

# LAK Precision

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# Glossary

INV	exactly invitational
INV <sup>+</sup>	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
X	unspecified suit that does not change in a bidtable
XYZ	convention after 1X (not ♣)—1Y—1Z sequence
COG	choice of games
SI	slam interest
MIN	minimum
MAX	maximum
DBL	double
RDBL	redouble
TRF	transfer
MIX	mixed raise
PRE	preemptive
FJ	fit-jump
FNJ	fit non-jump

# 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, PRE
3⊙	to play
4X	PRE
4⊙	vanilla Blackwood
5m	PRE
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 $\diamond$ —2 $\heartsuit$ —

- 2 $\spadesuit$       4 $^+$  $\spadesuit$  (shorter than  $\diamond$ ), denies 3 $^+$  $\heartsuit$
- 2 $\odot$       waiting, may have 4 $\clubsuit$ , denies 3 $^+$  $\heartsuit$
- 3 $\clubsuit$       5 $^+$  $\diamond$  5 $^+$  $\clubsuit$ , denies 3 $^+$  $\heartsuit$
- 3 $\diamond$       7 $^+$  $\diamond$  (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 $\diamond$  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 $\diamond$ —

- 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 $\diamond$       11 $^+$ , (4)5 $^+$  $\diamond$ , no 4M unless GF and 6 $^+$  $\diamond$ , 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 $\diamond$       5-10, 6 $^+$  $\diamond$
- 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 $\diamond$       6-9, 7 $^+$  $\diamond$
- 4 $\heartsuit$       good 7 or 8 $^+$  $\heartsuit$ , preemptive
- 4 $\spadesuit$       good 7 or 8 $^+$  $\spadesuit$ , preemptive

Passed hand adjustments:

- 2 $\clubsuit$       6-9, 5 $^+$  $\clubsuit$
- 2 $\diamond$       6-9, 5 $^+$  $\diamond$
- 2 $\heartsuit$       6-9, 5 $\spadesuit$  4 $^+$  $\heartsuit$
- 2 $\spadesuit$       6-9, 6 $\spadesuit$  4 $^+$  $\heartsuit$

### 1.3.1 1♦—1♥—

(DBL)

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

RDBL 3♥

1♠ 4♠

1♣ 1–2 ♥

2♣ 54<sup>+</sup>mm

(1♠)

PASS denies 3♥

DBL 3♥

1♣ 1–2 ♥, good stops

2♣ 54<sup>+</sup>mm

(1♣ nat)

DBL 12–15, 3♥

2♣ 54<sup>+</sup>mm

(2♣)

DBL 3♥

(2♦)

DBL 3♥

(2♠)

DBL 12–15, 3♥

2♣ good hand with 6♦ and stopper, NF

3♣ 55<sup>+</sup>mm

1♠ 4♠, other bids deny 4♠

\* XYZ

1♣ 10–13(14), no singleton, BAL

\* XYZ

2♣ 8<sup>+</sup> cards in the minors, not 6♦4♣

2♦ 10–12, 6<sup>+</sup>♦

2♠ artificial GF

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

2♠ 5♠6<sup>+</sup>♦

2♣ 13–15, 3♥6<sup>+</sup>♦

3♣ 13–15, 55<sup>+</sup> mm

3♦ 13–15, 6<sup>+</sup>♦

3♥ 13–15, 4♥, unBAL



### 1.3.2 1♦—1♠—

(DBL)

PASS denies 3<sup>+</sup>♠

RDBL 3♠

1♣ 1–2 ♠

2♣ 54<sup>+</sup>mm

(1♣ nat)

DBL 12–15, 3♠

2♣ 54<sup>+</sup>mm

(2♣)

DBL 3♠

(2♦)

DBL 3♠

(2♥)

DBL 12–15, 3♠

2♣ good hand with 6♦ and stopper, NF

3♣ 55<sup>+</sup>mm

1♣ 10–13(14), no singleton, BAL

\* XYZ

2♣ 8<sup>+</sup> cards in the minors, not 6♦4♣

2♦ 6<sup>+</sup>♦

2♥ artificial GF

2♥ 5♥6<sup>+</sup>♦

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

2♣ 13–15, 3♠6<sup>+</sup>♦, BAL

3♣ 13–15, 55<sup>+</sup> mm

3♦ 13–15, 6<sup>+</sup>♦

3♠ 13–15, 4♠, unBAL

### 1.4 1♥—

1♠ 7<sup>+</sup>, 4<sup>+</sup>♠, F1

1♣ 7–11, no ♥ fit

2m 11<sup>+</sup>, 5<sup>+</sup>m, no ♥ fit

2♥ 5–9, 3<sup>+</sup>♥

2♣ 11–12 or 17<sup>+</sup>, 3<sup>+</sup>♥, F3♥

3m 4<sup>+</sup>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<sup>+</sup>♥

3♣ 13–16, no ♥ fit, BAL

4♥ 13–16, 3<sup>+</sup>♥

## 1.5 1♠—

- 1♣ 7–11, no ♠ fit
- 2m 11<sup>+</sup>, 5<sup>+</sup>m, unBAL
- 2♥ 11<sup>+</sup>, 5<sup>+</sup>♥
- 2♠ 5–9, 3<sup>+</sup>♠
- 2♣ 11–12 or 17<sup>+</sup>, 3<sup>+</sup>♠, F3♠
  - 3♣♦♥ 4<sup>+</sup>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<sup>+</sup>♠
- 3♣ 13–16, no ♠ fit, BAL
- 4♠ 13–16, 3<sup>+</sup>♠

## 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<sup>+</sup>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<sup>+</sup> minors, GF
- 3♠ ♠ shortness, 54<sup>+</sup> minors, GF
- 3♣ to play
- 4♣ *Gerber 1430*
- 4♦ *Texas* 6<sup>+</sup>♥ 0–3♠, transfer to ♥, no slam
- 4♥ *Texas* 6<sup>+</sup>♠ 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<sup>+</sup>mm or 6<sup>+</sup> m, at least mild ST
- 3 $\circ$  to play
- 4 $\clubsuit$  *Gerber* 1430
- 4 $\diamond$  6<sup>+</sup> $\heartsuit$ , ST
- 4 $\heartsuit$  6<sup>+</sup> $\spadesuit$ , 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<sup>+</sup> 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.

PASS	0–5
RDBL	6–7
1♦♥♠2♣	8 <sup>+</sup>
1⊙	8 <sup>+</sup> , 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 <sup>+</sup>
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.

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 $\odot$	17–18 (18-19), BAL, with stopper, system on, NF	
2m	5+ cards, F1	
2X	GF	
2 $\odot$	21(22)+, BAL, system on, GF	
jump suit	6+ cards, GF	
non-jump new suit	8+, 5+ cards, GF	
$\odot$ bid	8+, BAL, with stopper, GF	
cheapest $\clubsuit$	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 $\clubsuit$ —(3X or 4X)—

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

## 2.2 Interference over 1 $\diamond$

Negative doubles are used. 2-level free bids (2 $\diamond$  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 $\diamond$ —(DBL)—

RDBL	INV <sup>+</sup>
1 $\heartsuit$	4+ $\heartsuit$
1 $\spadesuit$	4+ $\spadesuit$
1 $\odot$	7-11, BAL

#### 2.2.2 1 $\diamond$ —(1 $\heartsuit$ )—

DBL	4 $\spadesuit$
1 $\spadesuit$	5 $\spadesuit$
1 $\odot$	nat, does not promise stopper
2 $\clubsuit$	5+ $\clubsuit$ , F1
2 $\diamond$	5+ $\diamond$ , F1
2 $\heartsuit$	6+ $\spadesuit$
2 $\spadesuit$	INV <sup>+</sup> , 54+ mm
2 $\odot$	nat INV, promises stopper
3 $\clubsuit$	mm, no game, worse than 2 $\spadesuit$
3 $\diamond$	6+ $\diamond$ , to play
3 $\heartsuit$	transfer to 3 $\odot$ , stopper that prefer partner declare
3 $\odot$	to play
3m	preempt
4 $\spadesuit$	to play

### 2.2.3 1♦—(1♠)—

DBL	negative
1♣	nat, does not promise stopper
2♣	5 <sup>+</sup> ♣, F1
2♦	5 <sup>+</sup> ♦, F1
2♥	5 <sup>+</sup> ♥, NF
2♠	INV <sup>+</sup> , 54 <sup>+</sup> mm
2♣	nat INV, promises stopper
3♣	mm, no game, worse than 2♠
3♦	6 <sup>+</sup> ♦, to play
3♥	6 <sup>+</sup> ♥, 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)—

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

## 2.4 Interference over 1♠

### 2.4.1 1♠—(2♣ minors)—

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

## 2.5 Interference over 1♣

### 2.5.1 1♣—2♣—(DBL)—

PASS	4♣, no 4M
RDBL	good 4 <sup>+</sup> ♣
2♦	4 <sup>+</sup> ♦, 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<sup>+</sup>  
2X over 1M oM and m, 55<sup>+</sup>  
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<sup>+</sup> ♠♥  
2♣ *Unusual*, 55<sup>+</sup> ♥♣  
3♦ *Super-Michaels*, 55<sup>+</sup> ♠♥, F1

### 3.4 Against 1♣

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

### 3.5 Against 2m majors

DBL 4<sup>+</sup>M  
2♥ 54<sup>+</sup> mm, ♣ better  
2♠ 54<sup>+</sup> 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 <sup>+</sup> cards	
(3X)		
DBL	responsive, 10 <sup>+</sup> , length in unbid suits, no support for Y	
PASS	0-7	
3X	strong raise in Y, GF	
3Y	8-10, 3 <sup>+</sup> Y	
3Z	5 <sup>+</sup> suit, F1	
4 not Y	splinter	
2 $\odot$	14-17, semiBAL, with stopper	
3Y below X	12-17, (5)6 <sup>+</sup> cards	
3Y above X	16 <sup>+</sup> , very strong 6 <sup>+</sup> cards	
3X	stopper ask for $\odot$	
3 $\odot$	16 <sup>+</sup> , with stopper and a long running minor	
4X	55 <sup>+</sup> , mm	
4m	55 <sup>+</sup> , mand oM(or MM over 2 $\diamond$ )	
4 $\heartsuit\spadesuit$ if not X	16 <sup>+</sup> strong 6 <sup>+</sup> 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 <sup>+</sup> cards	
3 $\odot$	16-22, with stopper	
4X over m	55 <sup>+</sup> , MM	
4X over M	55 <sup>+</sup> , oM + m	
4m (not X)	55 <sup>+</sup> , m + M (other or unspecified)	
4M (not X)	16 <sup>+</sup> strong 6 <sup>+</sup> cards	
4 $\odot$ over M	55 <sup>+</sup> mm	

### 3.10 Against weak 4m

DBL	takeout
4 $\odot$	natural with stopper(s)
5m (cue)	55 <sup>+</sup> MM
other	natural

### 3.11 Against weak 4♥

DBL	penalty-oriented
bid	5♠ or 6 <sup>+</sup> card suit
4 $\odot$	55 <sup>+</sup> mm
other	natural

### 3.12 Against weak 4♠

DBL	penalty-oriented
bid	6 <sup>+</sup> card suit
4 $\odot$	takeout
other	natural