

# 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 **NT**
- Stayman and Transfers
- Ogust convention
- Jacoby **2NT**
- Gerber **4♣** for **NT** contracts
- 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  $\sim 0.47$ , 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**