

LAK Precision

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Glossary

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| INV | exactly invitational |
| INV ⁺ | at least invitational |
| ST | slamtry |
| BAL | balanced |
| unBAL | unbalanced |
| NV | non-vulnerable |
| VUL | vulnerable |
| M | major |
| m | minor |
| MM | both majors |
| mm | both minors |
| oM | other major |
| om | other minor |
| (xyzw) | fluid distribution |
| xyzw | exact distribution |
| nat | natural |
| GF | game force |
| NF | non-forcing |
| F1 | forcing for 1 round |
| FX | forcing until X |
| P/C | pass or correct |
| S/O | signoff |
| LMH | low, middle, high |
| LH | low, high |
| flag | sets suit as a trump |
| R | relay/next bid |
| RKC | Roman Keycard Blackwood |
| KRKC | Kickback Roman Keycard Blackwood |
| PRKC | Preemptive Roman Keycard Blackwood |
| XYZ | |
| COG | choice of games |
| SI | slam interest |
| MIN | minimum |
| MAX | maximum |
| DBL | double |
| RDBL | redouble |
| X | unspecified suit that does not change in a bidtable |

Chapter 1

Constructive bidding

1.1 List of Openings

| | |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1♣ | 16+ unBAL or 17+ BAL |
| 1♦ | 10–15, 2+♦, denies a 5-card major unless has 6 diamonds |
| 1♥ | $\begin{cases} 10-15, 5^+♥ & 1^{\text{st}}, 2^{\text{nd}}, 4^{\text{th}} \\ \begin{cases} 8-9, 5^+♥ \\ 10-15, \text{good } 4^+♥ \end{cases} & 3^{\text{rd}} \end{cases}$ |
| 1♠ | $\begin{cases} 10-15, 5^+♠ & 1^{\text{st}}, 2^{\text{nd}}, 4^{\text{th}} \\ \begin{cases} 8-9, 5^+♠ \\ 10-15, \text{good } 4^+♠ \end{cases} & 3^{\text{rd}} \end{cases}$ |
| 1⊙ | $\begin{cases} 14-16, \text{BAL} & 1^{\text{st}}, 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ and } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ NV} \\ 15-17, \text{BAL} & 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ VUL and } 4^{\text{th}} \end{cases}$ |
| 2♣ | 10–15, 6+♣ |
| 2♦ | 10–15, 4414/4405/4315/3415 |
| 2M | $\begin{cases} 3-10 \begin{cases} 5^+M & \text{NV} \\ 6^+M & \text{VUL} \end{cases} & 1^{\text{st}}, 2^{\text{nd}}, 3^{\text{rd}} \\ 10-13, 6^+M & 4^{\text{th}} \end{cases}$ |
| 2⊙ | $\begin{cases} 19-20, \text{BAL} & 1^{\text{st}}, 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ and } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ NV} \\ 20-21, \text{BAL} & 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ VUL and } 4^{\text{th}} \end{cases}$ |
| 3X | 3–9, preempt |
| 3⊙ | to play |
| 4X | preempt |
| 4⊙ | vanilla Blackwood |
| 5m | preempt |
| 5M | 11 tricks, missing AK trumps |

1.2 1♣—

- 1♦ 0–7
- 1♥ 8–11, denies 5+♠, AK is sufficient
- 1♠ 8+, 5+♠, AK is sufficient
- 1♣ 12+, 5+♥
- 2♣ 12+, 5+♣
- 2♦ 12+, 5+♦
- 2♥ 14+, BAL
- 2♠ 12+, (4441)
- 2♣ asks
- 2♣ 12–13, BAL
- 3X nat 7 weak

Passed hand responses:

- 1♦ 0–7
- 1♥ 8–10, 5♥
- 1♠ 8–10, 5♠
- 1♣ 8–10, BAL
- 2♣ 8–10, 5+♣
- 2♦ 8–10, 5+♦
- 2♠ 8–10, (4441)
- 2♣ asks
- 3X nat 7 weak

1.2.1 1♣—1♦—

- 1♥ 16–20, 5+♥
- 1♠ 16–20, 5+♠
- 1♣ 17–18 (18–19), BAL
- system on
- 2♣ 16–20, 5+♣
- 2♦ 16–20, 5+♦
- 2♥ 21+, 5+♥, F1
- 2♠ 21+, 5+♠, F1
- 2♣ 21(22)–24 BAL
- system on
- 3♣ 21+, 5+♣, F1
- 3♦ 21+, 5+♦, F1
- 3♣ 25+, BAL

1.2.2 1♣—1♥—

Usually no slam when opener has minimum hand (16–19).

- 1♠ 5+♠
- 1♣ 17–18 (18–19) or 24+, BAL
- 2♣ 5+♣
- 2♦ 5+♦
- 2♥ 5+♥
- 2♠ (4441)
- 2♣ asks
- 2♣ 21(22)–23, BAL
- 3♣♦♥♠ flag, slam interest, demand cue-bids

After responder's second bid jump shift shows a splinter with support for last bid suit.

1.2.3 Waiting 2 \odot

In non-fit auctions 2 \odot implies a hand that has no side 5-card suit, no great 7-card suit, and no great support for partner's minor.

Example:

1 \clubsuit —1 \heartsuit —2 \diamondsuit —2 \heartsuit —

- 2 \spadesuit 4 $^+$ \spadesuit (shorter than \diamondsuit), denies 3 $^+$ \heartsuit
- 2 \odot waiting, may have 4 \clubsuit , denies 3 $^+$ \heartsuit
- 3 \clubsuit 5 $^+$ \diamondsuit 5 $^+$ \clubsuit , denies 3 $^+$ \heartsuit
- 3 \diamondsuit 7 $^+$ \diamondsuit (or 6 very good ones), denies 3 $^+$ \heartsuit
- 3 \heartsuit \heartsuit flag, hearts is trump
- 3 \spadesuit /4 \clubsuit splinter for hearts
- 4 \heartsuit very bad raise

1.2.4 The Implied Cue-bid

Before a fit is agreed, bidding a suit that is unreasonable as a possible trump suit at the level of 3 \diamondsuit or higher implies a fit with partner's last bid suit. This is known as an "Implied Cue-bid".

The logic is: you need at least two ways to raise partner to show the difference between a bad or good hand for the auction to date.

1.3 1 \diamondsuit —

- 1 \heartsuit 6 $^+$, 4 $^+$ \heartsuit , F1
- 1 \spadesuit 6 $^+$, 4 $^+$ \spadesuit , F1
- 1 \odot 7-bad 11, BAL, no 4M, NF
- 2 \clubsuit 11 $^+$, (4)5 $^+$ \clubsuit , no 4M unless GF and 6 $^+$ \clubsuit , F1
- 2 \diamondsuit 11 $^+$, (4)5 $^+$ \diamondsuit , no 4M unless GF and 6 $^+$ \diamondsuit , F1
- 2 \heartsuit 0-10, 5 \spadesuit 4-5 \heartsuit
- 2 \spadesuit 11 $^+$, 5 \spadesuit 4-5 \heartsuit , INV opposite 10-13 BAL, F1
- 2 \odot good 11-13, BAL, no 4M, INV
- 3 \clubsuit 6-10, 54 mm, P/C
- 3 \diamondsuit 5-10, 6 $^+$ \diamondsuit
- 3 \heartsuit 6-9, 7 $^+$ \heartsuit
- 3 \spadesuit 6-9, 7 $^+$ \spadesuit
- 3 \odot 13-16, BAL, no 4M
- 4 \clubsuit 6-10, 55 $^+$ mm, P/C
- 4 \diamondsuit 6-9, 7 $^+$ \diamondsuit
- 4 \heartsuit good 7 or 8 $^+$ \heartsuit , preemptive
- 4 \spadesuit good 7 or 8 $^+$ \spadesuit , preemptive

Passed hand adjustments:

- 2 \clubsuit 6-9, 5 $^+$ \clubsuit , NF
- 2 \diamondsuit 6-9, 5 $^+$ \diamondsuit , NF
- 2 \heartsuit 7-9, 5 \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit , INV
- 2 \spadesuit 7-9, 5 \spadesuit 5 \heartsuit , INV

1.3.1 1♦—1♥—

(DBL)

PASS denies 3⁺♥, may have 4♠ if BAL/3-suiter

RDBL 3♥

1♠ 4♠

1♣ 1–2 ♥

2♣ 54⁺mm

(1♠)

PASS denies 3♥

DBL 3♥

1♣ 1–2 ♥, good stops

2♣ 54⁺mm

(1♣ nat)

DBL 12–15, 3♥

2♣ 54⁺mm

(2♣)

DBL 3♥

(2♦)

DBL 3♥

(2♠)

DBL 12–15, 3♥

2♣ good hand with 6♦ and stopper, NF

3♣ 55⁺mm

1♠ 4♠, other bids deny 4♠

* XYZ

1♣ 10–13(14), no singleton, BAL

* XYZ

2♣ 8⁺ cards in the minors, not 6♦4♣

2♦ 10–12, 6⁺♦

2♠ artificial GF

2♥ $\begin{cases} 10-13(14), 4♥, \text{BAL} \\ 10-12, 4♥, \text{unBAL} \end{cases}$

2♠ 5♠6⁺♦

2♣ 13–15, 3♥6⁺♦

3♣ 13–15, 55⁺ mm

3♦ 13–15, 6⁺♦

3♥ 13–15, 4♥, unBAL

1.3.2 1♦—1♠—

(DBL)

PASS denies 3⁺♠

RDBL 3♠

1♣ 1–2 ♠

2♣ 54⁺mm

(1♣ nat)

DBL 12–15, 3♠

2♣ 54⁺mm

(2♣)

DBL 3♠

(2♦)

DBL 3♠

(2♥)

DBL 12–15, 3♠

2♣ good hand with 6♦ and stopper, NF

3♣ 55⁺mm

1♣ 10–13(14), no singleton, BAL

* XYZ

2♣ 8⁺ cards in the minors, not 6♦4♣

2♦ 6⁺♦

2♥ artificial GF

2♥ 5♥6⁺♦

2♠ $\begin{cases} 10-13(14), 4♠, \text{BAL} \\ 10-12, 4♠, \text{unBAL} \\ 3451 \end{cases}$

2♣ 13–15, 3♠6⁺♦, BAL

3♣ 13–15, 55⁺ mm

3♦ 13–15, 6⁺♦

3♠ 13–15, 4♠, unBAL

1.4 1♥—

1♠ 7⁺, 4⁺♠, F1

1♣ 7–11, no ♥ fit

2m 11⁺, 5⁺m, no ♥ fit

2♥ 5–9, 3⁺♥

2♣ 11–12 or 17⁺, 3⁺♥, F3♥

3m 4⁺m, F1

3♥ MIN, no side suit

3♠/4m MAX, splinter

3♣ MAX, 5♥(332)

4♥ MAX, 6♥(322) or 7♥(222)

3♥ 0–5, 4⁺♥

3♣ 13–16, no ♥ fit, BAL

4♥ 13–16, 3⁺♥

1.5 1♠—

- 1♣ 7–11, no ♠ fit
- 2m 11⁺, 5⁺m, unBAL
- 2♥ 11⁺, 5⁺♥
- 2♠ 5–9, 3⁺♠
- 2♣ 11–12 or 17⁺, 3⁺♠, F3♠
 - 3♣♦♥ 4⁺m, F1
 - 3♠ MIN, no side suit
 - 4♣♦♥ MAX, splinter
 - 3♣ MAX, 5♠(332)
 - 4♠ MAX, 6♠(322) or 7♠(222)
- 3♠ 0–5, 4⁺♠
- 3♣ 13–16, no ♠ fit, BAL
- 4♠ 13–16, 3⁺♠

1.6 1♣—

- 2♣ *Stayman* $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{below INV, short } \spadesuit \\ 5\text{M, INV} \\ 4\text{M, INV}^+ \\ 54 \text{ or } 64 \text{ MM, INV}^+ \end{array} \right.$
- 2♦ no 4⁺M
- 2♥ 4–5 ♥, may have 4♠
- 2♠ 4–5♠, no 4♥
- 2♦ transfer to ♥ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5^+ \heartsuit \text{ below INV or GF} \\ 5\spadesuit 5^+ \heartsuit \text{ INV}^+ \end{array} \right.$
- 2♥ accept transfer
- 2♥ transfer to ♠ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5^+ \spadesuit \text{ below INV or GF} \\ 6^+ \spadesuit 5^+ \heartsuit, \text{ GF} \end{array} \right.$
- 2♠ accept transfer
- 2♠ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 6^+ \spadesuit \\ \text{range ask} \end{array} \right.$
- 2♣ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 6^+ \diamond \\ 55 \text{ mm, signoff} \end{array} \right.$
- 3♣ *Puppet Stayman*
- 3♦ 55 mm, GF
- 3♥ ♥ shortness, 54⁺ minors, GF
- 3♠ ♠ shortness, 54⁺ minors, GF
- 3♣ to play
- 4♣ *Gerber 1430*
- 4♦ *Texas* 6⁺♥ 0–3♠, transfer to ♥, no slam
- 4♥ *Texas* 6⁺♠ 0–3♥, transfer to ♠, no slam
- 4♠ bad quant
- 4♣ good quant

1.6.1 1 \circ —2 \clubsuit —2 \diamond —

- 2 \heartsuit MM, no game
- 2 \spadesuit 3 \spadesuit 2 \heartsuit
- 2 \spadesuit 5 \spadesuit , INV
- 2 \circ INV, may have 5 \heartsuit
- 3 \clubsuit 5 $^+$ 4 \clubsuit M, GF
- 3 \diamond 5 $^+$ 4 \diamond M, GF
- 3 \heartsuit 5 \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit , GF
- 3 \spadesuit 5 \heartsuit 4 \spadesuit , GF
- 3 \circ to play
- 4 \diamond *Delayed Texas*, 6 \heartsuit 4 \spadesuit
- 4 \heartsuit *Delayed Texas*, 6 \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit
- 4 \spadesuit bad quant
- 4 \circ good quant

1.6.2 1 \circ —2 \clubsuit —2 \heartsuit —

- 2 \spadesuit 5 \spadesuit , INV
- 2 \circ 4 \spadesuit , INV
- 3 \heartsuit 5 \heartsuit , accept
- 3 \clubsuit 4 \spadesuit 5 $^+$ 4 \clubsuit , GF
- 3 \diamond 4 \spadesuit 5 $^+$ 4 \diamond , GF
- 3 \heartsuit 4 \heartsuit , INV
- 3 \spadesuit any splinter raise (R asks LMH)
- 3 \circ to play
- 4 \clubsuit RKC \heartsuit
- 4 \diamond *Last Train* (ST in \heartsuit , BAL)
- 4 \heartsuit to play
- 4 \spadesuit bad quant
- 4 \circ good quant

1.6.3 1 \circ —2 \clubsuit —2 \spadesuit —

- 2 \circ 4 \heartsuit , INV
- 3 \clubsuit 4 \heartsuit 5 $^+$ 4 \clubsuit , GF
- 3 \diamond 4 \heartsuit 5 $^+$ 4 \diamond , GF
- 3 \heartsuit \spadesuit flag, unBAL, ST
- 3 \spadesuit 4 \spadesuit , INV
- 3 \circ to play
- 4 \clubsuit RKC \spadesuit
- 4 \diamond bad quant
- 4 \heartsuit *Last Train* (ST in \spadesuit , BAL)
- 4 \spadesuit to play
- 4 \circ good quant

1.6.4 1 \circ —2 \diamond —2 \heartsuit —

- 2 \spadesuit $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5\heartsuit 5 \text{ other, INV} \\ 5\spadesuit 5\heartsuit, \text{ GF} \\ 6^+\heartsuit, \text{ mild ST, splinter} \end{array} \right.$
- 2 \circ waiting
- 3 \clubsuit 5 \heartsuit 5 \clubsuit , INV
- 3 \diamond 5 \heartsuit 5 \diamond , INV
- 3 \heartsuit 5 \spadesuit 5 \heartsuit , INV
- 3 \spadesuit 5 \spadesuit 5 \heartsuit , ST
- 3 \circ 4 $\clubsuit\diamond$ 6 $^+\heartsuit$ mild ST, LMH splinter
- 3 \heartsuit declines INV, 3 \heartsuit
- 4 \heartsuit accepts INV, 3 $^+\heartsuit$
- 2 \circ 6 $^+\heartsuit$, INV to game or slam
- 3 \heartsuit declines INV
- 3 \spadesuit accepts INV
- 3 \clubsuit 4 $^+\clubsuit$, GF
- 3 \diamond 4 $^+\diamond$, GF
- 3 \heartsuit 6 $^+\heartsuit$, mild INV (needs 3 \heartsuit , MAX)
- 3 \spadesuit 4m void auto-splinter
- 3 \circ COG, partner expected to bid 4 \heartsuit with most 3-fits
- 4 \heartsuit strong 6/7 \heartsuit hand, BAL, ST
- 4 \spadesuit 5 \heartsuit (332), bad quant
- 4 \circ 5 \heartsuit (332), good quant

1.6.5 1 \circ —2 \heartsuit —2 \spadesuit —

- 2 \circ 6 $^+\spadesuit$ 5 $^+\heartsuit$, GF
- 3 \heartsuit \heartsuit flag
- 3 \spadesuit \spadesuit flag
- 3 \circ 22 majors
- 4M to play
- 2 \clubsuit 4 $^+\clubsuit$, GF
- 3 \diamond 4 $^+\diamond$, GF
- 3 \heartsuit 6 $^+\spadesuit$, INV to game or slam
- 3 \spadesuit declines INV
- 3 \circ accepts INV
- 3 \spadesuit 6 $^+\spadesuit$, mild INV
- 3 \circ COG, partner expected to bid 4 \spadesuit with most 3-fits
- 4 $\clubsuit\diamond\heartsuit$ void auto-splinter
- 4 \spadesuit strong 6/7 \spadesuit hand, BAL, ST
- 4 \circ 5 \spadesuit (332), quant

1.6.6 1 \circ —2 \spadesuit —

2 \circ MIN

PASS to play

3 \clubsuit 6 $^+$ \clubsuit , to play

3 \diamond 6 \clubsuit 4 \diamond , GF

3M 6 $^+$ \clubsuit , short M, GF

3 \circ 6 $^+$ \clubsuit , light BAL ST

4 \clubsuit 6 $^+$ \clubsuit , short \diamond , GF

4 \diamond RKC \clubsuit

4 \circ quant with 6 \clubsuit

3 \clubsuit MAX

PASS to play

3 \diamond 6 \clubsuit 4 \diamond , GF

3M 6 $^+$ \clubsuit , short M, GF

3 \circ was invite to 3 \circ

4 \clubsuit 6 $^+$ \clubsuit , short \diamond , GF

4 \diamond RKC \clubsuit

4 \circ quant with 6 \clubsuit

5 \circ pick between 6 \clubsuit /6 \circ

1.6.7 1 \circ —2 \circ —

3 \clubsuit rejects a \diamond -based invite, may have MAX but 2 \diamond

PASS 55 mm, no game

3 \diamond to play

3M 6 $^+$ \diamond , short M, GF

3 \circ 6 $^+$ \diamond , to play

4 \clubsuit 6 $^+$ \diamond , short \clubsuit , GF

4 \diamond RKC \diamond

4 \circ quant with 6 \diamond

5 \circ choose 6 \circ or 6 \diamond

3 \diamond 3 $^+$ \diamond , accepts 3 \diamond -based invite, with side stops

PASS 55 mm, no game

3M 6 $^+$ \diamond , short M, GF

3 \circ 6 $^+$ \diamond , was invite to game

4 \clubsuit 6 $^+$ \diamond , short \clubsuit , GF

4 \diamond RKC \diamond

4 \circ quant with 6 \diamond

5 \circ choose 6 \circ or 6 \diamond

1.6.8 1 \circ —3 \clubsuit —

3 \diamond 4M, no 5M

3 \heartsuit 4 \spadesuit

3 \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit

3 \circ no interest in 4M

3M 5M

3 \circ no M

1.7 2♣—

- 2♦ 11+, asks, INV+
- 2♥ 8–11, 5+♥, NF
- 2♠ 8–11, 5+♠, NF
- 2♣ puppet to 3♣ (to play or some 55 GF)
- 3♣ forced
 - PASS preemptive raise in ♣
 - 3♦ 5♠5♥, GF
 - 3♥ 5♥5♦, GF
 - 3♠ 5♠5♦, GF
- 3♣♦♥ 11+, 6+ cards in the next higher suit, INV+
 - transfer decline INV (even with singleton)
 - other accept INV
- 3♠ 6♠4♥GF
- 3♣ to play
- 4♣ 5–9, preemptive, at least 3♣ usually 4♣
- 4♥ to play
- 4♠ to play
- 5♣ to play

1.7.1 2♣—2♦—

- 2♥ 4♠ or 4♥
- 2♠ 12–15, no 4-card major
- 2♣ 14–15, stoppers in both majors, no 4-card major
 - 3♦ ST in ♣
 - 3♥ 5♥, GF
 - 3♠ 5♠, GF
- 3♣ 10–11, no 4-card major
 - 3♦ ST in ♣
 - 3♥ 5♥, GF
 - 3♠ 5♠, GF
- 3♦♥♠ 5-card suit, GF

1.8 2♦—

- 2♥ to play
- 2♠ 4315
- 2♠ to play
- 2♣ asks
- 3♣ to play
- 3♦ 11+, good 6+♦
- 3♥ 7–9, 5♥
 - 4♥ 4♥, MAX
- 3♠ 7–9, 5♠
 - 4♠ 4♠, MAX
- 3♣ to play
- 4♥ to play
- 4♠ to play

1.8.1 2♦—2♣—

3-card majors are shown to make responder declarer.

3♣ MIN
 3♦ asks for a 3-card major
 3♥ 4315
 3♠ 3415
 3⊙ 44 majors
 3♦ MAX, 44 majors, GF
 3♥ sets ♥ for cues
 3♠ sets ♠ for cues
 3♥ MAX, 4315
 3♠ MAX, 3415

1.9 2♥—

Assume 6+♥ unless NV vs. VUL.

2♠ 14+, 5+♠, F1
 2⊙ 14+, asks
 (bid)
 step 1 PASS
 step 2 DBL
 step 3 RDBL
 step 4 next bid
 3♣ MIN, bad suit
 3♦ MIN, good suit
 3♥ MAX, bad suit
 3♠ MAX, good suit
 3♣ 14+, 5+♣, F1
 3♦ 14+, 5+♦, F1
 3♥ 0–13, 3+♥, preempt
 4♥ to play

1.10 2♠—

Assume 6+♠ unless NV vs. VUL.

2⊙ 14+, asks
 (bid)
 step 1 PASS
 step 2 DBL
 step 3 RDBL
 step 4 next bid
 3♣ MIN, bad suit
 3♦ MIN, good suit
 3♥ MAX, bad suit
 3♠ MAX, good suit
 3♣ 14+, 5+♣, F1
 3♦ 14+, 5+♦, F1
 3♥ 14+, 5+♥, F1
 3♠ 0–13, 3+♠, preempt
 4♠ to play

1.11 2 \circ —

- 3 \clubsuit Stayman
- 3 \diamond transfer to \heartsuit
- 3 \heartsuit transfer to \spadesuit
- 3 \spadesuit 54⁺mm or 6⁺ m, at least mild ST
- 3 \circ to play
- 4 \clubsuit *Gerber* 1430
- 4 \diamond 6⁺ \heartsuit , ST
- 4 \heartsuit 6⁺ \spadesuit , ST
- 4 \spadesuit bad quant
- 4 \circ good quant

1.12 Conventions common for multiple opening bids

1.12.1 1X—1Y—1Z—

Not used after 1 \clubsuit opening. It is on in some competitive situations (not if opponents bid after Z).

- 1 \diamond —1 \heartsuit —1 \spadesuit —
- 1 \diamond —1 \heartsuit —1 \circ —
- 1 \diamond —1 \spadesuit —1 \circ —
- 1 \heartsuit —1 \spadesuit —1 \circ —
- 1 \diamond —(1 \heartsuit)—DBL—1 \spadesuit —
- 1 \diamond —(1 \heartsuit)—DBL—1 \circ —
- 1 \diamond —(1 \spadesuit)—DBL—1 \circ —

- 1 \circ to play
- 2 \clubsuit puppet to 2 \diamond $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{artificial invite} \\ \text{long } \diamond \end{array} \right.$
- 2 \diamond artificial GF
- 2 \heartsuit to play
- 2 \spadesuit natural
- 2 \circ natural, denies 5 card Y, INV
- 3 \clubsuit to play
- 3 \diamond 5Y5 \diamond , slam interest
- 3Y 6⁺ suit, slam interest
- 3 \circ to play
- * control for Y
- double jump shift splinter for the last natural suit

1.13 Slam Bidding

1.13.1 Kickback Roman Keycard Blackwood

Without Kickback (keycards are Aces and trump K):

- 4 \circ RKC
- 5 \clubsuit 1/4 keycards
- 5 \diamond 0/3 keycards
- 5 \heartsuit 2 keycard, no trump Q
- 5 \spadesuit 2 keycard, trump Q

With Kickback (X is trump):

$4X + 1$ KRCK
 $4X + 2$ 1/4 keycards
 $4X + 3$ 0/3 keycards
 $4X + 4$ 2 keycard, no trump Q
 $4X + 5$ 2 keycard, trump Q

Next step queries trump queen (if not known):

Y trump Q ask
 $Y + 1$ no trump Q
 $Y + 2$ trump Q

Next step queries #kings (then #queens, ...):

Z #kings ask
 $Z + 1$ 0/3 kings
 $Z + 2$ 1/4 kings
 $Z + 3$ 2 kings

1.13.2 Is it Kickback?

The answer is that if a 4-level jump bid could be construed as Kickback, and there is any way to bid that suit naturally and forcing below game, then it is Kickback.

If there are two suits, then the cheapest “impossible” bid is Kickback for the lower suit and the next “impossible” bid is Kickback for the higher suit.

1.13.3 Serious 3NT and Last Train

When a major suit is trumps and slam is not yet ruled out, 3NT is not natural, but rather a waiting bid that shows a good hand in context. If you bypass 3NT, you deny a good hand in context.

The bid one under 4 of the major also shows a good hand in context, and nothing about the cue-bid suit.

Example:

1♥—2♣—2♥—3♥—

- 3♠ cue-bid, does not say whether serious or not
- 3⊙ Serious 3NT (13–15 as 1♥ was 10–15), denies a spade cue
- 4♣ cue-bid, non-serious hand (10–12), denies a spade cue, min but not the pits
- 4♦ Last Train, non-serious hand (10–12), no spade or club cue
- 4♥ the worst hand (10–11), bad distribution, honor location and slam cards

Chapter 2

Competitive bidding

2.1 Interference over 1♣

2.1.1 1♣—(DBL)—

If GF is established, further doubles are for penalty.

| | |
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| PASS | 0–5 |
| RDBL | 6–7 |
| 1♦♥♠2♣ | 8 ⁺ |
| 1⊙ | 8 ⁺ , BAL |
| 2♣ | Stayman |
| other | natural |
| 2♦♥♠ | 5–7, 6-card suit |
| 3♣♦♥♠ | 5–7, 7-card suit |

2.1.2 1♣—(DBL)—PASS—(bid)—

| | |
|-----|----------------------------|
| DBL | takeout or 23 ⁺ |
| bid | natural “overcall” |
| cue | Michaels |
| 2⊙ | Unusual |

2.1.3 1♣—(1X or 2X)—

Trap is usually with 5 or more cards in their suit (with sure defensive tricks and unlimited strength) and is preparing to pass a reopening takeout double by opener.

If GF is established, further doubles are for penalty.

| | | |
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| PASS | 0–5 or trap | |
| DBL | $\begin{cases} 6-7 \\ 8^+, \text{ BAL, without stopper, GF (cue later to reveal)} \end{cases}$ | always over 2X |
| over 1X | | |
| PASS | penalty | |
| 1M | 4 ⁺ M, F1 | |
| 1♢ | 17–18 (18-19), BAL, with stopper, system on, NF | |
| 2m | 5 ⁺ cards, F1 | |
| 2X | GF | |
| 2♢ | 21(22) ⁺ , BAL, system on, GF | |
| jump suit | 6 ⁺ cards, GF | |
| non-jump new suit | 8 ⁺ , 5 ⁺ cards, GF | |
| ♢ bid | 8 ⁺ , BAL, with stopper, GF | |
| cheapest ♣ | stayman | |
| other | natural | |
| 2-level cue | 8 ⁺ , BAL, without stopper, GF | |
| jump shift | 5–7 with a long suit and strength in the suit | |
| 3-level cue | 3-suited hand (short in opponent's suit), GF | |

2.1.4 1♣—(3X or 4X)—

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| PASS | 0–6 (bad 7) or trap |
| DBL | takeout |
| DBL | 7 ⁺ , no suit to bid below 3♢, GF |
| 3♢ | to play usually, with stopper |
| new suit | 5 ⁺ cards, GF |

2.2 Interference over 1♦

Negative doubles are used. 2-level free bids (2♦ is a free bid) are F1. Support (re)doubles are on.

As a responder assume that opener has 10–13 BAL until told otherwise.

2.2.1 1♦—(DBL)—

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| RDBL | INV ⁺ |
| 1♥ | 4 ⁺ ♥ |
| 1♠ | 4 ⁺ ♠ |
| 1♢ | 7-11, BAL |

2.2.2 1♦—(1♥)—

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|
| DBL | 4♠ |
| 1♠ | 5♠ |
| 1♢ | nat, does not promise stopper |
| 2♣ | 5 ⁺ ♣, F1 |
| 2♦ | 5 ⁺ ♦, F1 |
| 2♥ | 6 ⁺ ♠ |
| 2♠ | INV ⁺ , 54 ⁺ mm |
| 2♢ | nat INV, promises stopper |
| 3♣ | mm, no game, worse than 2♠ |
| 3♦ | 6 ⁺ ♦, to play |
| 3♥ | transfer to 3♢, stopper that prefer partner declare |
| 3♢ | to play |
| 3m | preempt |
| 4♠ | to play |

2.2.3 1♦—(1♠)—

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|
| DBL | negative |
| 1♣ | nat, does not promise stopper |
| 2♣ | 5 ⁺ ♣, F1 |
| 2♦ | 5 ⁺ ♦, F1 |
| 2♥ | 5 ⁺ ♥, NF |
| 2♠ | INV ⁺ , 54 ⁺ mm |
| 2♣ | nat INV, promises stopper |
| 3♣ | mm, no game, worse than 2♠ |
| 3♦ | 6 ⁺ ♦, to play |
| 3♥ | 6 ⁺ ♥, GF |
| 3♠ | transfer to 3♣, stopper that prefer partner declare |
| 3♣ | to play |
| 3m | preempt |
| 4♥ | to play |

2.2.4 1♦—(1♣)—

Same as against 1♣.

2.3 Interference over 1♥

2.3.1 1♥—(2♣ minors)—

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|-----|------------------------------------------------------|
| DBL | penalty interest against at least one suit |
| 3♣ | 5 ⁺ ♠, GF |
| 3♦ | 11 ⁺ , 3 ⁺ ♥, INV ⁺ |
| 3♥ | 7-10, 3 ⁺ ♥ |
| 3♠ | nat, NF |

2.4 Interference over 1♠

2.4.1 1♠—(2♣ minors)—

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|-----|------------------------------------------------------|
| DBL | penalty interest against at least one suit |
| 3♣ | 5 ⁺ ♥, GF |
| 3♦ | 11 ⁺ , 3 ⁺ ♠, INV ⁺ |
| 3♥ | nat, NF |
| 3♠ | 7-10, 3 ⁺ ♠ |

2.5 Interference over 1♣

2.5.1 1♣—2♣—(DBL)—

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|------|-------------------------|
| PASS | 4♣, no 4M |
| RDBL | good 4 ⁺ ♣ |
| 2♦ | 4 ⁺ ♦, no 4M |
| 2♥ | 4-5♥ |
| 2♠ | 4-5♠, no 4♥ |

Chapter 3

Defensive bidding

3.1 Against Strong 1♣

DBL MM
n♣ mm

3.2 Against 1X natural

2X over 1m MM 55⁺
2X over 1M oM and m, 55⁺
2♣ two lowest unbid suits (at least 55)

3.3 Against 1♦ precision

1♦ is treated as a natural 1X opening with the following exceptions. This means that ♦ is used for cue bids later even though it is not used in the first overcall.

DBL short ♦ not needed
1♣ does not promise a ♦ stopper
2♦ natural
2♥ *Michaels cue*, 55⁺ ♠♥
3♦ *Super-Michaels*, 55⁺ ♠♥, F1

3.4 Against 1♣

DBL penalty
2♣ 54⁺ MM
2♦ 6⁺ M
2♥ 5♥ + 4⁺m
2♠ 5♠ + 4⁺m
2♣ 55⁺ mm

3.5 Against 2m majors

DBL 4⁺M
2♥ 54⁺ mm, ♣ better
2♠ 54⁺ mm, ♦ better

3.6 Against weak 2X

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| DBL | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 12^+, 3^+ \text{ cards in unbid suits, shortness in } X \\ 18^+, 5^+ \text{ strong suit} \\ 18^+, \text{ semiBAL, with stopper} \end{array} \right.$ | rebid suit rebid \odot |
| 2Y | 0-7 | |
| 2 \odot | Lebensohl (puppet to 3 \clubsuit) | |
| 3 \clubsuit | forced | |
| PASS | 0-7, \clubsuit suit | |
| 3Y below X | 0-7 | |
| 3X | asks 4 card M, with stopper | |
| 3Y above X | 8-11 | |
| 3 \odot | to play, with stopper | |
| 3Y below X | 8-11 | |
| 3X | asks 4 card M, no stopper | |
| 3Y above X | GF | |
| 3 \odot | to play, no stopper | |
| 2Y | 10-17, 5 ⁺ cards | |
| (3X) | | |
| DBL | responsive, 10 ⁺ , length in unbid suits, no support for Y | |
| PASS | 0-7 | |
| 3X | strong raise in Y, GF | |
| 3Y | 8-10, 3 ⁺ Y | |
| 3Z | 5 ⁺ suit, F1 | |
| 4 not Y | splinter | |
| 2 \odot | 14-17, semiBAL, with stopper | |
| 3Y below X | 12-17, (5)6 ⁺ cards | |
| 3Y above X | 16 ⁺ , very strong 6 ⁺ cards | |
| 3X | stopper ask for \odot | |
| 3 \odot | 16 ⁺ , with stopper and a long running minor | |
| 4X | 55 ⁺ , mm | |
| 4m | 55 ⁺ , mand oM(or MM over 2 \diamond) | |
| 4 $\heartsuit\spadesuit$ if not X | 16 ⁺ strong 6 ⁺ cards | |

3.7 Against precision 2 \clubsuit

Treat as weak 2X.

3.8 Against 2 \odot minors

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| DBL | penalty interest in at least one minor |
| 3 \clubsuit | MM, \heartsuit better |
| 3 \diamond | MM, \spadesuit better |
| 3 \heartsuit | nat |
| 3 \spadesuit | nat |

3.9 Against weak 3X

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| DBL | $\begin{cases} 14^+, 3^+ \text{ cards in unbid suits, shortness in } X \\ 18^+, 5^+ \text{ strong suit} \\ 23^+, \text{ semiBAL, with stopper} \end{cases}$ | rebid suit rebid \odot |
| 3Y | 12-17, (5)6 ⁺ cards | |
| 3 \odot | 16-22, with stopper | |
| 4X over m | 55 ⁺ , MM | |
| 4X over M | 55 ⁺ , oM + m | |
| 4m (not X) | 55 ⁺ , m + M (other or unspecified) | |
| 4M (not X) | 16 ⁺ strong 6 ⁺ cards | |
| 4 \odot over M | 55 ⁺ mm | |

3.10 Against weak 4m

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| DBL | takeout |
| 4 \odot | natural with stopper(s) |
| 5m (cue) | 55 ⁺ MM |
| other | natural |

3.11 Against weak 4♥

| | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| DBL | penalty-oriented |
| bid | 5♠ or 6 ⁺ card suit |
| 4 \odot | 55 ⁺ mm |
| other | natural |

3.12 Against weak 4♠

| | |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| DBL | penalty-oriented |
| bid | 6 ⁺ card suit |
| 4 \odot | takeout |
| other | natural |