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# Chapter 1

util

## 1.1 1-2-3 Stops

1m - (1X); 2m

2X\*: inv+

2N : inv

3m : s/o

1M - (X); 2X-1\*: (5)6+X, 6-10; or 4+X, GF

3X : s/o against weak variant

## 1.2 1m - 1M; 2N

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1m - 1H(-1); 2N -
3C*: ask
  - 3D : 4+D [m = C], or catchall [m = D]
  - 3H : 3H
  - 3S : 4S # could have 3H if m = C
  - 3N*: 5+C [m = C], or 4S3H [m = D]
3D : 5+D [m = C], or 3+D [m = D], MST+
3H : 6+H, MST+
3S*: (4)5+C
3N : s/o
4m : 5H5m
4H : s/o

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1m - 1S(-1); 2N -
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  - 3D : 4+D [m = C], or catchall [m = D]
  - 3H : 4H # could have 3S if m = C
  - 3S : 3S
  - 3N*: 5+C [m = C], or 3S4H [m = D]
3D : 5+D [m = C], or 3+D [m = D], MST+
3H*: (4)5+C
3S : 6+S, MST+
3N : s/o
4X : 5H5X, MST+
4S : s/o

```

## 1.3 2NT

```
# B = bid, all (B) here are NF raise, or bids that (may be) weak
1Y -(2X)- 2N : nat
1X -(2Y)- 2N : nat
1N -(2X)- 2N : tr. Leb
(2C)- X* -(P) - 2N : nat
(2X)- X* -(P) - 2N : Leb
(1C)- X* -(2C)- 2N : nat
(1X)- X* -(2X)- 2N : Leb
(1X)- 1Y -(B) - 2N : nat
(1Y)- 2X -(B) - 2N : nat
1X -(2M)- X* -(P) - 2N : good-bad
1X -(1Y)- X/B-(2Y)- 2N : good-bad
1X -(1Y)- X/B-(2Z)- 2N : good-bad
1Y -(2C)- X/B-(P) - 2N : nat
1Y -(2X)- X/B-(P) - 2N : good-bad
1Y -(2X)- P -(P) - 2N : t/o, usually 64+mms
1Y -(B) - P -(2X)- 2N : t/o, usually 64+mms
(2M)- P -(P) - X* -(P) - 2N : Leb
(1X)- P -(2X)- X* -(P) - 2N : Leb
(1X)- X* -(B) - X* -(P) - 2N : normal Leb (good-bad)
(1X)- 1Y -(B) - X* -(P) - 2N : normal Leb (good-bad)
(1Y)- 2X -(B) - X* -(P) - 2N : normal Leb (good-bad)
(1C)- 2X -(2C)- X* -(P) - 2N : nat
(1X)- 1N -(2X)- X* -(P) - 2N : min nat

# general rules for other situations:
# tr. Leb applies only after 1N - (2X) and (1S)- 2H -(2S)
# ... X* -(P) - 2N = usually normal Leb (good-bad)
# ... X* -(B) - 2N = normal Leb (good-bad) if X = neg or t/o
# otherwise, free bid 2N is nat if inv is possible; otherwise t/o
# if there is not possible for inv+ (ex: balancing X by 1N opener), then 2N
= nat
```

## 1.4 Forcing Pass

1.4.1  $XX = Q$

1.4.2  $(3X) - X - (5X) - P = F$

## 1.5 suit GT

```

1S - 2S - # or anytime showing 4-4 fit in 2S
2N*: ask
  - 3X*: feature in X # at least KJ/QJT
  - 3S : min, w/o feature
  - 3N*: max, w/o feature
  - 4X*: spl X
3X*: HSGT/ST in X # request void/x/xx/Qx/A(+)/K(+)
3S : 6+S inv
3N : s/o
4C+: spl

```

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1H - 2H - # or anytime showing 5-3 fit in 2M
2S*: ask
  - 2N*: feature in S # at least KJ/QJT
  - 3m*: feature in m
  - 3H : min, w/o feature
  - 3S*: max, w/o feature
  - 3N*: spl S
  - 4X*: spl X
2N*: HSGT/ST in S # request void/x/xx/Qx/A(+)/K(+)
3m*: HSGT/ST in m
3H : 6+H inv
3S+: spl
3N : s/o

```

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1m - 1S[-1] - 2S - # or anytime showing 4-4 fit in 2S
2N*: ask
  - 3m*: good m
  - 3X*: spl X
  - 3S : min, w/o short
  - 3N*: max, w/o short
2N*: HSGT/ST in S # request void/x/xx/Qx/A(+)/K(+)
3m*: HSGT/ST in m
3H : 6+H inv
3S+: spl
3N : s/o

```

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1m - 1H[-1] - 2H - # or anytime showing 4-4 fit in 2H
2S*: ask
  - 2N*: spl S
  - 3m*: good m
  - 3om: spl om
  - 3H : min, w/o short
  - 3S*: max, w/o short
2N*: HSGT/ST in S # request void/x/xx/Qx/A(+)/K(+)

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```
3m*: HSGT/ST in m
3H : 6+H inv
3S+: spl
3N : s/o
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## 1.6 transfer Lebensohl

```

transfer Leb over (2M)-
2S : NF
2N*→3C*- P* : s/o
      - 3D*: s/o
      - 3oM: s/o
      - 3M*: 5+C, GF
      - 3N : half stop
      - 3X : 18+, nat
3X*→3X+1: 5+[X+1], inv+; if X+1 = M, then Stayman
      - 3M : max, but ask stop
3S*: ask stop
3N : s/o

```

## 1.7 normal Lebensohl

```

nomal Leb over (2M) -
(2H/) 2S : NF
2N*→3C*- 3X : s/o
      - 3M*: 4+oM, GF, have stopper
      - (2H/) 3S : 5+S, inv
3X [X < M]: 5+X, inv
3M*: 4+oM, GF, no stopper
3X [X > M]: 5+X, GF

```

## 1.8 maximum X

```

fit in 2M - (opp. comp to 3X) -
# if X = M - 1
X*   : inv+  # allow pen with low probability
# otherwise
3M-1: inv+

```

```

(1m) - 2H [V/NV] - (3D) - X*   : 2+H, inv
(1m) - 2H [V/NV] - (3C) - 3D*  : 2+H, inv

```

## 1.9 Rubens

```

(1X)- 1Y -(P/X)-
XX : 10+, near bal
1N : nat, 9-11
2N : nat, 12-14
# if Z < X
2Z : 10+, nat F1
# if X < Z < Y (transfer from opp's suit)
2Z-1 → 2Z*: 10+, nat F1; or s/o in Z
      - 3Z : s/o
2Y-1: cuebid. 10+, 3+Y; or GF w/o stopper
2Y : constr raise
# Z > Y
2Z : 13-15, 6+Z, inv
# jumps
3Z : 13-15, 6+Z, inv
3X*: mixed raise. 9-11, 4+Y
3Y : pre

```

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(1Y)- 2X -(P/X)-
XX : 10+, near bal
2N : nat inv
# if Z < Y
2Z : 10+, nat F1
# if Y < Z (transfer from opp's suit)
2Z-1 → 2Z*: 10+, nat F1; or s/o in Z
# if Z < Y (transfer from opp's suit in 3rd-level)
3Z-1 → 3Z*: GF; or s/o in Z
3Y-1: cuebid. 10+, 3+Y
3Y : constr raise

```

## 1.10 Slam bidding

### 1.10.1 cuebid

```
cue = 1/2nd ctrl
# if opener shows a suit (unless 1C - 1X; 1N/2N), then
opener's cue on that suit = 2 of AKQ, usually source of tricks
resp's cue on that suit = never shortness, can be Q
cuebid denies lower control
```

### 1.10.2 FF

```
[fit in 3M] -
4M : min
3M+1*: FF, mild slam interest
4X*: cuebid, strong slam interest
```

### 1.10.3 kickback RKC

```
[fit in S] - 4N*: ask number of keycards # 4 Ace + Trump K
5C*: 0/3 keycards
  - 5H*: escape to 5S if 0-keycards
5D*: 1/4 keycards
  - 5S*: P if 1-keycard
5H*: 2/5 keycards w/ Trump Q
5S*: 2/5 keycards w/o Trump Q
5N*: 0/2/4 keycards, some void
  - 6C*: ask
    - 6X*: void in X
6X*: 1/3 keycards, void in X
```

```
[fit in X] - [4X+1]*: ask number of keycards
# similar responses, 5N replaces void in [X+1]
[fit in H] - (4S); 4N*: RKC
```

### 1.10.4 ERKC

```
[fit in X] -
# if opener already shows non-void Y, then it is just cue-bid
5Y*: ask number of keycards, excluding Y
  - +1*: 0/0+Q
  - +2*: 1
```

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- +3*: 1+Q
- +4*: 2
- +5*: 2+Q
- +6*: 3
- +7*: 3+Q
...

```

### 1.10.5 ORKC

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preempt in X (not C) - 4C*: ORKC
4D*: min
4H+: same as resp. to RKC

```

### 1.10.6 2-suited RKC

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1M - 2X; 3X - 3M; ... [4M+1]: 2-suited RKC
# Queen of M and X act as 0.5 keycards
+1*: 0/3/6 keycards # may +0.5
  - +2*: ask if there's extra 0.5
    - 5M*: no
+2*: 1/4/7 keycards # may +0.5
  - +3*: ask if there's extra 0.5
    - 5M*: no # +4 = 5M
+3*: 2/5 keycards
+4*: 2.5/5.5 keycards

```

## 1.11 UwU

TBD (low-low, high-high)

## 1.12 XYZW

### 1.12.1 2wPCB

(<https://www.ptt.cc/man/BridgeClub/D6D1/D49B/D130/M.924860463.A.html>)

```

1X - 1Y; 1N
2C*→2D*: transfer accepted
    - P : s/o
    - 2M : s/o, choose a partial [M <= Y]; inv, 5+Y, 4+M [M > Y]
    - 2N*: inv
    - 3Z : inv, 6+Z [Z = Y] or 4+Z [Z = X] or 5+Z and 4Y [otherwise]
    - 3N*: 5332, CoG # different from BTUBWS
    - 2Y*: max, 3Y
2D*: GF, ask
    - 2M : 3M [M = Y] or 6M [M = X] or 4M [otherwise]
    - 2N : nat
    - 3X : good 5+X
2M : inv, 5+M [M = Y] or 4+M [otherwise], NF
2N*→3C*: transfer accepted
    - P : s/o
    - 3D : 4-5Y, CoG, no slam interest. spl D.
    - 3H*: ask if 5Y
    - 3H : 4-5Y, CoG, no slam interest. spl H. # spl C if Y = H
    - 3S*: ask if 5Y
    - 3S : 5Y, CoG, no slam interest. spl S. # spl C if Y = S
    - 3N : 4Y, CoG, no slam interest. spl S. # spl C if Y = S
    # a bit diff from BTUBWS. similar to 1N - 2S; any - 3M*
3Z : ST, 4+Z [Z = X] or semi-solid 6+Z [Z = Y] or 5+Z [otherwise]
3N : s/o
4C+: 7+Y, spl
    - 4M : waste
4Y : s/o

```

### 1.12.2 PLOB

```

1C - 1D*; 1H*-
# 2S* is usually F1 only
1S*: any (9)10-14
    - 1N : 12-14, 2H bal
    - 2C : s/o
    - 2C : 12-14, 2-H, (5)6+C
    # bids below applies to both 1N and 2C
    - 2D*: F, not prefer to declare NT
    - 2H : s/o
    - 2S : s/o

```



```

- 2N+: nat inv
- 2D*: GF ... (TBD)
- 2H : F, 3H
- 2S*: F
- 3S : inv
- 2S*: GF, not prefer to declare NT
1N : nat NF
2X : s/o
- 2S*: F
- 2N+: nat inv
- 3S*: 6+C, 5+S, F
2N*: 15+, catchall
3C*: fit in C, ST
3D*: 5+H, 5+D, ST
3H*: 6+H, ST
3S*: 4+S, ST
3N*: 18-19, 4H

```

```

1D - 1H; 1S -
1N : nat NF
2C*: any (9)10-14
- 2D : 12-14, 2-H
- P : s/o
- 2H : s/o
- 2S*: F, not prefer to declare NT
- 2N : min
- 3N : max
- 2N+: nat inv
- 2H : F, 3H
- 2S*: general GF
- 2N+: nat GF
2X : s/o
2N*: 15+, catchall
3C*: 5+H, 5+C, ST
3D*: fit in D, ST
3H*: 6+H, ST
3S*: 4+S, ST
3N*: 18-19, 4H

```

### 1.12.3 after 2N = 18-19 bal

```

1m - 1M(-1); 2N-
3C*: major-oriented ask, promises 5+M
3D*: fit in opener's suit, ST
3M : 6+M, ST
3oM: nat, 4+oM [M = H]; or 5+oM [M = S]

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```
3N : s/o  
4om: nat 5+M, 5+om  
4m : RKC(om) # usually 6+om
```

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