GH-GJP 1.0

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1 Introduction

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

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Ø
      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 ♦
            5M, 4+m, 5-10 HCP
      2M
      2NT
            22-24 BAL
            PRE
      3X
      3NT
            Gambling
```

2 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.

2.1 Answers

1.

Pass impossible except when 5+* and 0-3 HCP

1♦ one of:

```
1) negative, 0-7 HCP
             2) 4+•, 8+ HCP
             3) 8+ HCP, no major, no 4+♦, no other bid
             4+M, 8+ HCP
      1M
      1NT
             8-10 HCP, BAL, no 4M
      2*
             inverted minor, 5+*, FG
             0-7 HCP, 6M
      2
             54-4+♥, 5-9 HCP
      2♥
             inverted minor, INV
      2
      2NT
            11-12 HCP, INV
      3♣
             6.4, 6-9 HCP, expects to win 3NT opposite a strong balanced hand
      3X
             6X, good suit, INV
      3NT 13-15 HCP, BAL
2.1.1 14-1
1.-1.
             3M or 4M but only 3M if there is no alternative (with 2245 you open 1♦ or rebid 2♣)
      1M
                    0-7 HCP, 4+
             1.
             1NT
                   NF
             2m
                    NF (after 1 - 1 - 1  opener shows at least 3 + )
             2NT
                   FG, 4+◆
                    FG, NAT
             3m
      1NT
             18-19 NT. See the 1NT opening.
      2.
             11-16 HCP, 6+* or 2245 with good clubs
             2•
             2M
                    FG, NAT (maybe 3 cards only)
             2NT
                    F till 3.
                    3*
                          MIN
                          MAX, S/S
                    3X
                    3NT MAX, no S/S
             3*
                    INV, not suitable for a 2NT bid
             3♦
                    FG, 6+
                    FG, SPL
             3M
             17+HCP, 5+♣, 4+♦
             2M
                    5M, weak so NF
                   PUP, usually a S/O
             2NT
                          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
                    the only bid that is a S/O
1.4-1.4-1♥
             4♥, 5-7 HCP
      2♥
      2
             FG, 4SFG
             FG, 5+♥ (opener can have 3 cards so with 4♥ you bid 4SFG first), longer diamonds
      3♥
1.-1.-1.
             FG, 4SFG
      2
             4♠, 5-7 HCP
      2
             FG, 5+• (opener can have 3 cards so with 4• you bid 4SFG first), longer diamonds
      3♠
```

2.1.2 1*-1M

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Changes 2017-12-22:
```

- Added 1C-1M-1S
- Modified 1C-1M-2M-2N-4CD
- Modified 1C-1M-2M-3X
- Modified 1C-1M-2D (4M possible)

```
1♣-1M
       1.
              (after 1♥) shows 4♠ (but can bid 1NT too with 4333)
                    NAT or two-way Checkback Stayman (TODO)
       1NT
             12-14 NT. 4333 possible after 1♣-1♥.
              11-16 HCP, 5+4
       2.
      2NT
             onesuiter, FG
              3*
                    (R), opener responds naturally
                    (R), *-fit, (mild) S/T, opener responds naturally
              3♦
              3X
                    NAT
              onesuiter, INV
       3♣
```

1*-1M-1N

```
1-1M-1NT
            PUP to 2♦
      2*
                   Mandatory
                   Pass
                         S/O
                         INV, 5M, NF
                   2M
                   2NT
                        INV, 4M
                         INV, 5M, 5m
                   3m
                   3NT
                         FG, (5M332), asks opener to bid M with 3M and a suitable hand
            FG, CONV
      2•
      2NT
            PUP
            3*
                   Mandatory
                        S/O
                   Pass
                         4M, 5♦, INV
                   3♦
            5M-5m, good suits (else 2♦), FG
      3m
```

1**.**-1**∀**-1NT-2**.**-2**♦**

2♠ INV, 5♥, 4♠, NF

6M, good suit (else 2♦), FG

1**♣**-1**♦**-1NT-2**♣**-2**♦**

3M

2♥ INV, 5♠, 4♥, NF

1**.**-1**∀**-1NT

3. 65 MM

1**-1**-1NT

3♥ 55 MM

1*-1M-2*

1.4-1.4-2.4

2NT NF

3♣ NF

3♦ NAT, FG

```
3M
                    3M, FG
             NAT, NF
      2M
      2NT
             exactly 4M, F
             3*
                    MIN
             3X
                    MAX, S/S (also 3M)
             3NT MAX, no S/S
      3*
             INV, not suitable for 2NT
      3♦
             5M-5♦, FG
      3M
             FG, 6M
1 4-1 ♥-2 4-2 ♦
      2
             4SFG
1.1.2.2.2
             4SFG
      2♥
1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 4
             NAT, FG
      2
      3♠
             SPL
1.-1.-2.
      2♥
             NAT, INV (1♣-2♥ shows 5♠-4♥ and a weak hand)
      3♥
             55 MM
1*-1M-2D
1♣-1M
      2
             one of:
             1) 18-19 HCP, BAL, 4M possible
             2) 17+ HCP, NAT, reverse
                    exactly 4M
             2♥
                           variant 1, either 4♠ (after 1♣-1♥) or waiting (after 1♣-1♠)
                    2
                           normally variant 1
                    2NT
                           3X
                                  NAT
                    3.
                           variant 2, 5-4
                    3♦
                           variant 2, 6-5
                           variant 1, 4M, no 4333
                    3M
                           variant 1, 4M333
                    3NT
             2
                    5+M
                    2NT
                           variant 1
                           3X
                                  NAT
                    3*
                           variant 2, 5-4
                           variant 2, 6-5
                    3♦
                    3M
                           3M, suitable for trumps
                    3NT variant 1, 4M333, stops
             2NT
                    11+ HCP, BAL, no 5M
                    5M-4m, good suits (else 2.), S/T
             3*
                    5M-5♦, good suits (else 2♠), S/T
             3♦
             3M
                    6M, good suit (else 2♠), S/T
1.4-1.4-2.♦
             65 MM, good suits (else 2♠), S/T
      3♠
1.4-1.4-2.
             55 MM, good suits (else 2♠), S/T
      3♥
```

1**♣-1M-2M**

```
1♣-1M
      2M
             MIN, usually 4M but sometimes 3M is possible
             2NT F1, any INV+
                    3♣
                          MIN, 3M, 5*, NF
                          MIN, 4M
                    3M
                    3X
                          MAX, 3M, NAT
                    3NT
                          4M333
                          MAX, 4M
                    4M
                          MAX, 4M, SPL ♦ (om)
             3M
                    5M, (mildly) INV
             2♠/3♥ (bid in other major w/o jump), 54 MM, INV+
             3X
                    5M, NAT, S/T
1.-1.-2.-2NT
             MAX, 4♥, SPL ♠
      4.
1♣-1♠-2♠-2NT
      4.
             MAX, 4♠, SPL ♥
1*-1M-2oM
1.4-1♥
      2
             NAT, STR, FG
1.-1.
      2•
             NAT, STR, FG
strong with 4 cards fit after 1*-1M
1♣-1M
             SPL, 4M, FG
      3♦
             4M, INV
      3M
             3M+1 (R), asks for singleton that opener should show naturally
                    4
                          singleton
                    3NT
                          singleton \wedge (M=\heartsuit)
                    4
                          singleton \forall (M= \spadesuit)
      3NT
             5422, 4M, FG
             6-4, good suits, (mild) S/T
      4.
      4X
             (X < M), void, 4M
1.4-1♥
      3♠
             SPL ♠, 4♥, FG
1.-1.
      3♥
             SPL ♥, 4♠, FG
2.1.3 14-1NT
Changes 2017-12-22:
   • Added 1C-1N
1♣-1NT
             S/O
      2♦♥♠ NAT, reverse, F
             2NT PUP (maybe S/O in *)
                    FG
      2NT INV, short in the other minor
```

2.1.4 14-24

Inverted minor and FG. Promises 5 cards after 1♣ and 4 cards after 1♦.

2.1.5 14-2

A weak Multi-coloured (<= 6 HCP). A hand that may not be strong enough opposite a strong (balanced) hand.

```
1 - 2 • 2M see the 2M opening 2NT idem 3M idem 3 • NF
```

2.1.6 14-2

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

```
1♣-2♥-2NT

3♣ MIN, no 5-5

3♦ MIN, 5-5

3♥ MAX, FG, no 5-5

3♠ MAX, FG, 5-5
```

2.1.7 14-24

Inverted minor and just INV.

```
1*-2*

2NT NF
3* S/O
3* SPL, FG
3M idem
```

2.1.8 1*-2NT

```
1*-2NT
3* S/O
3* SPL, FG
3M idem
```

2.1.9 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♣-(D)

Pass nothing to bid, maybe even 5=5=3=0

Rdbl at least 10 HCP and not very unbalanced

1♦ 5+♦, 0+HCP, opener responds like after 1♣-1♦ without further intervention
```

1*-(**1X**) We play transfers now.

14-(1X)-P-(2X) Any bid by opener is strong. 2NT is natural after which partner acts as if 2NT has been opened.

1*-(**2**X)-**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 bid 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.

1.4-(P)-2.4-(...) 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.

3 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.

3.1 Answers

Changes 2017-12-22:

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

1♦

```
1M
      4+M 5+HCP
1NT
      6-10 no 4M
2*
      FG, 4+* (usually 5)
      inverted minor, 4+♦, FG
2
      5.4-4+♥, 5-9 HCP, see continuation after 1.
2♥
      INV, 4+♦
2
      3*
             spl, rest see 1.
2NT
      INV
      3m
             NF
             SPL, FG
      3M
3*
      INV 6+♣
      5-9 4+
3♦
      INV 6+M
3M
3NT 12-15 all suits stopped, normally 3343 or 3334.
```

3.1.1 1 +- 1M

Changes 2017-12-23:

• 1D-1M-2S

```
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
             2♠/3♥ INV, nAT
             3m
                   FG, S/T
      2*
             16+ HCP, 5+♦-4+♥
             19+ HCP, 5+♦-4+♠, FG
      2
      3.
             19+, 5+♦-4+♣, FG
      3♦
             15-17, 6+♦
1♦-1M-2NT
1♦-1♥
      2NT
             18+ HCP, 5+♦, FG
             3*
                   (R)
                   3♦
                          5332, NF
                          3♥, FG
                   3♥
                          6+♦, no 3♥, FG
                   3♠
                   fit, FG, (mild) S/T
             3♦
1♦-1♠
      2NT
             18+ HCP, 5+♦, FG
             3*
                   (R)
                   3♦
                          5332, NF
                   3♥
                          6+♦, no 3♠, FG
                   3♠
                          3., FG
                   fit, FG, (mild) S/T
             3♦
strong with 4 cards fit after 1 -1 M
1♦-1M
             15-17, (4)5+♦-4M
      3M
             1step asking shortness
      4
             6m-4M, 16+ HCP, (mild) S/T
      4M
             6m-4M, 11-15 HCP
1♦-1♥
      3♠
             4♥, FG, UNB
             3NT (R)
      3NT
            4♥, SPL ♠, stronger than 3S
             4♥, SPL ♣, stronger than 3S
      4.
1 ♦ - 1 ♠
             4, FG, UNB
      3♥
                  (R)
             3♠
      3NT
            4♠, SPL ♥, stronger than 3H
             4., SPL ., stronger than 3H
3.1.2 1 +- 1NT
Changes 2017-12-23:
   • Modified 1D-1N-2N
   • Added 1D-1N-3M
1♦-1NT
             NF
      2m
      2M
             16+ reverse, F1R
```

2NT NF 3m

NF

```
INV, short in other minor
       3*
              4+♣, FG
       3♦
              6+♦, INV
       3M
              6+♦, FG, autosplinter
3.1.3 1 +- 2 *
1 \( -2 \)
       2
              min not suited for another bid, can be only 4.
       2M
              extra's 5+ ♦ 4+M
       2NT
       3*
              4+♣ not complete min
       3♦
              6+ 14+
       3M
              Spl 4+♣
3.1.4 1 +- 2 +
All Nat, except 3♣ = Spl
```

4 Transfers after 1m and a one level overcall

All bids up to 2♠ (excluding 1NT and 2♣ after a 1♦ opening) are transfers. All bids are FG opposite a strong opener (17+ HCP).

When X is their suit bid and Y is a new suit bid there are three variants: 1. 2Y (m < Y < X-1) shows a transfer to the next suit showing at least 5 cards. An example is $1 \leftarrow -(1 \leftarrow) - 2 \leftarrow$. 2. 2Y (Y X-1) is a transfer to their suit hence it shows fit and it is at least INV. An example is $1 \leftarrow -(1 \leftarrow) - 2 \leftarrow$. 3. 2Y (X <= Y < \leftarrow) is a transfer to the next suit showing at least 6 cards. An example is $1 \leftarrow -(1 \leftarrow) - 2 \leftarrow$.

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.

All direct bids by responder at the three level are natural and preemptive.

```
1m-(1X)
               Negative double with at least 4 (and at most 5) cards in the next suit (X < \clubsuit) or the other major (X = \clubsuit).
       Dbl
               Transfer to 1NT. Normally a hand without a good stopper.
       1NT
       2*
               (after 1♦) NAT and INV+
       2m
               A transfer to the next suit showing at least 5 cards.
               A transfer to 2NT. At least INV. Opener should play (positional).
       2NT
               5-5 in the suits not bid, INV
1♣-(1♦)
       2.
               variant 2: transfer to their suit, hence fit and at least INV
               variant 3: transfer to the next suit, showing at least 6 cards and 6+HCP
       2**
1 - (1M)
               variant 1: transfer to the next suit (*) showing at least a reasonable 5 card suit and 9+HCP (trying for 3NT)
       2*
1m-(1♥)
               variant 2: transfer to their suit, hence fit and at least INV
       2
       2♥
               variant 3: transfer to the next suit (a), showing at least 6 cards and 6+HCP
1m-(1 \spadesuit)
               variant 1: transfer to the next suit, showing a reasonable 5 card suit and 9+HCP or 6 cards and 6+HCP
       2
       2♥
               variant 2: transfer to their suit, hence fit and at least INV
```

4.1 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) \checkmark or \spadesuit after $1 \clubsuit$ a $2 \spadesuit$ bid is system-on.

5 The 1 major opening

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.

5.1 Answers

```
1♥
             4♠ and normally 6+ HCP
      1.
      1NT
             no 44, 5-12 HCP, with fit you have a minimum
      2.
             FG
      2
             5+, FG
      2♥
             3♥, 7-9 HCP
      2
             64, 8-11 HCP
      2NT
             fit, 10-14 HCP
      3m
             6m, INV
1.
      1NT
             5-12 HCP, with fit you have a minimum
      2.
      2
             5+•, FG
      2♥
             5+♥, FG
             34, 7-9 HCP
      2
      2NT
             fit, 10-14 HCP
      3m
             6m, INV
      3♥
             6♥, INV
5.1.1 1♥-1♠
1♥-1♠
      1NT
             12-14 SA
             a kind of Gazilli with one of:
      2.
             1) 4+*
             2) 18-19 NT
             3) 17-19 HCP, 5♥-4m
             4) FG, exactly 5♥ and one minor
             5) 34, 15-17 HCP, no 5332
             2
                    (R)
                    2
                           variant 1
                           2
                                 ART, FG
                           2NT
                                 INV, no 4♣
                                 T/P
                           3♣
                           3♦
                                 5♠-5♦, FG
                    2
                           variant 5
                           Pass
                                 NF
                           2NT
                                 FG
                           3♣♦♥♠ FG
                    2NT
                          variant 2 or 3
                                 (R), FG, 5♣ or 5♠ possible
                           3♣
                                  3
                                        no 4m
                                        3♥
                                               shows 5.
                                        3♠
                                               shows 5.
                                 3♥
                                        shows 4.
                                               shows 5.
                                 3♠
                                        4♦, 3♦ (changed 1-11-2017)
                                 3NT
                                        4♦, no 3♠ (changed 1-11-2017)
                                 5♦, FG
                           3♦
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```
3♥
                                3♥, FG
                                6♠, FG
                          3♠
                          variant 4
                   3m
             2♥
                   T/P, NAT, normally 3♥ (otherwise 2♦)
             2
                   NAT, T/P, no interest in playing 3.4 opposite variant 1
             2NT 4♣, INV
                   3♣
                          T/P
             3*
                   5. INV
             3♦
                   6, T/P
                   5.3♥, INV
      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♥, FG
             3X
                   see 1♥-1♠-2♣-2♦-2NT
      3♣
             15-17 HCP, 5♥-5♣
             3♥
                   T/P
             3♠
                   5+•, FG
             4.
                   S/A ♣
             4
                   S/A ♥
      3♦
             15-17 HCP, 5♥-5♦
             3♥
                   T/P
             3♠
                   5+•, FG
             4.
                   S/A ♥
             4
                   S/A ♦
      3♥
             INV
             3♠
                   5+•, FG
             4. INV
      3♠
             3NT
                   ASK for SPL
      3NT
             4. FG
             4.
                   ASK for SPL
                          SPL •
                   4
                   4
                          SPL .
      4m
             4. S/T, void
      4♥
             6+♥, 3♠
                   T/P
             4
5.1.2 1M-1N
1M-1NT
             a kind of Gazilli with one of:
      2*
             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.
                                T/P
                   2♥
                          variant 5
                          2NT
                               FG
                          3♥
                                NF
                          variant 4
                   2
                   2NT
                          variant 2 or 3
                                (R), FG, 54 possible
```

```
3♦
                                 no 4m
                                 3♥
                                        shows 5.
                          3♥
                                 shows 4.
                                 4•, 3oM (changed 1-11-2017)
                           3♠
                          3NT
                                 4•, no 3oM (changed 1-11-2017)
                    3♦
                          5 . FG
                    variant 4
             3m
      2M
             T/P, NAT, normally 3M (otherwise 2♦)
      2♥
             (after 1♠), 5+♥, no interest in playing 3♣ opposite variant 1
      2NT
             4., INV
             3♣
                    T/P
      3*
             5. INV
             6♦, T/P
2
      5+M-4+♦, limited to about 16 HCP
2M
      6M, NF
2X
      (after 1.) 5 - 4 = 0, 11-14 HCP (X = 0M)
2NT
      6M, FG
             see 1M-1NT-2♣-2♦-2NT
      3X
3♣
      15-17 HCP, 5M-5♣
      3M
             T/P
      4.
             S/A .
      4
             S/A M
      15-17 HCP, 5M-5♦
3♦
      3M
             T/P
      4.
             S/A M
      4
             S/A •
3M
      6M, INV
3♥
      (after 14) 15-17 HCP, 5-5
```

6 Fit after 1M

6.1 Answers

```
1M
       2M
              fit, 7-9 HCP
                    (mild) INV, normally 6M
              2♠/3♥ NAT, F1R
             2NT limit
              3m
                    slam try
             at least 3M and either a limit or a (limited) gameforcing hand
       2NT
              3*
                    slam try
                           relay, positive
                    3♦
                            3M
                                  BAL
                           3X
                                  NAT (X = oM)
                           3NT
                                  SPL in the other major
                           4m
                                  SPL<sub>m</sub>
                    3M
                           minimum, sorry
                           3NT NAT (since slam is not possible)
                    3X
                           NAT(X = oM)
                    3NT
                           SPL in the other major
                    4m
                           SPL
              3♦
                    game try
                    3NT
                           NAT (since slam is not possible)
              3M
                    S/O
                    FG, NAT (X = oM)
              3X
              3NT
                    SPL in the other major, stronger than via 3.
              4m
                    SPL, stronger than via 3.
                    to play, no interest in slam
              4M
```

```
3NT SPL in the other major, 13-15 HCP
4m SPL m, 13-15 HCP
```

7 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.

7.1 Answers

```
1NT
      2.
            Stayman, not with 5-4MM FG!
      2•
            5+♥ or 54MM FG TRF
      2♥
            5+♠ TRF
            4441 or 5m4M31
      2
      2NT
            6+* or 5-5 mm FG TRF
      3♣
            6+♦ TRF
      3♦
            22(54) FG, looking for best game
      3♥
            31(54) FG
            13(54) FG
      3.
      3NT
            T/P
      4.
            6+♥
                   forced
      4
            6+
            4
                   forced
```

7.1.1 Continuation after Stayman

```
1NT-2*
      2
            no 4M
      2♥
            4+♥, no 4♠
      2
            4+♠, no 4♥
            44MM min
      2NT
            3♦
                  TRF •
                  TRF .
            3♥
      3.
            44MM max
            3♦
                  TRF •
                  TRF .
            3♥
1NT-2♣-2♦
      2*
            4+♥ 4+♠ NF
      2
            5+. 4+♥ NF
      2NT
            INV
      3m
            5+m 4M FG
            5♥-4♠ INV
      3♥
            5.-4♥ INV
      3♠
      3NT
            T/P
      4.
            4♣ S/T, balanced
            4
                  nat
                  4NT
                        Sign off
            4M
                  CUE
                  4NT
                        sign off
            4♦ S/T, balanced
      4
            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 ♥, CUE
                  4m
                        S/A ♥, CUE
      2NT
            INV
      3m
            5+m-4♠ FG
      3♥
            INV
      3♠
            3433 CoG
            see 1N-2♣-2♦
      4m
1NT-2♣-2♠
      2NT
           INV
      3m
            5+m-4♥ FG
      3♥
            (R)
            3♠
                  exactly 44 not 4333
            3NT
                  4333
            4X
                  5♠ CUE
      3♠
            INV
      4m
            see 1N-2♣-2♦
```

7.1.2 Continuation after Transfers

```
1NT-2♦
     2♥
           NF
                 5+4+MM FG
           2
                 2NT (R)
                            "NAT"
                      3m
                            3M
                                  3M
                      3M
                            5M4OM22
                      3NT
                            55MM
                      5+m (good suit) not 4M
                 3m
                 3M
                      S/A M
           2NT
                 INV
                 3m
                      NF
                 3♠
                      5+♠ FG
                 4+m FG
           3m
                      might be "I am stuck"
                 3M
           3♥
                 6+♥ INV
                 6+♥ SPL
           3♠
           3NT T/P
           4m
                 6+♥ SPL
           4
                 6+♥ S/T
          4+♥ MAX
     2NT
           3♣
                 INV
           3♦
                 Xfer
           3♠
                 SPL
                 SPL
           4m
           4+♥ MIN
```

After 1N-2H we use the same structure as over 1NT-2D, so very natural.

```
1NT-2NT
```

3♣ Forced 3♦ 5-5 ♦+♣ FG

```
3M SPL 6+♣
3NT suggests SPL ◆

1NT-3♣
3 Forced
3M SPL
3NT suggest SPL ♣
```

7.1.3 Continuation after 1N-2

1NT-2♠

2NT Forced

3X Shortness, bidding continues natural

7.2 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♣)

Dbl values and a double later on is for take out

2♦ NF

2♥ NF

2♠ minors

2NT transfer lebensohl

3X transfer lebensohl
```

7.2.1 They bid over stayman

```
1NT-(P)-2♣-(D)
      Pass
            no & stopper
            Rdbl Stayman again, INV+
                  2
                        4+•
                  2
                        4+
                  2
                        no 4+M
                  2NT
                        MM, MIN
                  3*
                        MM, MAX
      Rdbl Proposal to play (4)5+*
      2 ★ ★ stopper, system on
      2NT
            stopper, system on
            stopper, system on
      3♣
1NT-(P)-2♣-(2♦)
      Pass no M
            For penalties
      Dbl
      2M
            nat, 4+M
      2NT
            MM, MIN
            MM, MAX
      3*
1NT-(P)-2♣-(2M)
      Dbl
            take out (4+oM)
      2
1NT-(P)-2*-(3m)
      Dbl
      3M
            5+M
```

7.2.2 They bid over our transfer

```
1NT-(P)-2♦/H-(D)

Pass no 3 cards fit

Rdbl retransfer

2♥/S 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)
```

When they bid oer our transfer a double is just for penalties. Support shows a good hand with fit, after 2D at least 4 cards (partner may have 4.5.4 in the majors). If they bid our cuebid dbl shows fit and willingness to compete.

8 The 2* opening

8.1 Answers

```
2*
      One of:
       1) weak-two in •
       2) 25 + NT
       3) FG in ♣, ♥ or ♠
       2
              (R)
              Pass
                     weak-two in •
              2♥
                     FG in •
                            (R), any hand not suitable for other bids hence 0+ HCP
                     2
                            2NT
                                   4
                            3m
                                   4+m
                            3♥
                                   6\rightarrow
                     2NT
                            5+♠, 6+ HCP
                            5+m, 6+ HCP
                            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 •
                            fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL .
                     4.
              2
                     FG in .
                     2NT
                            (R), any hand not suitable for other bids hence 0+ HCP
                     3m
                            5+m, 6+ HCP
                            5+♥, 6+ HCP
                     3♥
                            fit, at least Hxx or xxxx. 6+ HCP
                            3NT
                                   no SPL
                                   SPL m
                            4m
                            4
                                   SPL •
                     3NT
                            fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL •
                            fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL m
              2NT
                     25+HCP, BAL
                     FG in $, one of:
                     2) 1-suiter, not a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
                     3♦
                            (R)
                            3M
                                   variant 1
                                   4.
                                          S/A for *
                                          S/A for M
                            3NT
                                   variant 2
                            4m
                                   variant 2
```

3M

5+M

```
3♦
             FG, 5+♣-4+◆
             3M
                    stopper
             4.
                    S/A for .
                    S/A for ◆
             4
      3M
             FG, 5+4-5M, clubs better or longer
             4.
                    S/A for *
             4
                    S/A for M
      3NT
             FG in 4, 1-suiter, a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
2M
      5+M, F1R
      2NT
             One of:
             1) weak-two in ◆
             2) 25+ HCP, BAL
             3♦
                    Only NF bid
             3X
                    FG, NAT (no system-on!)
      3♦
             weak-two in ♦, no fit, good suit, NF
             3M
                    FG
      3M
             weak-two in •, fit, MIN
             weak-two in ♦, fit, MAX
      4M
      2X
             FG, system-on if possible
      3X
             FG, system-on if possible
      3NT
             FG, system-on if possible
2NT
      (R), STR
             weak-two, not MAX or no good suit
      3*
      3♦
             weak-two, MAX, good suit, SPL .
      3♥
             weak-two, MAX, good suit, SPL •
      3♠
             weak-two, MAX, good suit, SPL .
      3NT
             weak-two, MAX, good suit, no SPL
             same meaning and development as after 2*-2*-3X
      4X
      6+*, INV
3*
      PRE
3
      6M, INV
3M
```

8.2 Intervention

We just keep it simple: a pass promises clubs, redouble is strong. The rest is system-on.

```
2*-(D)

Pass 5+*, NF

Rdbl STR
```

9 The 2♦ opening

9.1 Answers

```
2*
       Multi-coloured, one of:
       1) weak-two in a major
       2) 22-24 NT
       3) FG in •
       2♥
              (R)
                     weak-two in .
              2
                     2NT
                     3m
                            T/P, no short ♥ (else 3m response)
                     3♥
                            6+♥, INV
                            PRE
                     3♠
              2NT
                     22-24 NT, see 2NT opening
                     FG in ♦, one of:
              3♣
                     1) 4M
```

```
2) 1-suiter, not a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
             3♦
                    (R)
                    3M
                           variant 1
                                  S/A for M
                           4.
                           4
                                  S/A for ◆
                    3NT
                           variant 2
                    4m
                           variant 2
                     5+M
             3M
       3♦
             FG, 5+♦-4+♣
             3M
                    stopper
             4.
                    S/A for .
                    S/A for ♦
             4
       3M
             FG, 5+♦-5M
             4.
                    S/A for M
                    S/A for ◆
             FG in •, 1-suiter, a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
       3NT
2
       NF opposite a weak-two in .
             weak-two in 🔻
                    5.5m, FG
             3.
                           (R)
                           3♥
                                  shows 5.
                           3♠
                                  shows 5
             3♦
                    (R), opener bids 4D with a MAX else 3H
             3♥
                    NF
             3♠
                    6. INV
             see 2♦-2♥-3♣
       3X
2NT
      (R), STR
       3*
             weak-two in ♥, not MAX or no good suit
             weak-two in , not MAX or no good suit
       3.
             weak-two in , MAX, good suit
       3♥
             weak-two in ♥, MAX, good suit
       3♠
       3NT
             solid weak-two
       4X
             same meaning and development as after 2D-2H-3X
       T/P, short ♥ (else 2♥ response)
3m
3M
       P/C
3NT
       T/P, short ♥
       4.
             TRF for ♥ (e.g. KQJ109x)
             TRF for •
       4
4.
       ART, asks for transfer
       ART, asks for major
4
       NAT, T/P
4M
```

9.2 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)
              5+♦, NF
       Pass
             PUP to 2♥
       Rdbl
2 \( -(2M)
              NF
       Pass
       Dbl
              P/C
2 \( -(3m)
       Dbl
              PEN
       3M
              P/C
       4X
              see 2♦-4X
```

```
2*-(P)-2NT-(3m)
Dbl that was my bid
Pass 3om was my bid

2*-(P)-2NT-(3M)
Dbl PEN, my suit
Pass oM, MIN
```

10 The Muiderberg

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

10.1 Answers

```
2M-
     5M with 4+m (VULN 5+m)
           5+•, NF
     2
     2NT
           FG, ASK
     3♣
           P/C
     3♦
           INV for 4M
     3M
           PRE
     3♥
           6+♥, INV
     4.
           5+♣-4+M
           5+♦-4+M
     4M
           T/P
     4NT
           mm
```

10.1.1 2M-2N

```
2M-2NT
             4+* (VULN 5+), MIN/MED
      3♣
             3♦
                   NAT, 5+•, FG, looking for best game/slam
             3M
             3X
                   NAT, 5+ cards, FG, looking for best game/slam (X = oM)
             3NT
                   T/P
             4.
                   NAT, S/T
             4
                   K/B for ♣
             4M
                   T/P
      3♦
             4+♦ (VULN 5+), MIN/MED
                   FG with fit
             3M
             3X
                   NAT, 5+ cards, FG, looking for best game/slam (X = oM)
             3NT
             4.
                   CTRL for ◆
             4
                   NAT, S/T, no ♣ CTRL
             4M
                   T/P
                   K/B for \bullet (X = oM)
             4X
      3♥
             5+*, MAX
             3♠
                   CoG
             3NT
                   T/P
             4.
                   NAT, S/T
             4
                   S/A for M
             4M
                   T/P
             5+♦, max
      3♠
             3NT
                   T/P
             4.
                   S/A for M
             4
                   NAT, S/T
             4M
                   T/P
```

10.2 Intervention after our Muiderberg

```
2M-(D)-
             Showing strength, can be with fit
             asks partner to bid just his minor
       3m
             NAT, NF
2M-(2X)-
      Dbl
             PEN
       2NT/4Ntsks partner to bid just his minor
              NAT and T/P
       3♦
              NAT, T/P
2M-(2NT)-
              PEN
      Dbl
       3NT/4Ntsks partner to bid just his minor
              P/C
       3♦
              NAT, T/P
2M-(3X)-
       Dbl
              PEN
       4NT
             asks partner to bid just his minor
       3♦/4♦ NAT, T/P
       4.
              P/C
```

11 The 2NT opening

11.1 Answers

After 2NT we try to reach 5-3 major fits even with 5♠-4♥. This means that standard Puppet Stayman is not good enough. So after the 3♣ response, opener must evaluate his hand opposite 5♠-4♥.

```
2NT- 20-22 HCP, BAL (5M332 or 5m422 possible) and maybe even 4441, 5431 or 6322 (no 5+M)
      3♣
             (R)
             3♦
                    one of:
                    1) 4♠, maybe 4♥
                    2) no 4M, suitable for 4♠ opposite 5♠-4♥
                           4
                    3♥
                           3♠
                                  variant 1
                           3NT
                                  variant 2
                           4♥, maybe a S/T with 5♠-4♥
                    3♠
                                 no 4♥
                           3NT
                    4m
                           NAT, S/T, see 1NT-2C-2D-4C
                           5.4.4♥, TRF to 4.
                    4
             3♥
                    4+♥, no 4♠
                    3♠
                           (R)
                           3NT
                                  exact 4
                    4m
                           5m
                    5
             3♠
                    4m
                           5m
                           S/T for ♥
                    no 4M, no interest in playing 4♠ opposite 5♠-4♥
             3NT
             5+♥, TRF
      3♦
             3♥
                    NF
                    3♠
                           5♥-4♠, FG
                           4.
                                  S/A for ♥
                           4
                                  S/A for •
                    4.
                           5♥-4♣
                           4
                                  K/B (only great fit for ♣ possible)
```

```
4
                          NAT
                    5♥-4♦
             4
                          NAT
                    4♥
                          K/B (only great fit for ♦ possible)
                    4
                    S/T
             good fit, second suit
      3♠
      3NT
             5♦2♥33
                    S/A for •
             4.
             4♦/4♥ TRF
      4m
             good fit, second suit
3♥
      5+♠, TRF
      3♠
             NF
             4.
                    5•-4•
                          K/B (only great fit for ♣ possible)
                    4
                    4
                          NAT
             4
                    5♠-4♦
                    4
                          K/B (only great fit for ♦ possible)
                    4.
                    S/T
             4
      3NT
             5♥2♠33
                    S/A for ♥
             4.
             4♦/4♥ TRF
      4m
             good fit, second suit
      4♥
             good fit, second suit
3♠
      mm
      4m
             S/A
      6♥, TRF to 4♥
4.
             forced
      6♠, TRF to 4♠
4
             forced
      4
4
      6. S/T
             fit, MAX
             4NT K/B
             no fit, T/P
      4NT
             5*
                    T/P
             5NT
                   K/B
      5*
             fit, MIN
             5NT K/B
      6, S/T
4
      4NT
             no fit, T/P
             5
                    T/P
             5NT K/B
      5.
             fit, MAX
             5NT
                   K/B
      5
             fit, MIN
             5NT K/B
```

11.2 Intervention

12 They Open

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

12.1 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.

```
(1.)
             might be strong
      Pass
      Dbl
             4+4+ MM (dependent on vulnerability)
             natural can be (very) light
      1X
                    cuebid
             2NT
                    (very) good raise
      1NT
             5+4+ mm
             wide ranged
      2*
      2
             Weak
      2M
             Weak
      2NT
             5+5+ red suits
      3X
             PRE
```

12.2 1NT Opening

The meaning of our dbl depends on the strenght of their 1NT opening. For us a weak NT is: it can contain 13 or less HCP, so 13-15=weak 14-16=strong. If it is a strong 1NT we play it as 5+m-4M if it's a weak 1NT we play it as penalty/points. We play same methods in 2nd and 4th seat, if we passed previously and dbl a weak 1NT it is the 5+m-4M hand.

```
(1NT)
      Dbl
             5+m-4M
             2*
             2
                    asks major
             2M
                    to play
             2NT
                    INV+ minor??
             3m
                    to play
      2*
             Landy, 5(4)+4+MM
                    no pref, meaning <2 difference in majors, can have a (light) inv hand
             2•
                    Pref NF
             2M
             2NT
                    INV+ answers like Multi
             3m
                    NF
             3M
                    (light) inv
      2
             Multi, see 2♦ opening
      2M
             Muiderberg (can have 6M occasionaly), see 2M opening
      2NT
             5+5+ minors wide range
             wide ranged, NAT
      3m
      3M
             PRE
```

12.3 2NT Opening

(2NT)
Dbl MM (from both hands)

12.4 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.

12.4.1 Direct two-suited bids

```
(1♣)

2♣ NAT

2♦ MM

2NT ♦+♥

3♣ Weak, 6+♣

(1♦)
```

```
2NT
            ♣+♥
             ♣+♠ (normally 6♣)
      3♦
(1♥)
      2♥
             •+m
      2NT
             *+
             Asks stop for 3NT
      3♥
(1♠)
      2
             ♥+m
      2NT
             ♣+m
             Ask stop for 3NT
      3♠
Continuations after our two-suited overcall
(1♣)-2♦-(P)
             at own risk
      Pass
      2♥
             NF, preference
      2
             NF, preference
      2NT
             INV+, ASK
             3♣
                   min/med
                   3♦
                          asks shortness
                   3M
                          NF INV
                   MAX, short ♦ (changed 1-11-2017)
             3♦
             3♥
                   MAX, short 4 (changed 1-11-2017)
                   MAX, 1-1 minors
             3♠
             NF, (6)7+*
      3♣
      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 ♠
             T/P
      4M
(1♣)-2NT-(P)
             INV+, ♥
      3♣
      3♦
             NF, preference
      3♥
             NF, preference
      3♠
             NF, 6+♠
             INV, ♣
      4.
      4
             K/B, ♣
      4♥
             T/P
             T/P
      4
(1♦)-2♦-(P)
             NF preference
      2M
      2NT
             INV+ ASK
             3*
                   min/med
                   3♦
                          asks shortness
                   3M
                          NF INV
                   MAX, short *
             3♦
                   MAX, short ♦
                   MAX, 1-1 minors
             3♠
      3♣
             NF, (6)7+*
             INV, MM
      3♦
      3♥
             NF, (3)4+♥, light INV
             NF, (3)4+♠, light INV
      3♠
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T/P

3NT

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4.
             S/T, ♥
      4
             S/T, ♠
      4M
             T/P
(1♦)-2NT-(P)
             NF, preference
      3♣
      3♦
             INV(+), ♥
      3♥
             NF, preference
      3♠
             NF, 6+♠
      4.
             INV, ♣
      4
             K/B, ♣
      4♥
             T/P
             T/P
      4
(1♥)-2♥-(P)
             NF, preference
      2
      2NT
             INV+, see continuation after Muiderberg
      3*
             P/C
      3♦
             INV, ♠
             S/T, ♠
      3♥
             light INV, 🌲
      3♠
      3NT
             T/P
      4.
             *+
      4
             ++
             SPL for •
      4♥
      4
             T/P
      4NT
            bid your m
(1♥)-2NT-(P)
             NF, preference
      3m
      3♥
             FG
      3♠
             NF, 6+♠
      3NT
            T/P
      4.
             INV, *
      4
             INV, ♦
      4♥
             K/B, ♦
      4
             T/P
      4NT
             Pick best m
(1♠)-2♠-(P)
      2NT
             INV+, see continuation after Muiderberg
      3•
             P/C
             INV, ♥
      3♦
      3♥
             NF, pref
             S/T, ♥
      3♠
      3NT
             T/P
      4.
             *+
             ++
      4
      4♥
             T/P
             K/B ♥
      4
      4NT
            bid your m
(1♠)-2NT-(P)
      3m
             NF, preference
      3♥
             NF, 6+♥
      3♠
             FG
            T/P
      3NT
      4.
             INV, .
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INV, ♦

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4♥ T/P
4♠ ?
4NT Pick best m
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12.4.2 They bid after our twosuited overcall

If they bid a new suit intending as natural, dbl is penalty. If they support each other, dbl is take out, might be INV for M if you don't have another INV. If they cue bid, dbl means that you would have liked to bid that.

13 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 $3 \cdot 1 \cdot a$ or $3 \cdot a \cdot b$
- 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

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

- D = Double
- R = Redouble (hence not the reds)
- CoG = Choice of Games

The following abbreviations are **not** used:

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