

Chapter 0

Opening Bid

►	1♣	16HCP+ if unBAL, 17HCP+ if BAL
►	1♦	(10)11-15HCP 2+♦s
►	1♥	(10)11-15HCP 5+♥s
►	1♠	(10)11-15HCP 5+♠s
►	1NT	13(+)-16HCP BAL
►	2♣	10-15HCP 6+♣s
►	2♦	10-15HCP 4414/4405/4315/3415
	2♥	preemptive
	2♠	preemptive
	2NT	20-21HCP BAL
	3X	preemptive 7(6)+ Xs
	3NT	gambling, no outside A or K
	4♣/4♦	preemptive
	4♥/4♠	to play

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1♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	?



- ▶ 1♦ 0-7HCP, any
- ▶ 1♥ 8-11HCP has 5+ suit or any 4441
- ▶ 1♠ 8-13/16+HCP, BAL
- ▶ 1NT 12+HCP, 5+♣s
- 2♣ 12+HCP, 5+♦s
- 2♦ 12+HCP, 5+♥s
- 2♥ 12+HCP, 5+♠s
- 2♠ 14-15HCP, BAL, forcing to 4NT
- 2NT 4441 12+HCP & 4+CTRL
- 3♣ 4414 12+HCP & 4+CTRL
- 3♦ 4144 12+HCP & 4+CTRL
- 3♥ 1444 12+HCP & 4+CTRL

1.1 1♣-1♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	?		





- 1♥ 16-21HCP, usually 5+♥s, NF, could be 4♥(441) or 4♥5+m)
- 1♠ 16-21HCP, usually 5+♠s, NF, could be 4144 or 4♠5+m)
- 1NT 17-19HCP, BAL but more likely to be off-shape
[R] same as ► 1NT opening
- 2♣/2♦ 16-21HCP, 5+♣/♦s, NF, deny 4Ms, usually unbalanced
[R] 3♥/3♠=5-7HCP, 6+♥/♠s with 2THs
- 2♥ Kokish relay [R] 2♠
[O] 2NT=24-25, 3NT=26-27, 4NT=28+, Other=natural with 5+♥
- 2♠ 22+HCP, 5+♠s, GF
- 2NT 22-23HCP BAL [R] same as ► 2NT opening
- 3♣ 22HCP+ 5+♣s, GF
- 3♦ 22HCP+ 5+♦s, deny 4Ms, GF
- 3♥/3♠ 22HCP+ 5+♦s with 4♥/4♠s, GF
- 3NT 16-19HCP with source of tricks

1.1.1 1♣-1♦; 1♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	?



- 1♠ 5-7HCP, 4+♠s, normally 0-2♥s
- 1NT 5-7HCP, 0-2♥s, 0-3♠s, may not be BAL
- 2♣ 5-7HCP, Drury raise, 3♥s
- 2♦ 5-7HCP, NAT
- 2♥ 0-4HCP, 4+♥s or 3♥s with shortness
- 2NT 5-7HCP, 4+♥s BAL
- 2♠/3♣/3♦ 5-7HCP, 6+ with 2 top honors
- 3♥ 4-7HCP, 4+♥s unBAL
- 3♠/4♣/4♦ 6-7HCP, splinter
- 4♥ 0-4HCP, 5+♥s

1.1.1.1 1♣-1♦; 1♥-1♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	?		



1NT 4-5♥, 0-2♠s, MIN, "catch all"
 2♣ 5♥s any, F1, usually unBAL
 2♦ 6+♥s, MIN/GF [R] 2♥ [O] natural, 4♣/4♦ = splinter for ♥
 2♥ 4♥s5+ms MAX or any 3♠s4♥s5+ms
 2♠ 4♠s, MIN
 2NT 18-20, INV, 0-2♠s, 4♥s possible
 3♣/3♦ 4♥s 6+♣/♦s, MIN
 3♥ 6+♥s, INV
 3♠ 4+♠s, INV
 3NT to play
 4♣/4♦ splinter for ♠
 4♥/4♠ to play

1.1.1.2 1♣-1♦; 1♥-1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	?		



Pass MIN
 2♣ 5♥s, F1, usually unBAL not MIN
 2♦ 6+♥s, MIN/GF
 2♥ 4♥s5+ms MAX
 2♠ 4♠s, 5+♥s, INV+
 2NT 18-20, INV, 4♥s possible
 3♣/3♦ 4♥s 6+♣/♦s, MIN
 3♥ 6+♥s, INV
 3♠/4♣/4♦ splinter for ♥
 4♥ to play

1.1.2 1♣-1♦; 1♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	?



1NT	4-7HCP, 0-2♥s, 0-3♠s, may not be BAL
2♣	5-7HCP, Drury, 3♠s
2♦/2♥	5-7HCP, NAT
2♠	0-4HCP, 4+♠s or 3♠s with shortness
2NT	5-7HCP, 4+♠s BAL
3♣/3♦/3♥	5-7HCP, 6+ with 2 top honors
3♠	5-7HCP, 4+♠s unBAL
4♣/4♦/4♥	6-7HCP, splinter
4♠	0-4HCP, 5+♠s

1.1.2.1 1♣-1♦; 1♠-1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	?		



2♣	5♠s w/o 4♥s, F1
2♦	5♠s with 4♥s, F1
2♥	6+♠s, MIN/GF
2♠	4♠s5+ms MAX
2NT	18-20, INV, 4♠s possible
3♣/3♦	4♠s 6+♣/♦s, MIN
3♥	5♠s 5♥s, INV
3♠	6+♠s, INV
3NT	to play
4♣/4♦/4♥	splinter for ♠
4♠	to play

1.2 1♣-1♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	?		



1♠ relay
 1NT 5+♥s
 2♣/2♦ 5+♣/♦s
 2♥ 5♠s 5♥s+
 2♠ 5♠s 5+ms
 3X 7+solid suit, no other side suit

- break the relay only if with good single suiter / 2-suiter. With good ♠ suit start with relay.

1.2.1 1♣-1♥; 1♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	?



1NT 8-11HCP, 5+♣s [O] see ► 1♣-1NT
 2♣ 8-11HCP, 5+♦s [O] see ► 1♣-2♣
 2♦ 8-11HCP, 5+♥s [O] see ► 1♣-2♦
 2♥ 8-11HCP, 5+♠s [O] see ► 1♣-2♥
 2NT 8-11HCP or 12+HCP 0-3CTRL, 4441 [O] see ► 1♣-2NT
 3♣ 8-11HCP or 12+HCP 0-3CTRL, 4414 [O] see ► 1♣-3♣
 3♦ 8-11HCP or 12+HCP 0-3CTRL, 4144 [O] see ► 1♣-3♦
 3♥ 8-11HCP or 12+HCP 0-3CTRL, 1444 [O] see ► 1♣-3♥
 4♣ 7+♥s with AK, no outside A/K/short
 4♦ 7+♠s with AK, no outside A/K/short

1.2.1.1 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	?		

2♦ relay

2♥ 5+♥s, 0-2♦s
 2♠ 5+♠s, 0-2♦s
 2NT ask trump
 3♣ fit-showing
 3♦ ♦ fit, ask short
 3♥ splinter for ♦
 3♠ splinter for ♦
 3NT to play
 4♣ splinter for ♦

1.2.1.2 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2♣; 2♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	?

2♥ 4+♥s
 2♠ 4+♠s
 2NT 10-11HCP, semiBAL/BAL
 3♣ 4 or 6♣s
 3♦ 6+♦s
 3♥ 5♦s 6♥s
 3♠ 5♦s 6♠s
 3NT 8-9HCP, 5332

1.2.1.3 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	?		

2♥ relay
 2♠ 5+♠s, 0-2♥s
 2NT ask trump
 3♣ fit-showing

3♦ fit-showing
 3♥ ♥ fit, ask short
 3♠ splinter for ♥
 3NT to play
 4♣ splinter for ♥
 4♦ splinter for ♥

1.2.1.4 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2♦; 2♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	?

2♠ 4+♠s
 2NT 10-11HCP, semiBAL/BAL
 3♣ 4 or 6♣s
 3♦ 4 or 6♦s
 3♥ 6+♥s
 3♠ 5♥s 6♠s
 3NT 8-9HCP, 5332

1.2.1.5 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	?		

2♠ relay
 2NT ask trump
 3♣ fit-showing
 3♦ fit-showing
 3♥ fit-showing
 3♠ ♠ fit, ask short
 3NT to play

4♣ splinter for ♥
 4♦ splinter for ♥
 4♥ splinter for ♥

1.2.1.6 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2♥; 2♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	?

2NT 10-11HCP, semiBAL/BAL

3♣ 4 or 6♣s

3♦ 4 or 6♦s

3♥ 4 or 6♥s

3♠ 6+♠s

3NT 8-9HCP, 5332

1.2.1.7 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2NT/3♣/3♦/3♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT/3♣/3♦/3♥
Pass	Relay	Pass	?

+1 8-11HCP, 0-2CTRL

+2 8-11HCP, 3CTRL

+3 8-11HCP, 4CTRL

+4 8-11HCP, 5CTRL

+5 12+HCP, 0-2CTRL

+6 12+HCP, 3CTRL

1.3 1♣-1♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	?		

1NT relay ask
 2♣ 5+♣s, ask support
 2♦ 5+♦s, ask support
 2♥ 5+♥s, ask support
 2♠ 5+♠s, ask support
 3♣ 7+ solid ♣s, call for cuebid
 3♦ 7+ solid ♦s, call for cuebid
 3♥ 7+ solid ♥s, call for cuebid
 3♠ 7+ solid ♠s, call for cuebid
 3NT to play

1.3.1 1♣-1♠; 1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

2♣ 8-10HCP, w/o 4Ms
 RESPOND: 2♦ = ask, then 2♥ = 2344, 2♠ = 3244, 2NT = 3334, 3♣ = 3343
 2♦ 8-10HCP, 4♥s 0-3♠s
 2♥ 8-10HCP, 4♠s 0-3♥s
 2♠ 8-10HCP, 4♥s 4♠s
 2NT 11-13HCP, 4333
 RESPOND: 3♣ = ask, then respond the suit, 3NT = ♣ suit
 3♣ 11-13HCP, 4♣s with another 4 cards suit
 RESPOND: 3♦ = ask, then respond the other suit, 3NT = ♦ suit
 3♦ 11-13HCP, 4♦s 4♥s
 3♥ 11-13HCP, 4♥s 4♠s
 3♠ 11-13HCP, 4♠s 4♦s
 3NT 16HCP+ 4333
 4♣ 16+HCP, 4♣s with another 4 cards suit
 4♦ 16+HCP, 4♦s 4♥s
 4♥ 16+HCP, 4♥s 4♠s
 4♠ 16+HCP, 4♠s 4♦s

1.3.2 1♣-1♠; 2X Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2X	Pass	?

- +1 8-10HCP < Q_{xx} or xxxx
- +2 8-10HCP ≥ Q_{xx} or xxxx
- +3 11-13HCP < Q_{xx} or xxxx
- +4 11-13HCP ≥ Q_{xx} or xxxx
- +5 11-13HCP < Q_{xx} or xxxx
- +6 11-13HCP ≥ Q_{xx} or xxxx

1.4 1♣-1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	?		

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	?		

- 2♣ relay, usually 2+♣s
- 2♦ 5+♦s, 0-2♣s
- 2♥ 5+♥s, 0-2♣s
- 2♠ 5+♠s, 0-2♣s
- 2NT ask trump
- 3♣ ♣ fit, ask short
- 3♦ splinter for ♣
- 3♥ splinter for ♣
- 3♠ splinter for ♣

3NT to play

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	?

2♦ 4+♦s
 2♥ 4+♥s
 2♠ 4+♠s
 2NT not MIN, semiBAL/BAL waiting
 3♣ 6+♣s
 3♦ 5♣s 6♦s
 3♥ 5♣s 6♥s
 3♠ 5♣s 6♠s
 3NT MIN, 5332

1.5 1♣-1NT/2♣/2♦/2♥ Sequences

1.6 1♣-2♠ Sequences

2NT relay, responds is the same as 1♣-1♠; 1NT-3X. 3NT = 4333.

1.7 1♣-2NT/3♣/3♦/3♥ Sequences

see 1♣-1♥; 1♠-2NT/3♣/3♦/3♥ sequences.

1.8 Competitive Bidding

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Dbl	?

Pass 0-4 any
 1♦ 5-7 any
 Other 5cd+ NAT GF

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1X	?

Pass 0-4 any
 Dbl 5+
 New Suit 5cd+ NAT GF
 1NT 8+ with stopper. Opener 2♣=Stayman, new suits = ask support
 Cuebid 2lv only if real suits shown by the overcall. 4oM GF
 Cuebid 3lv only if real suits shown by the overcall. 4441.

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2♣-2♥	?

Pass 0-6 any
 Dbl 7+
 2NT 8+ with stopper. Opener new suits = NAT, cuebid = Stayman
 New Suit 5cd+ NAT GF
 Cuebid only if real suits shown by the overcall. 4oM GF

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2♠+	?

Pass 0-7 any
 Dbl 8+ GF
 New Suit 5cd+ NAT GF
 Cuebid only if real suits shown by the overcall. 4oM GF

West	North	East	South
	1♣	4♥+	?

Pass Forcing (except white vs. red)

Chapter 2

1 ♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	?
1 ♥		4+ ♥s, F1	
1 ♠		4+ ♠s, F1	
1NT		7-10HCP BAL	
2 ♣		Natural INV+ or GF BAL	
2 ♦		5+ ♦s, INV+	
2 ♥/2 ♠		preemptive	
2NT		11+HCP BAL INV	
3 ♣/3 ♦/3 ♥/3 ♠		preemptive	
3NT		to play	
4 ♣		both minors preemptive, 55+ or 46+	
4 ♦		preemptive	
4 ♥/4 ♠		to play	

2.1 1 ♦-1 ♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	?		

1 ♠ 4+ ♠s, could be BAL (xyz on)
 1NT 11-13HCP BAL, usually 2-3 ♠s, could be offshape e.g. 22(45)

2♣	(54) or better minors, short in major(s)
2♦	usually 6+♦s, MIN
2♠	5+♠ and 6+♦s, MAX. Then 2NT relay to 3♣ as Lebensohl, other = GF
3♣	5+♦s 5+♣s, MAX
3♦	6+♦s 0-2♥s, MAX
3NT	solid ♦

BIDS SHOWING ♥ FIT

2♥	4+♥s or 3+♥ with shortness
2NT	6+♦s and 3♥s, MAX. Then 3♣ relay to 3♦ as Lebensohl, other = GF
3♥	4♥, unBAL, MAX
3♠	MAX, Splinter
4♣	MAX, Splinter
4♦	MAX, fit-showing
4♥	4+♥, MIN with extreme shape

2.1.1 1♦-1♥; 1♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	?

1NT	NAT, NF
2♣	xyz relay [O] 2♦. [R] Mostly natural INV. [R] 3NT=5♥(332), pick a game. 4♣/4♦=self splinter
2♦	xyz, GF
2♥	to play
2♠	4♠ less than INV
2NT	xyz relay [O] 3♣ [R] Pass=weak ♣. 3♦=4♥5♦, GF. 3♥=4♥5♣, GF
3♣/3♦	5♥5+m, GF
3♥	6+♥, Slam interest
3♠	4♠, Slam interest
3NT	to play
4♣/4♦	♠fit, splinter

4♥/4♠ to play
 4NT qINV

2.1.2 1♦-1♥; 1NT Sequences

same as 1♦-1♥; 1♠ except:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

2♣ xyz relay [O] 2♦. [R] Mostly natural INV.
 [R] 2♠=5♠+6♥, mild INV. 3♠=5♠+6♥, pick a game
 2♦ xyz, GF
 2♠ 5♠+6♥ GF
 3♠/4m ♥ single suit, splinter

2.1.3 1♦-1♥; 2♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	?

2♦ weak, correct
 2♥ weak, 6+♥s
 2♠ 4th suit GF
 2NT 3♠
 3♣ 55+ in minors
 3♦ 64+ in minors, MAX
 3♥ 1345, MAX
 3♠ 1354, MAX
 2NT INV, may have 5♥
 3♣ 4+♣s, INV
 3♦ 4+♦s, INV
 3♥ 6+♥s, INV
 3♠/4m splinter for ♥
 3NT/4♥ to play
 4NT qINV

2.1.4 1♦-1♥; 2♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	?

2♥	NF
2♠	3rd suit GF
	2NT NT-oriented
	3♣ 64+, MIN
	3♦ 6+♦, non NT-oriented
	3♥ 3♥, MIN
2NT	INV, may have 5♥
3♣	5♥+5♣s, GF
3♦	3+♦s, INV
3♥	6+♥s, INV
3♠/4m	splinter for ♥
3NT/4♥	to play
4NT	qINV

2.1.5 1♦-1♥; 2♥/3♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	?

2♥-2♠	asking
	— —
2♥-2NT/3♣/3♦	help suit game try in ♠/♣/♦
3♥-3♠	asking shortness

2.2 1♦-1♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	?		

1NT 11-13HCP BAL, 1-3♠, could be offshape e.g. 14(35), 24(25), 22(45)

2♣ 44 or better minors, short in major(s)

2♦ 5+♦s, MIN

2♥ 4♥+6♦s, MAX

[R] 2♠=to play, 2NT=Lebensohl, Others=NAT GF

3♣ 5+♦s 5+♣s, MAX

3♦ 6+♦s 0-2♥s, MAX

3NT solid ♦

BIDS SHOWING ♠ FIT

2♠ 4+♠s or 3+♠ with shortness

2NT 6+♦s and 3♠s, MAX. Then 3♣ relay to 3♦ as Lebensohl, other = GF

3♥ MID-MAX, Splinter

3♠ 4♠, unBAL, MAX

4♣ MAX, Splinter

4♦ MAX, fit-showing

4♥ MAX, void Splinter

4♠ 4+♠, MIN with extreme shape

2.2.1 1♦-1♠; 1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

2♣ xyz, relay to 2♦. After opener's 2♦:

2♥ 5♠+4♥, INV

2♠ 5♠0-3♥, INV

2NT BAL INV

3♣/3♦ 4♠+5♣/♦, INV

3♥ 5♠+5♥, INV

3♠ 6+♠, INV

3NT 5♠(332), pick a game

2♦ xyz, GF, then opener:
 2♥ 4♥but no 3♠
 2♠ 3♠
 2NT 23(35) or 2344. 3♣=ask, 3♦=2353, 3♥=2335, 3♠=2344
 3♣ 2245
 3♦ 2254
 3♥ 3♥+5♣, points in the suits
 3♠ 3♥+5♦, points in the suits
 2♥ 5♠+4♥NF
 2♠ to play
 2NT relay to 3♣. Then 3♦ = 4♠+5♦ GF, 3♥=4♠+5♣ GF
 3♣/3♦/3♥ 5♠+5X GF
 3♠ 6+♠, slam interest
 3NT to play
 4♣/4♦/4♥ splinter
 4♠ to play

2.2.2 1♦-1♠; 2♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	?

2♦ to play
 2♥ 4th suit GF
 2♠ to play
 2NT relay to 3♣. Then 3♦ = 4♠+5♦ GF, 3♥=4♠+5♣ GF
 3♣/3♦ 4+♣/♦ INV
 3♥ 5♠+5♥ INV
 3♠ 6+♠, INV
 3NT to play
 4♣/4♦/4♥ splinter
 4♠ to play
 4NT Q-INV

2.2.3 1♦-1♠; 2♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	?

2♥	3rd suit GF then [O]
	2♠ 3♠ MIN
	2NT NT-oriented BAL or semi-BAL
	3♣ xx64 MIN
	3♦ 6+♦ unBAL
	3♥ 4♥+6♦
2♠	to play
2NT	INV may have 5♠
3♣	5♣+5♠ GF
3♣	3+♦ INV
3♥	5♠+5♥ INV
3♠	6+♠, INV
3NT	to play
4♣/4♦/4♥	splinter
4♠	to play
4NT	Q-INV

2.3 1♦-1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	?		

2♣	4+♣NF usually good hand, may only have 2♦ s
2♦	5+♦NF
2♥	4+♥ 5+♦s MAX

2♠ 4+♠ 5+♦s MAX
 2NT 6+♦ MAX NT-oriented
 3♣ 5+♣ 5+♦ MAX
 3♦ 6+♦ MAX ♦-oriented
 3♥ 6+♦ splinter
 3♠ 6+♦ splinter

2.4 1♦-2♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	?		

2♦ 5+♦s -OR- 4441
 2♥ 14-15HCP, 4+♥ 5+♦s
 2♠ 14-15HCP, 4+♠ 5+♦s
 2NT 11-13HCP, BAL
 3♣ 4+♣s
 3♦ 14-15HCP, solid ♦ suit
 3♥ splinter
 3♠ splinter

2.5 1♦-2♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	?		

2♥ 14-15HCP, 4♥s 4+♦s, GF
 2♠ 14-15HCP, 4♠s 4+♦s, GF
 2NT 11-13HCP, BAL
 3♣ 5♦s 4+♣s -OR- 4♦s 5♣s
 3♦ 11-13HCP, unBAL 4+♦s, NF

3♥ splinter
 3♠ splinter
 4♣ splinter

2.6 Competitive Bidding

2.6.1 1♦-(Dbl) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Dbl	?

Pass	could be strong, subsequent Dbl = strength
Rdbl	4+♥ [O] 1♥=3 cards, 2♥=4 cards [R] new suit = F1
1♥	4+♠ [O] 1♠=3 cards, 2♠=4 cards [R] new suit = F1
1♠	5+♣ [O] 1NT=BAL MIN, 2♣=3+♣ MIN [R] ♣ rebid=NF, other suit=F
1NT	NAT NF
2♣	4+♦ simple raise or better
2♦	6+♥ weak or strong
2♥	6+♠ weak or strong
2♠	both minors constructive
2NT	both minors preemptive
3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠	NAT preemptive

2.6.2 1♦-(1♥) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♥	?

Dbl	4+♠ [O] 1♠=3 cards, 2♠=4 cards
1♠	0-3♠s, takeout
1NT	NAT NF
2♣	4+♦ simple raise or better
2♦	5+♣ INV+ forcing to 3♣
2♥	6+♠ weak or strong
2♠	both minors fit-showing
2NT	NAT INV

3♣/3♦/3♠ NAT preemptive
 3♥ relay to 3NT

2.6.3 1♦-(1♠) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	?

Dbl	Takeout, usually 4♥s
1NT	NAT NF
2♣	4+♦ simple raise or better
2♦	5+♥ does not promise rebid
2♥	5+♣ forcing to 3♣, INV+
2♠	both minors fit-showing
2NT	NAT INV
3♣/3♦/3♥	NAT preemptive
3♠	relay to 3NT

2.6.4 1♦-(1NT=natural) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1NT	?

Dbl	penalty
Other	multi-Landy

2.6.5 1♦-(2♣) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♣	?

Dbl	Takeout
2♦	5+♥, does not promise rebid
2♥	5+♠, does not promise rebid
2♠	5+♦, limit raise or better
2NT	NAT INV
3♣	5-5 Major INV

3♦/3♥/3♠ NAT preemptive

2.6.6 1♦-(2♦=majors) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♦	?

Dbl strength, subsequent Dbl=takeout, forcing up to 3♦

2♥ 5+♣, INV+

2♠ 5+♦, limit raise or better

2NT NAT INV

3♣ 6+♣ NF

3♦ 5+♦ NF

3♥/3♠ 4+♦ Splinter

2.6.7 1♦-(2♥) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♥	?

Dbl Takeout

2♠ 5+♠, NF – treat as 1NT-(2♥)-2♠

2NT 5+♣, INV+. If GF then NT-oriented

3♣ 5+♦, INV+

3♦ both minors GF, short ♥

3♥ 5+♠, INV+

3♠ 5+♣, GF, not NT-oriented

2.6.8 1♦-(2♠) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♠	?

Dbl Takeout

2NT 5+♣, INV+. If GF then NT-oriented

3♣ 5+♦, INV+

3♦ 5+♥, INV+

- 3♥ both minors GF, short ♠
- 3♠ 5+♣, GF, not NT-oriented

2.6.9 1♦-(2NT=♥+♣) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2NT	?

- Dbl strength, subsequent Dbl=takeout, forcing up to 3♦
- 3♣ 5+♦, limit raise or better
- 3♦ 5+♦, NF
- 3♥ 5+♠, GF
- 3♠ 6+♠, NF
- 3NT to play
- 4♣/4♥ splinter
- 4♦ preemptive
- 4♠ to play

Chapter 3

1M Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	?

⏮	♠	▶
▶	1♠	5+HCP, 4+♠s, forcing
	1NT	semi-forcing
	2♣	5+♣ or BAL(2+♣) GF
	2♦	5+♦ GF
	2♥	7-10HCP, 3+♥
	2♠	6+♠s, preemptive
▶	2NT	4+♥s, slam interest
	3♣	4+♥s INV [O] 3♥=NF
	3♦	4+♥s mixed [O] 3♥=NF
	3♥	4+♥s preemptive
	3♠/4♣/4♦	12+HCP, splinter
	3NT	3♥(334), pick a game
	4♥	3+♥s, wide range, no slam interest

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	?

⏮	♠	
	1NT	semi-forcing
	2♣	5+♣ or BAL(2+♣) GF
	2♦/2♥	5+♦/♥ GF

▶	2♠	7-10HCP, 3+♠
	2NT	4+♠s, slam interest
	3♣	4+♠s INV [O] 3♠=NF
	3♦	4+♠s mixed [O] 3♠=NF
	3♥	6+♥s INV [O] 3♠=NF
	3♠	4+♠s preemptive
	3NT	3♠(334), pick a game
	4♣/4♦/4♥	12+HCP, splinter
	4♠	3+♠s, wide range, no slam interest

3.1 1♥-1♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	?		

⏮	♠	
▶	1NT	MIN BAL or semi BAL
	2♣/2♦	4♣/♦ any strength or 5+♣/♦ MIN
	2♥	6+♥ MIN
	2♠	4+♠ MIN
	2NT	6♥3♠ MAX [R] 3♣=Lebensohl, Other=GF
	3♣/3♦	5+♣/♦ MAX
	3♥	6+♥ good suit, MAX
	3♠	4+♠ MAX
	3NT	to play, solid ♥s
	4♣/4♦	MAX, 4+♠s, splinter
	4♥/4♠	to play

3.1.1 1♥-1♠; 1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

⏮	♠	
	2♣	xyz relay [O] 2♦. [R] Mostly natural INV.

	[R] 3NT=5♠2♥33, pick a game. 4♣/4♦=self splinter
2♦	xyz, GF
2♥/2♠	to play
2NT	weak relay [O] 3♣
3♣/3♦	5♠5+m, GF
3♥/3♠	NAT, slam interest
3NT	to play
4♣/4♦	self splinter
4♥/4♠	to play
4NT	qINV

3.2 1♥-2NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	?		



♠	
3♣	any MIN [R] ► 3♦=ask
3♦	MAX, no shortness [R] 3♥=ask [O] same as 3♣-3♦
3♥	MAX, 0-1♣
3♠	MAX, 0-1♦
3NT	MAX, 0-1♠
4♣/4♦	5+good ♣/♦ 2+ out of AKQ

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	?		



♠	
3♥	has shortness [R] 3♠=ask [O] LMH
3♠	no shortness 6+♥s
3NT	no shortness 5332 or NT-ish 5422/6322
4♣/4♦	no shortness, cuebids
4♥	no shortness, worst hand

3.3 1♠-2NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	?		



3♣	any MIN [R] ► 3♦=ask
3♦	MAX, no shortness [R] 3♥=ask [O] same as 3♣-3♦
3♥	MAX, 0-1♣
3♠	MAX, 0-1♦
3NT	MAX, 0-1♠
4♣/4♦/4♥	5+good ♣/♦/♥ 2+ out of AKQ

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2NT
	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	?		



3♥	has shortness [R] 3♠=ask [O] LMH
3♠	no shortness 6+♠s
3NT	no shortness 5332 or NT-ish 5422/6322
4♣/4♦/4♥	no shortness, cuebids
4♠	no shortness, worst hand

3.4 Competitive Bidding

3.4.1 1M-(Dbl) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Dbl	?



RDbl	good hand 0-3♥
1♠	NAT F1

1NT	5+♣ NF
2♣	5+♦ NF
2♦	3+♥ constructive
2♥	3+♥ no game interest
2NT	4+♥ limit raise
3♥	4+♥ mixed raise
4♥	3+♥ wide range

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Dbl	?



	with 1♠ opening – similar, except
2♦	5+♥ NF
2♥	3+♠ constructive
2♠	3+♠ no game interest

West	North	East	South
1X	1M	Dbl	?



	when 1M is an overcall – similar, except
3X	4+M mixed raise
3M	4+M preemptive

Chapter 4

1NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

⏮	♠	► Competitive Bidding Notes
►	2♣	Stayman, promises 4 majors, includes 44(41) 44(05) GF hands
►	2♦	transfer to 2♥, could be 4♥s INV [O] non-2♥ = superaccept
►	2♥	transfer to 2♠, could be 4♠s INV [O] non-2♠ = superaccept
►	2♠	size asking, BAL INV+ or ♣ oriented hands [O] 2NT=MIN, 3♣=MAX
►	2NT	puppet Stayman GF, includes (31)(54) (41)44 or (40)(54) [O] 3♣=no 5 major, 3M=5M
	3♣	weak ♦ or strong ♦ with short major or no short [O] 3♦ [R] 3M=short, 3NT=no short
	3♦	6+ ♦ short ♣
	3♥/♠	5+/5+ minors, short ♥/♠
	3NT	to play
	4♣	gerber [O] 04/1/2/3
	4♦	transfer to 4♥
	4♥	transfer to 4♠
	5♣/5♦	to play

4.1 1NT-2♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
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	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	?		

⏮	♠	
▶	2♦	w/o 4Ms
▶	2♥	4-5♥s, could be 4-4 in majors
▶	2♠	4-5♠s, 3-♥s

4.1.1 1NT-2♣; 2♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	?

⏮	♠	
	2♥	weak majors, p/c
	2♠	5♠s, INV
	2NT	transfer to 3♣, weak or strong
	3♣	transfer to 3♦, weak or strong
	3♦	55+ majors, INV+
	3♥	4♥s 5♠s, GF
	3♠	4♠s 5♥s, GF
	3NT	to play
	4♦	delayed Texas, 6+♥s 4♠s, transfer to 4♥
	4♥	delayed Texas, 6+♠s 4♥s, transfer to 4♠
	4NT	Q-INV

4.1.2 1NT-2♣; 2♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	?

⏮	♠	
	2♠	5♠s, INV
	2NT	transfer to 3♣, weak or strong. [O] may bid 3♠

3♣	transfer to 3♦, weak or strong. [O] may bid 3♠
3♦	55+ majors, INV+
	[O] 3♥=worst hand, 4m=Ace SI, 4♥=decent
3♥	BAL 4+♥s, SI
3♠	shortness, SI
3NT	to play, promises 4♠s
4♣	shortness, SI
4♦	shortness, SI
4♥	to play
4NT	Q-INV

4.1.3 1NT-2♣; 2♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	?



2NT	transfer to 3♣, weak or strong
3♣	transfer to 3♦, weak or strong
3♦	55+ majors, INV+
	[O] 3♠=worst hand, 4m=Ace SI, 4♠=decent
3♥	5♠s BAL INV
3♠	BAL 4+♠s, SI
3NT	to play, promises 4♥s
4♣	shortness, SI
4♦	shortness, SI
4♥	shortness, SI
4♠	to play
4NT	Q-INV

4.2 1NT-2♦; 2♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦

Pass 2♥ Pass ?



2♠

4+♥s, 0-3♠s, INV

[O] 2NT = 2-3♥ MIN, 3♣=3♥ GF, 3♥=4+♥ MIN, 3NT=2-3♥ p/c

[R] 3♥=6+♥s INV

2NT

4+♥s, 4♠s, INV

[O] 3♣=3♥ GF

3♣

5+♥s, 4+♣s, GF

3♦

5+♥s, 4+♦s, GF, short ♣ or no short

3♥

5+♥s, 4+♦s, GF, short ♠

3♠/4♣/4♦

splinter for ♥

3NT

5+♥s, p/c

4♥

to play, mild slam interest

4NT

quantitative INV

4.3 1NT-2♥; 2♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	?



2NT

0-3♥s, 4♠s, INV

3♣

5+♠s, 4+♣s, GF

3♦

5+♠s, 4+♦s, GF, short ♣ or no short

3♥

5+♠s, 4+♦s, GF, short ♥

3♠

6+♠ INV

3NT

5+♠s, p/c

4♣/4♦/4♥

splinter for ♠

4♠

to play, mild slam interest

4NT

quantitative INV

4.4 1NT-2♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
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	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	?



	♠	
Pass/3♣		weak ♣, to play
3♦		6+♣ GF, ♦ short or no short
		[O] 3♥=ask, [R] 3♠=♦ short, 3NT=no short
3♥		6+♣ GF, ♥ short
3♠		6+♣ GF, ♠ short
3NT		to play, originally a QINV
4♣/4♦		2245m, SI

4.5 1NT-2NT; 3♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	?



	♠	
3♦		(31)(54) [O] 3♥=ask shortness
		[R] 3♠=31(54) any strength. 3NT=13(54) NF. 4♣/4♦=1345/1354 slam interest
3♥		4♠s 0-3♥s
3♠		4♥s 0-3♠s
3NT		to play
4♣/4♦		(332)5m, SI
4NT		(23)44, SI

4.6 Competitive Bidding

4.6.1 1NT-(Dbl) Sequences

West	North	East	South
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1NT Dbl ?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	?

- System on if Dbl=artificial. [R] RDbI=penalty.
- Runout system on only if Dbl=PENALTY.



Pass

NF

[O] RDbI=opener has a 5 card suit

RDbI

relay to 2♣, unknown 5+ single suit

2♣

4-4+♣s and another

2♦

4-4+♦s and a major

2♥

4+♥s and 4+♠s

2♠

5+♠s INV

4.6.2 1NT-(2♣) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♣	?

- SYSTEM ON, Dbl=Stayman. Except:
- when 2♣=majors:



Dbl

Penalize at least one suit

2♦

5+♦ NF

2♥

minors, competitive to 3m

2♠

minors, INV+

2NT

relay [O] 3♣ [R] Pass=weak, 3X=♣ with X shortness, GF

3♣

5+♦ INV+

3♦

minors short ♥ GF

3♥

minors short ♠ GF

3♠

6+♣ no shortness GF

3NT	to play
4♦/4♥	texas

4.6.3 1NT-(2♦) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♦	?

- when 2♦=♦ or ♦+unknown suit:



♠	
Dbl	takeout. subsequent Dbl=penalty
2♥	5+♥ NF
2♠	5+♠ NF
2NT	relay [O] 3♣ [R] Pass=weak, 3♦=♥ canape, 3♥=♠ canape, 3♠=6+♣ no ♦ stopper
3♣	4-4+ Majors GF unbalanced Stayman
	[O] 3♦=no 4 Major [R] 3M=4M5oM, 3NT=to play, 4♣=5-5+ Slam interest, 4♦/4♥
	[O] 3M=4M
3♦	5+♥ INV+
3♥	5+♠ INV+
3♠	half stopper
3NT	to play
4♣	5-5 Majors, no slam interest
4♦/4♥	texas

- when 2♦=unknown major:



♠	
Dbl	strength, subsequent Dbl=takeout
2♥	5+♥ to play
2♠	5+♠ to play
2NT	relay [O] 3♣ weak/strong
3♣	relay [O] 3♦ weak/strong
3♦	5+♥ INV+
3♥	5+♠ INV+
3♠	6+♣ GF
3NT	to play
4♦/4♥	texas

- when 2♦=majors:



Dbl	Penalize at least one suit
2♥	minors, competitive to 3m
2♠	minors, INV+
2NT	relay [O] 3♣ weak/strong
3♣	relay [O] 3♦ weak/strong
3♦	minors short ♥ GF
3♥	minors short ♠ GF
3♠	6+♣ no shortness GF
3NT	to play
4♦/4♥	texas

4.6.4 1NT-(2♥) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♥	?



Dbl	takeout
2♠	5+♠ NF
2NT	relay [O] 3♣
	[R] Pass=weak ♣
	[R] 3♦=no ♥ stopper GF
	[R] 3♥=4♠ GF
	[R] 3♠=minors no stopper GF
	[R] 3NT=has stopper
3♣	relay [O] 3♦
	[R] Pass=weak ♦
	[R] 3♥=4♠ GF
	[R] 3♠=no ♥ stopper GF
	[R] 3NT=has stopper
3♦	4144 or 40(54) GF
	[O] 3♥=0-3♠ waiting, 3♠=4♠, 3NT=suggest to play
3♥	5+♠ INV+
3♠	no ♥ stopper GF, usually minors
3NT	to play

4♣	5♠5+♦, pick a game
4♦	5♠5+♣, pick a game
4♥	Texas transfer

4.6.5 1NT-(2♠) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♠	?



Dbl	takeout
2NT	relay [O] 3♣
	[R] Pass=weak ♣, 3♦=weak ♥
	[R] 3♥=no ♠ stopper GF
	[R] 3♠=4♥ GF
	[R] 3NT=has stopper
3♣	relay [O] 3♦
	[R] Pass=weak
	[R] 3♥=no ♠ stopper GF
	[R] 3♠=4♥ GF
	[R] 3NT=has stopper
3♦	5+♥ INV+
3♥	no ♠ stopper GF, usually minors
3♠	1444 or 04(54) GF
3NT	to play
4♣	5♥5+♦, pick a game
4♦	5♥5+♣, pick a game
4♥	Texas transfer

4.6.6 1NT-(2NT) Sequences

2NT=♣+♦

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2NT	?



Dbl	strength, subsequent Dbl=penalty
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3♣	54+Majors INV+
3♦	5+♥ INV+
3♥	5+♠ INV+
3NT	to play
4♣	55+ Majors GF
4♦/4♥	Texas transfer

4.6.7 1NT-(3X) Sequences

West	North	East	South
	1NT	3♣	?



♠	
Dbl	strength, subsequent Dbl=penalty
3♦	5+♥ INV+
3♥	5+♠ INV+
3♠	6+♦ GF
3NT	to play
4♣	55+ Majors GF
4♦/4♥	Texas transfer

West	North	East	South
	1NT	3♦	?



	♠
	strength,
Dbl	subsequent
	Dbl=penalty
3♥	5+♠ INV+
3♠	5+♥ GF
3NT	to play
4♣	55+ Majors GF
4♦/4♥	Texas transfer

- Texas on over 3♦ or lower.

If they show a minor, 4♣=majors GF, 4♦/4♥=Texas.

If they show a major, 4♣=5♦5oM, 4M-1=5♣5oM, 4oM-1=Texas, 4♠=extreme shape minors

- Natural vs. overall 3♥ or higher.

4.6.8 4th Seat Interruption (Stayman)

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dbl	?		



Pass no stopper
 RDbL suggest to play
 shows ♣ stopper,
 2♦/2♥/2♠ system ON.

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dbl	Pass	Pass	?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dbl	RDbL	Pass	?



RDbL/Pass	re-Stayman, GF
Pass/Rdbl	penalty
2♦	♦+♥+♠ p/c -OR- weak ♦[O] may correct to 2M. [R] may correct to 3♦ again.
2♥	♥+♠ p/c
2♠	exactly 5♠ INV

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
2X	?		



Dbl Penalty oriented

4.6.9 4th Seat Interruption (Transfer)

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Dbl	?		



Pass	0-2♥
RDbl	3+♥ no stopper
2♥	3+♥ shows ♦ stopper, system ON
3♦	super accept, invite partner to bid 3 or 4♥
Other	super accept, may or may not have stopper

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Dbl	Pass	Pass	?



Pass	to play 2♦ doubled
RDbl	re-Transfer, system ON (weak or no stopper)
2♥	5+♥ 0-3♠ INV, shows stopper
2♠	4-5♥ 4♠ INV, shows stopper [O] Pass/2NT=decline, 3♣=3♥ accept, 3♦=4+♥ accept
2NT	4♥ 0-3♠ INV, shows stopper [O] 3♣=3♥ accept, 3♦=4+♥ accept.
3♣	NAT GF
3♦	splinter GF
3♥	6♥ INV
3NT	to play
4♥	6♥ Slam interest

Chapter 5

2♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	?

⏮	♠	► Competitive Bidding Notes
►	2♦	artificial asking, at least constructive 3♣ raise
	2♥/2♠	5+♥/♠, NF
		[O] 2NT=const., 3♣=correct, 3♦=MAX with 2M, 3M=3+M INV
►	2NT	transfer to 3♣
►	3♣	transfer to 3♦
	3♦/3♥/3♠	6+♦/♥/♠, INV
	3NT	to play
	4♣	preemptive
	4♦	RKCB for ♣
	4♥/4♠	to play

5.1 2♣-2♦ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	?		

⏮	♠	
►	2♥	4+♥s
►	2♠	4+♠s
	2NT	MAX (322)6 or 2227

3♣	10-13HCP deny 4Ms
3♦	MAX 0-1 or 4+♦s
	[R] 3♥=relay [O] 3♠= 4+♦. Other= 0-1♦ NAT
3♥	MAX 0-1♥
3♠	MAX 0-1♠
3NT	14-15HCP, solid 6+♣s, usually BAL

5.1.1 2♣-2♦; 2♥ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	?



	♠	
2♠/3♦		5+♠/♦, GF
2NT		relay asking
		[O] 3♣=MIN, any [R] 3♥ = ♥ INV, other = ♣ GF
		[O] 3♦/3♠=short, GF. 3♥=5+♥, GF
3♣		3+♣s, constructive
3♥		4+♥s, GF
3♠/4♣/4♦		splinter for ♥
3NT		to play

5.1.2 2♣-2♦; 2♠ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	?



	♠	
2NT		relay asking
		[O] 3♣=MIN, any [R] 3♠ = ♠ INV, other = ♣ GF
		[O] 3♦/3♥=short, GF. 3♠=5+♠, GF
3♣		3+♣s, constructive
3♦/3♥		5+♦/♥s, GF
3♠		4+♠s, GF
3NT		to play
4♣/4♦/4♥/4♠		splinter for ♠

5.2 2♣-2NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	?



Pass	6-8HCP, preemptive
3♦	5+♦s 5+♥s, GF
3♥	5+♥s 5+♠s, GF
3♠	5+♠s 5+♦s, GF
3NT	15-17HCP, BAL, ♣ fit with mild slam interest
4♣	♣ fit, demand cuebid
4♦/4♥/4♠	exclusion blackwood

5.3 2♣-3♣ Sequences

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	?



Pass	weak ♦ to play
3♥	5+♥s 5+♠s, INV
3♠	6+♦ solid suit, call for cuebid
3NT	BAL 6+♦ with mild slam interest

5.4 Competitive Bidding

5.4.1 2nd Seat Overcall

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Dbl	?



RDbl	Strength, forcing to 3♣, subsequent Dbl=takeout
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2NT	constructive ♣ raise
3♣	competitive ♣ raise
Other	system on

West	North	East	South
	2♣	2X	?

♠	♠	
	Dbl	takeout [O] 2NT=MAX
	2NS	NAT F1
	2NT	NAT INV
	3♣	to play
	3NS	NAT GF
	3X	♣ fit, GF
	3JS	Preemptive
	4X	splinter

West	North	East	South
	2♣	3X	?

♠	♠	
	Dbl	takeout
	3NS/4NS	NAT GF
	4♣	constructive
	4X	♣ fit, GF
	4NT	NAT INV

5.4.2 4th Seat Overcall

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	?		

♠	♠	
	RDbl	Strength, subsequent Dbl=penalty, does not promise rebid
	2NT	source of tricks

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Dbl	?		

⏮	♠	
	Pass	MIN, bad suit
	RDbl	MAX BAL no ♦ stopper
	2NT	MAX BAL has ♦ stopper
	3♣	MIN, good suit
	Other	system on

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♥	?		

⏮	♠	
	Pass	MIN catch-all
	RDbl	MAX catch-all, forcing to 3NT or 4♣
	2♠	system on
	2NT	MAX has ♥ stopper
	3♣	MIN, good suit
	3♦	MAX 4+♦
	3♥	MAX 0-1♥, single suit ♣
	3♠	MAX NAT

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♠	?		

⏮	♠	
	Pass	MIN catch-all, may have 4♥[R] Dbl=takeout
	RDbl	MAX catch-all, forcing to 3NT or 4♣
	2NT	MAX has ♠ stopper
	3♣	MIN, good suit
	3♦/4♦	MAX 4+♦/♥
	3♠	MAX 0-1♠, single suit ♣

Other system on

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2♦ Sequences (mini-Roman)

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	?		



► Competitive Bidding Notes



Pass	to play
2♥/2♠/3♣	to play. [O] may correct 2♥ to 2♠ with 4315
2NT	relay asking, INV+
3♦	NAT INV
3♥/3♠/4♣	mixed raise
3NT	to play
4♥/4♠/5♣	to play

6.1 2♦-2NT Sequences

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	?		



3♣	MIN except 4405
	[R] 3♦=GF relay, 3M=INV
	over 3♦ [O] same as below
3♦	MIN 4405
3♥	MAX 4315

3♠	MAX 3415
3NT	MAX 4414
4♣	MAX 4405

6.2 Competitive Bidding

West	North	East	South
	2♦	XXX	?

- if XXX=Dbl, [R] RDbI=to play, Other=system on
- if XXX=Suit, [R] DbI=penalty

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
XXX	?		

- if XXX=Dbl/3♣/3♦, [O] Pass=original 3♣, [R] DbI/Rdbl=relay
[O] DbI/Rdbl=original 3♦, others=system on
- if XXX=3♥ or higher, system off. DbI=penalty.

