

Bridge Convention

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1 Introduction

1.1 Named conventions that we use

In short, our system is based on

- ACOL (4 card major)
- Strong 2♣
- Three Weak Twos
- Weak 1NT
- Stayman and Transfers
- Ogust convention
- Jacoby 2NT
- Gerber 4♣ for NTcontracts
- Blackwood (1430 Roman Key Card) 4NT for suited contracts

1.2 Notation

This is how the suits are displayed. ♠♥♦♣.

We write T instead of 10.

This is how a hand is displayed. KJ2♥ AT98♠ KQ532♦ 7♣ (13).

These are annotations.

2 Hand Analysis

Points. Ace - 4, King - 3, Queen - 2, Jack - 1.

Shape.

No voids, no singletons, at most one doubleton is **balanced**. Anything else is **unbalanced**.

The probability of a balanced hand is ~ 0.47 , and the most probable hand, 4-4-3-2 is balanced.

Notice that all unbalanced hands have a 5-card suit, except for a 4-4-4-1 split.

3 Opening bids

4 Responses to Opener

5 Opener's rebids

6 Overcalls

7 Responses to Overcall

8 Probabilities

9 High Card Points vs Game points probabilities

10 Vulnerability

11 Match Points vs IMPs

12 Other