak NT. So a 14-16 NT is a strong NT. After a strong 1NT (or if the doubler did not open) we play double as 5+m-4M else it is for penalties. We play the same methods in 2nd or 4th seat.

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(1NT)
├── Db1.....5+m-4M
├── 2♣.....p/c
├── 2♦.....asks major
├── 2M.....to play
├── 2NT.....INV+ minor??
├── 3m.....to play
├── 2♣.....Landy, 5(4)+4+MM
├── 2♦.....no preference, the difference in the majors is at most 1 and may be a
│       (light) INV
├── 2M.....Pref NF
├── 2NT.....INV+ answers like Multi
├── 3m.....NF
├── 3M.....(light) INV
├── 2♦.....One major but 5M and 5m with a strong hand is also possible
├── 2♥.....P/C
│   ├── 2♠.....6♠
│   ├── 2NT.....5♥, 5m, STR
│   │   ├── 3♣.....P/C
│   │   ├── 3♦.....INV for 4♥
│   │   ├── 3♥.....S/O
│   ├── 3m.....5♠, 5m, STR
│   │   ├── 3♠.....S/O
│   ├── 3♥.....6♥, onesuiter, STR
│   ├── 3♠.....6♠, onesuiter, STR
├── 2♠.....P/C
│   ├── 2NT.....5♥, 5m, STR
│   │   ├── 3♣.....P/C
│   │   ├── 3♦.....INV
│   │   ├── 3♥.....S/O
│   ├── 3m.....5♠, 5m, STR
│   │   ├── 3♠.....S/O
│   ├── 3♥.....6♥, onesuiter, WK
│   ├── 3♠.....6♠, onesuiter

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- └─ 4♥.....6♥, onesuiter, STR
- └─ 2M.....Muiderberg (may be 6M occasionally), see 2M opening
- └─ 2NT.....5+5+ minors wide range
- └─ 3m.....wide ranged, NAT
- └─ 3M.....PRE

## 18.4 2NT Opening

After 2NT as if they have opened 1NT: - double means 5 minor, 4 major - 3C shows the majors - 3D shows a onesuiter - 3M shows a twosuiter with 5 in the major bid and a minor

## 18.5 3NT Opening

Double is strong but 4C till 4S Multi-Landy like after their 1NT and 2NT opening.

## 18.6 We bid 3NT naturally after a three level bid by them

They may have raised each other like 2♥-3♥ or even 1♥-3♥. But an opening of 3♠ counts as well.

(nX)-3N 4C = (R) 4D = 3NT is based on a minor (not very strong in points) 4M = 3NT is based on points, that major 4NT = 3NT is based on points, no major 4D/H = Texas (to their suit some kind of a threesuiter with shortness in their suit) 4N = Quanti opposite 16-18

## 18.7 We jump to 3NT after they open two

### 18.8 Michaels

We play two-suited overcalls after an opponents 1 level opening. The style depends a lot on vulnerability. A two-suited overcall always shows at least 5+ in both suits.

#### 18.8.1 Direct two-suited bids

- (1♣)
- └─ 2♣.....NAT
- └─ 2♦.....MM
- └─ 2NT.....♦+♥
- └─ 3♣.....Weak, 6+♣

- (1♦)
- └─ 2♦.....MM
- └─ 2NT.....♣+♥
- └─ 3♦.....Asks stop for 3NT

- (1♥)
- └─ 2♥.....♠+m
- └─ 2NT.....♣+♦
- └─ 3♥.....Asks stop for 3NT

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(1♠)
| 2♠.....♥+m
| 2NT.....♣+♦
| 3♠.....Ask stop for 3NT

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## Continuations after our two-suited overcall

### \* Changes

\*\* 2023-12-03

- (1C)-2D-(P)-4C = agreeing ♥, slamtry

### \* Description

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(1♣)-2♦-(P)
| Pass....at own risk
| 2♥.....NF, preference
| 2♠.....NF, preference
| 2NT.....INV+, ASK
|   | 3♣.....min/med
|   |   | 3♦.....asks shortness
|   |   | 3M.....NF INV
|   | 3♦.....MAX, short ♦ (changed 1-11-2017)
|   | 3♥.....MAX, short ♣ (changed 1-11-2017)
|   | 3♠.....MAX, 1-1 minors
| 3♣.....NF, (6)7+♣
| 3♦.....NF, (6)7+♦
| 3♥.....NF, (3)4+♥, light INV
| 3♠.....NF, (3)4+♠, light INV
| 3NT.....T/P
| 4♣.....S/T ♥
| 4♦.....S/T ♠
| 4M.....T/P

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(1♣)-2NT-(P)
| 3♣.....INV+, ♥
| 3♦.....NF, preference
| 3♥.....NF, preference
| 3♠.....NF, 6+♠
| 4♣.....S/A ♣, S/T
| 4♥.....T/P
| 4♠.....T/P

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(1♦)-2♦-(P)
| 2M.....NF preference
| 2NT.....INV+ ASK
|   | 3♣.....min/med
|   |   | 3♦.....asks shortness
|   |   | 3M.....NF INV
|   | 3♦.....MAX, short ♦
|   | 3♥.....MAX, short ♣
|   | 3♠.....MAX, 1-1 minors

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- 3♣.....NF, (6)7+♣
- 3♦.....INV, MM
- 3♥.....NF, (3)4+♥, light INV
- 3♠.....NF, (3)4+♠, light INV
- 3NT.....T/P
- 4♣.....S/T, ♥
- 4♦.....S/T, ♠
- 4M.....T/P

(1♦)-2NT-(P)

- 3♣.....NF, preference
- 3♦.....INV(+), ♥
- 3♥.....NF, preference
- 3♠.....NF, 6+♠
- 4♣.....INV, ♣
- 4♥.....T/P
- 4♠.....T/P

(1♥)-2♥-(P)

- 2♠.....NF, preference
- 2NT.....INV+, see continuation after Muiderberg
- 3♣.....P/C
- 3♦.....INV, ♠
- 3♥.....S/T, ♠
- 3♠.....light INV, ♠
- 3NT.....T/P
- 4♣.....♣+♠
- 4♦.....♦+♠
- 4♥.....SPL for ♠
- 4♠.....T/P
- 4NT.....bid your m

(1♥)-2NT-(P)

- 3m.....NF, preference
- 3♥.....FG
- 3♠.....NF, 6+♠
- 3NT.....T/P
- 4♣.....INV, ♣
- 4♦.....INV, ♦
- 4♠.....T/P
- 4NT.....Pick best m

(1♠)-2♠-(P)

- 2NT.....INV+, see continuation after Muiderberg
- 3♣.....P/C
- 3♦.....INV, ♥
- 3♥.....NF, pref
- 3♠.....S/T, ♥
- 3NT.....T/P
- 4♣.....♣+♥
- 4♦.....♦+♥
- 4♥.....T/P
- 4NT.....bid your m

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(1♠)-2NT-(P)
| 3m.....NF, preference
| 3♥.....NF, 6+♥
| 3♠.....FG
| 3NT.....T/P
| 4♣.....INV, ♣
| 4♦.....INV, ♦
| 4♥.....T/P
| 4♠.....?
| 4NT.....Pick best m

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### 18.8.2 They bid after our two-suited overcall

If they bid a new suit intended as natural, dbl is penalty. If they support each other, dbl is for take-out and may be INV for the major if you don't have another invitational bid. If they bid one of our suits, dbl means that you would have liked to bid that.

## 19 Abbreviations

An excerpt from <http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Guidetocompletion.pdf>.

The following abbreviations or terms may be used (Note the use of BLOCK CAPITALS and SLASHES (/)):

- (5431) = Any hand with that distribution (suits unknown)
- 5431 = Five spades, four hearts, three diamonds, one club
- 54(31) = A hand with five spades, four hearts, and 3♦1♣ or 3♣1♦
- 54(xx) = A hand with five spades and four hearts
- AGG = Aggressor. The first player to double or overcall for the defending side
- ADV = Advancer, aggressors partner
- ASK = Asking bid
- ART = Artificial
- ATT = Attitude
- B = Black suit(s)
- BAL = Balanced
- BW = Blackwood
- CB = Checkback
- COMP = Competitive
- CONC = Concentrated (e.g. all values in the bid suits)
- CONST = Constructive
- CTRL = Control
- CUE = Cue-bid
- DISC = Discourage (ing)
- E = Even
- ENC = Encourage (ing)

- FRAG = Fragment
- F = Forcing
- F1 = Forcing 1 round
- F2NT = Forcing to 2NT
- FG = Forcing to game
- 4SF = 4th suit forcing (4SFG, 4SF1)
- FREQ = Frequent
- G/T = Game try
- H = Honour (Ace, King, or Queen)
- HCP = High Card Points
- INV = Invitational
- INQ = Inquiry
- KCB = Keycard Blackwood
- L/D = Lead-directing
- LEB = lebensohl
- LHO = The opponent on your left
- LIM = Limit raise
- L/S = Long suit
- L/T = Less than (length or strength)
- M = Major
- MM = majors
- m = Minor
- mm = minors
- MAX = Maximum, Maximal, Maximal Overcall Double
- MIN = Minimum
- NAT = Natural
- NEG = Negative
- NEU = Neutral
- NF = Nonforcing
- NT = No Trump
- NV = Nonvulnerable
- oM = The other major
- om = The other minor
- OPPT = Opponent(s)
- OPT = Optional
- O/S = Outside
- O/C = Overcall
- P/C = Pass or correct
- PEN = Penalty

- PH = Passed hand
- PRE = Pre-emptive
- PUP = Puppet to (e.g. 2♣ demands 2♦)
- QUANT = Quantitative
- (R) = Relay (e.g. 2♣ asks for shape description etc)
- RESP = Responder; Response; Responsive
- REV = Reverse
- RHO = The opponent on your right
- RKCB = Roman Keycard Blackwood
- R/O = Reopening
- S/P = Suit preference
- S/A = Suit agreement
- S/O = Signoff, shutout
- SOL = Solid (suit)
- S-SOL = Semi-solid (suit)
- SPL = Splinter, or short suit
- S/S = Short suit
- S/T = Slam try
- STAY = Stayman
- STR = Strong
- SUPP = Support
- T/O = Takeout
- TRF = Transfer
- UNT = Unusual No Trump
- VUL or V = Vulnerable
- w/ = With
- w/o = Without
- WJO = Weak jump overcall
- WJS = Weak jump shift
- WK = Weak

Besides these abbreviations from the WBF, the following abbreviations have been added:

- K/B = (Optional) KickBack
- MED = medium
- T/P = To Play
- UNB = Unbalanced
- CoG = Choice of Games

The following abbreviations are not conform the WBF, but conform the BML definitions:

- D = Double
- R = Redouble (hence not the reds)

The following abbreviations are **not** used:

- DBL or X = Double
- RDBL, RD, XX = Redouble