


IT L CONVENTION CARD	
2/1 Almost GF	INTERNATIONAL TEAMS LEAGUE
CATEGORY: Natural w/ A Restricted Convention	
PLAYERS: 0 3f(Katherine Lau) & managerBBO (Alice Ding)	
EVENT: ALL (When RC is NOT allowed, we use standard Michaels for minors instead)	
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SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
1m=3+, 1M=5+, 11-20, 3-3m open 1♣ and 4-4m open 1♦	
2o1=GI+, 1M-1N=F1 (may support 5-7HCP), 1m-1N=NF	
1N=15-17, 2N=20-21, weak 5M possible	
Strong 2♣, Multi 2♦ (F1), Muiderberg 2M Opening	
Inverted minors, J2NT, Weak jump	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
2♦=6♥/♠ 5-10P, or 22-23 BAL	
2♥=5+♥ and 4+♣/♦ 5-11P	
2♠=5+♠ and 4+♣/♦ 5-11P	
Michaels 5-5weak or 5-5(4)strong only for Major openings	
Unusual NT for All Suit openings	
Oppose to Nat 1♣/1♦/2♣/2♦ opening, we use Cobra ⁽³⁾ with a Brown Sticker (see Cobra notes first then BS notes)	
Fit-QP Double (takeout x promises ~6QP defensive strength Or 16+FP/9+ offensive QP), QP=A3K2Q1	
Mixed Jump in Competition	
Weak jump shift and overcall	
Special conventions to defence against: Special Defences	
Anti FN-style 1 opening ⁽⁶⁾ , Weak two known suits pre ⁽⁷⁾	
And Anti Multi 2♦/2♣ opening ⁽⁸⁾	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
After RDBL or Penalty Intend	
After fit found+ made penalty yet	
After GF/SI/DOP1/R0P1	
IMPORTANT NOTES	
We don't use Walsh, Bergen complex or XYZ	
PSYCHICS: We may open/overcall very light when p passed	

OPENING	TICK IF ART.	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DETAILS			
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 ♣		3	4 ♥	11-20, 3-3m always, 4-4m with 15+	1 ♦=4+, 6+P, no Walsh; 1M=4+ 6+P; 1N=6-9 fit 2 ♣=4+ ♣, inv+ F1; 2N=10-12; 3 ♣=pre weak jumps	4sf, even in 1 ♣-1 ♦-1 ♥-1 ♠	Inv minor and new suit will be weaker and NF when minimum In comp: Nat; constructive free-bid; constructive raise; raise 3+
1 ♦		3	4 ♥	11-20, 4-4m with min, 5-5m always	2 ♣=Almost GF; 1M=4+ 6+P; 1N=6-9 fit or ♣; 2 ♦=4+ ♦ inv+ F1; 2N=10-12; 3 ♦=pre weak jumps	4sf	2 ♣=mid NF; Inv minor and new suit will be weaker, NF In comp: Nat; constructive free-bid; constructive raise; raise 3+
1 ♥		5	4 ♦	11-20 5+	1 ♠=4+, 6+P F1; 1N=F1, 5-7 with fit or 6+ wo fit; 2o1=Almost GF; 2 ♥=5-9P 4+ or 8-9 3 ♥ support; J2NT; weak jumps	4sf; after 1N, 2 ♣=2+ ♣; 2 ♦=3+ ♦	Drury, 2NT will be nat In comp: Nat; constructive free-bid; constructive raise
1 ♠		5	4 ♦	11-20 5+, can be light to 8+ when 5+ ♠-5 ♥	1N=F1, 5-7 with fit or 6+ wo fit; 2o1= Almost GF; 2 ♠=5-9P 4+ or 8-9 3 ♠ support; J2NT; weak jumps	4sf; after 1N, 2 ♣=3+ ♣; 2 ♦=3+ ♦	Drury, 2NT will be nat In comp: Nat; constructive free-bid; constructive raise
INT		2	4 ♠	15-17bal (can be bad suit 5M-332)	Stayman (trash ⁽²⁾ , with GF Smolen), Jacoby, 2 ♠=trans to ♣, 2N=inv, 3 ♣=trans to ♦ (weak or strong), 3 ♦=nat invite 3 ♥=3145/3154/3055GF 3 ♠=1345/1354/0355GF m transfers promise 6+ unless 55 Gerber, Texas	1N-2 ♠-2N=max/support ♣; 1N-2 ♠-3 ♣=min For m or mm hand, we use minor transfer ⁽²⁾ 1N-2 ♣-? 2 ♦=no 4M, 2 ♥/♠=4M, 2N/3 ♣=5 ♥/♠max (+1 step=relay, ask doubleton from higher to lower), 3 ♦=3352max For MM hand, we use Polish style Smolen ⁽²⁾	See notes ⁽¹⁾ If opps play other conventions, we play nat and system on if logic available
2 ♣	√	0	7 ♥	21+ unbal or 24+ bal; F1	2 ♦=waiting or bal; 2N=MM/mm/3 suits unbal; 3 ♥/♠=1 or 2 suiter with m; 3N=any 4333 4-7	2 ♣-2 ♦-2N=MM or mm; 3M=M+ unknown m; 3N=24-27; others are nat	Nat, x=multi, forcing pass
2 ♦	√	0	-	1)6+♥/♠ 5-10 2)22-23 bal	2/3/4/6/7 ♥=p/c; 2 ♠=p♠/I♥; 3 ♠=unknown splinter to 3N; 3m=nat F1; 4 ♣=let p bid suit via trans; 4 ♦=puppet to 4 ♥(play a game); 2N=Relay (3 ♣/♦=max ♥/♠, 3 ♥/♠=min, 3N=22-23)	2 ♦-3 ♠-3N-? 4 ♣/♦=1-♣/♦ 4 ♥=1-♠, 4 ♠=1-♥ 2 ♦-2 ♠-? Pass=♠; 3 ♥=♥min; 3 ♣/♦/♠=♥max with short ♣/♦/♠; 3N=strong bal; cue=♥max no short	Passed: May be only 5+, asking bid->Nat, 4 th seat will be 8-12 In comp: x=bal, others nat
2 ♥	√	5	-	5+♥4+m 5-10	2 ♠=NF, 2N=relay F1, 3 ♣=p/c, 3 ♦=inv with ♥ or mm; 3 ♠=splinter; 3 ♥=pre	2 ♥-2N-? 3m=4m, 3-om; 3 ♥/♠=5+♣/♦; 3N=0544 or 6♥5+m; 4m=6m5♥	Passed: 2N may be weak with m; 3 ♣/♦=nat
2 ♠	√	5	-	5+♠4+m 5-10	2N=relay F1, 3 ♣=p/c, 3 ♦=inv with ♠ or mm; 3 ♥=NF, 3 ♠=pre	2 ♠-2N-? 3m=4m, 3-om; 3 ♥/♠=5+♣/♦; 3N=5044 or 6♠5+m; 4m=6m5♠	Passed: 2N may be weak with m; 3 ♣/♦=nat
2NT		2	4 ♠	20-21 bal/semi bal	Puppet Stm, Jacoby, Gerber, Texas, Minor Stm	Nat	In comp: x=semi penalty
3 ♣/♦		6	-	Pre, Not Solid	Nat	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
3 ♥/♠		7	-	Pre, Not Solid	Nat	4N=RKCB, Gerber, EKCB on, two Suit RKCB; Early RKCB in some sequences	
3NT	A	1	-	Gambling, Solid, 1-stopper	4/5/6/7 ♣=p/c 4 ♦=slam try	5 ♣=1/4(strong 3/0); 5 ♦=0/3(strong 4/1); 5 ♥=2/5-Q; 5 ♠=2/5+ Q+1/3K; 5N=2/5+Q+0/2K+0/3Q; 6 ♣=2/5+Q+0/2K+1Q; 6 ♦=2/5+ Q+0/2K+2Q(if trump ok); D/R0P1	
4 ♣/♦	A		-	Namyats 7+♥/♠ up to 15	4 ♦/♥=RKCB	Asking bid in 6 level if denies support/length. In opp pre seq. 5N=Void+1/3/5 6 ♣=Void+0/2/4 Gerber: 4 ♦=30 4 ♥=41(if 14-HCP shown 4 ♦<->4 ♥) 4 ♠=2 and max 4N=2 and min(if wide) or 4 ♠=2+1/3 K 4N=2+0/2/4K(if narrow)	
4 ♥/♠		8(7)	-	Pre	Nat		
4NT	A		-	Long minors ♣+♦ pre, NF	Nat	Multi Cue Bid for 1 st and 2 nd controls. We don't use Turbo.	
5 ♣/♦		8	-	Pre	Nat	Others=Need-Help Suit Slam Invite(NHSSI)	
5 ♥/♠		7(6)	-	Trump inv to 6	Nat		
5NT	A			Inv to 7 for one suit(goulash)	P/C		
Higher				Nat, better pass			

Notes:

For offensive bidding:

Note 1 Anti DONT and Capp

Anti-DONT:

2N=one suit constructive (♣=competitive)

3x=one suit competitive (♣=constructive)

(2m)-x=Stayman

(2M)-x=oM+m

(?)-2x=one or two suiter

Anti-CAPP:

x/xx=penalty

(2♣)-x=wants to penalty 2suits of ♦♥♠, semi Stayman

(2♦)-x=a major penalty or ♣+♦ competitive

(2M) -x=penalty M, usually with a minor

xx=penalty a minor if x shows ♣+♦, system off

2N/3x is same as anti-DONT

Note 2 1N responder with MM, single m or mm hands & Trash Stayman

1N-?

Strength & Shape	4♥4♠	5♥5♠+	4♥5♠	5♥4♠	Single ♣	Single ♦	5♣+5♦
Weak, stop	Stayman, pass with 2M. If opener rebids 2♦, then 2♥=P/C MM weak		Depends on suits' quality. Stayman then P/C if good 4 card / bad 5 card, else Jacoby transfer		2♠ transfer, then 3♣ if opener rebids 2N	3♣ transfer, then pass	Pass or use 2♠/3♣ under judgement
Invite	Stayman. If opener 2♦, then 2NT	Stayman. 1N-2♣-2♦-2♠=5♠4♥ or 5♠5♥ inv. After that opener rebids ♥=3+♥, responder rebids ♥=5+♥		Transfer to♥. 1N-2♦-2♥-2♠=5♥4♠ inv, NF	2♠ transfer, then pass if opener rebids 3♣; else 3N=TP, 3M/4♣=short M/♦	3♦, opener with max rebids 3M=ask stop, 4x=good support forces to 5♦	2♠ transfer, then pass if opener rebids 3♣; otherwise rebid 3♦
GF	Stayman. If opener 2♦, then 3NT	Transfer to♠. 1N-2♥-2♠-3♥=GF 5♥5♠+	Stayman first. If opener 2♦, then Smolen: 3♥=4♥5♠ GF; 3♠=5♥4♠ GF		2♠ transfer, then 3N=TP, 3M/4♣=short M/♦	3♣ transfer, then 3N=TP, 3M/4♣=short	Direct 3M if void in M; else 2♠ transfer, then rebid 3♦

Our trash Stayman accepts such weak hands as following:

Shape	3 suits with short ♣	♥♠ 54+/45+, or 4-4-1-4	5♠5-6♦, or exactly 5-3-4-1
Strategy after 2♣	Pass any normal rebids. We use super accepts when opener has 5 card major and max. If so, rebid 3M to signoff.	Pass any major rebids, signoff at 3M after super accepts. If opener rebids 2♦, then 2♥=P/C	Pass 2♦ or 2♠ rebids. Correct with 2♠ after 2♥ rebids to show ♠+♦ two suits (opener may change to 3♦ with 2 cards♠ and better♦). Signoff at 3♠ after 3♣ rebid that shows♠. If partner rebid 2N to show 5+♥ with max, rebid 3♥ with 3 cards support, otherwise 3♦=5♠5+♦ that p must have a fit.

For defensive bidding:

Note 3 Cobra

Use case: opps open nat (NF) ♣ or ♦ with no more than 2 level. It includes 5542 1 ♣, Precision trash 1 ♦, Precision/Polish 2 ♣, Moscito 1 ♠ (=4+♦ unbal) and even FN-style 2 ♦. Both direct and balance seat applied.

(1 ♣)-?

2 ♣=transfer to ♦, weak ♦ (then pass) or strong ♦ (rebids 2N) or good ♦+♥/♣/♠ (rebids new suit) or mid 4441 ♣ (rebids 3 ♦)

2 ♦=multi, single ♥ or ♠ pre-empt, p/c, NF. **It's a Brown Sticker, refers to BS notes.**

2 ♥=Michaels, weak ♥+♠

2 ♠=Weak ♠+♦

2N=Weak ♦+♥

3 ♣=Strong 5440 ♣

(2 ♣)-?

3 ♣=transfer to ♦, weak ♦ (then pass) or strong ♦ (rebids 3N) or mid+ ♦+♥ (rebids 3 ♥)

3 ♦=multi, single ♥ or ♠ pre-empt, p/c, NF. It's NOT a Brown Sticker.

3 ♥=Michaels, mid+ ♥+♠

3 ♠=mid+ ♠+♦

3N=Nat

(1 ♦)-?

2 ♣=Nat mid ♣

2 ♦=multi, single ♥ or ♠ pre-empt, p/c, NF. **It's a Brown Sticker, refers to BS notes.**

2 ♥=Michaels, weak ♥+♠

2 ♠=Weak ♠+♣

2N=Weak ♣+♥

3 ♣=Weak ♣

3 ♦=Strong 5440 ♦

(2 ♦=nat ♦)-?

3 ♣=Nat

3 ♦=multi, single ♥ or ♠ pre-empt, p/c, NF. It's NOT a Brown Sticker.

3 ♥=Extend Michaels, mid+ ♥+♠ or ♥+♣

3 ♠=mid+ ♠+♣

3N=Nat

Note 4 Sunken

Use case: Anti Precision 1 ♣ opening and 1 ♣-1 ♦ response (strong 1 ♦ opening, non-GF strong 2 ♣ opening may also be used)

(1 ♣)-?

x=♦ or ♥+♠

1 ♦=♥ or ♣+♠

1 ♥=♠ or ♣+♦

1 ♠=♣+♥ or ♦+♠

1N=♣ or ♦+♥

(1♣)-p -(1♦)-? Or (1♦)-?

x=♥ or ♣+♠

1♥=♠ or ♣+♦

1♠=♣+♥ or ♦+♠

1N=♣ or ♦+♥

2♣=♦ or ♥+♠

We also use transfer weak jump for strong 1♣ opening but not for 1♣-1♦ sequence. If it's strong 1♦ opening, the 2♣ is unavailable due to Sunken, others keep same.
2♣=♦ (long single or short 3 suit), 2♦=♥, 2♥=♠, 2♠=♣, 2N=any 2 suit, 3x are nature pre-empt.

Note 5 DOST (comes from Farsi, pronouncing like /dus:t/)

Use case: Anti Polish Club style (nebula) 1♣ opening:

We use this convention to replace normal 1NT, other overcalls keep like normal 5542 1♣.

(1♣)-1N and (1♣)-p -(1♦)-1N can be

1. Very strong NT (19-20) [with 15-18 and 21+ BAL, then x instead]
2. Good single suit ♦/♥/♠, middle range (too strong for weak jumps but not good for 1x overcall)
3. (When opps use precision 2♣ opening) Weak 3 suit with 4+♣ (When opps use 1♣ for 11-14 nat♣'s) Weak 3 suit with 5+♣

(1♣)-1N-(p) -? Or (1♣)-p -(1♦)-1N-(p) -?

2♣=non forcing relay (then pass for weak, 2♦/♥/♠ for suit middle, 2N for strong)

2♦=supports in ♦+M, pre-empt. Then rebid 3♣ for a major asking (3♣-3♦=both majors), 2N=strong without 4 major can be check-back, others are nature

2♥=supports in majors, pre-empt. Then 2N=strong without 4 major

2♠=forcing relay. Then 2N=mid (then 3♣ to ask suit), 3♣=weak (then 3♦=ask short, others nat), 3♦=strong both M, 3♥/♠=strong with M, 3N=strong no M

2N=inv to 3N/4M for middle range ~12-14FP with ♣ supports (stops). Then 3♣=weak 3 suit, 3♥/♠=mid 1 suit and min, 3N=mid 1 suite ♦ and max, 4♥/♠= mid 1 suit and max; 4♣/♦=strong

BAL w/wo 5+suit followed with suit asking and slam bidding sequence, forcing to 4N

Higher=nat

If opp doubles 1N, pass is forcing to xx if not 19-20 BAL, and then rebid is escape; xx is want to play own suit (will puppet to 2♣ if not 19-20 bal, otherwise pass).

If opps overcalls 1N, then x is for cooperation (bid if weak, else penalty), 2N is support all unbid suits and some strength to support 3N if partner is strong NT, others are nature.

Note 6 Anti FN system 1x opening

(1♣)-?

x=♦ or ♥+♠ (weak) or very strong NT

1♦=♥ or ♦+♠ (weak)

1♥=♠ or ♦+♥ (weak)

1♠=weak or mid 3 suiter

1N=BAL or 3 suiter (strong)

2♣=mid or strong Michaels

(1♦)-?

x=♥ or ♣+♠ (weak) or very strong NT

1♥=♠ or ♥+♣ (weak)

1♠=♣ (weak or mid) or ♥+♠ (weak)

1N=BAL or 3 suiter (strong)

2♣=weak or mid 3 suiter

2♦=mid or strong Extend Michaels

(1♥)-?

x=♠ or ♦+♣ (weak) or very strong NT

1♠=♣ (weak or mid) or ♦+♠ (weak)

1N=BAL (strong) or 3 suiter (mid-strong)

2♣=♦ or ♠+♣ (weak)

2♦=mid ♦

2♥=mid or strong Michaels

(1♠)-?

x=♣ (weak or mid) or ♦+♥ (weak) or very strong NT

1N=BAL (strong) or 3 suiter (mid-strong)

2♣=♦ (weak or mid) or ♥+♣ (weak)

2♦=♥ or ♦+♣ (weak)

2♥=mid ♥

2♠=mid or strong Michaels

Note 7 Anti 2 specific suiter (Polish Club 2N, or MM Michaels, etc.)

If partner has shown one suit, then double is intend to penalty one of two suites, cue is for stop showing.

If partner hasn't shown any suit, then double is penalty suggestion (if opp bid is not real suit, then can also be equal length two suit takeout), cue is for two suits showing with lower suit better or higher suit better.

Note 8 Anti multi 2♣/♦ opening

We use two way double (x=takeout or bal 12-14 or 19+) and 15-18 2NT, 3♥/♠ is for good 6+ suit with upper-mid range, others are nat.

If it's multi 2♣, then 2♦/♥ is transfer to ♥/♠, 2♠ is both minors.

BROWN STICKER OVERCALL ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

Names: Katherine Lau & Alice Ding (Team Xiangya Joy, Flight A)
NCBO: International Teams League **Event** ITL Flight A&B, GCM Stage of 32+
After opponents opening bid of 1♣/1♦ **showing** Nature/Semi Nature ♣/♦
Our overcall of 2♦ **at** Any Vulnerability
Shows: Single major pre-empt, NF
Applies: By unpassed hand to overcall in both seats

Detailed Description:

Only applied to **nat / semi-nat one level opening shows ♣ or ♦** (may also include Moscito 1♠ which shows 4+♦).
 Part of Cobra convention. It shows 6+♥/♠ with 4-9, NF.

This is to release some spaces for two suits overcall. Otherwise under opps' 1m opening, only Michaels and Unusual NT cannot cover all two-suit combinations.

The overcall requirement is pretty like Multi 2♦ opening, but slightly weaker because overcall 1♥/1♠ may be lighter than opening.

Responses and Rebids When Responder Passes

With what hands will advancer pass the overcall?

She can pass with long♦.

Meanings of other advances and follow ups:

It's very close to structure after multi 2♦ opening, with unassuming cue bid available.

2/3/4/6/7♥=p/c

2♠=p♠/1♥

3♠=unknown splinter to 3N

3m=nat F1

Cue 3m=Unassuming cue bid

4♣=let p bid suit via trans

4♦=puppet to 4♥(play a game)

2N=Relay (3♣/♦= max ♥/♠, 3♥/♠=min, 3N=max with AKQ)

Competitive Agreements

Responses after opponent's DBL (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

In direct seat: pass=♦ suggest to xx; 2♥/2♠=p/c; 3m=nat; xx=want to play her own major suit

In balance seat: xx=♦; others keeps the same

Responses after opponent's bid:

Nat. If opps bid a major suit, opener's x is penalty.

Rebids after opener DBLs the overcall (1X)-2Y-(P)-P-(DBL)-?

The same as direct place double.

Rebids after opener DBLs advancer's bid:

Nat, we use unassuming cue bid if available.

Rebids after opener's suit rebid:

Nat, 2N=inv with better support than direct raise.

Proposed Defence

We suggest to use this convention designed by Heskje & Vist from Norway.

X = Good hand, may be balanced or interest in penalty.

2M = Nat, we suggest to define as forcing one round.

2N = Good support with opener's suit.

Pass first then double in the second round = Takeout.