



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION
Standard Card

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System Summary

General approach and Style

Natural, 5-card Majors

3/3 = 1 ♣, 4/4 = 1 ♦

1 ♦ = 4 cards

1NT response = not forcing

Bergen Raises/ Jacoby (Note 2)

1NT Opening: 11 – 14 (Note 1)

2NT Opening: weak, both minors min. 5/4

3 NT long minor suit AKDxxxx no side AS

Special Bids that may require defence

2 ♣ Opening = gameforcing or weak 2 in ♦

2 ♦ Opening = semifor or NT 21/21 or weak 2 in major (Note 3)

2 ♥ Opening = ♥ 5+ and any other suit 4+ (6-10 HCP)

2 ♠ Opening = ♠ 5+ and any other suit 4+ (6-10 HCP)

Rubensohl after 2-level overcall of 1NT (Note 4)

3rd and 4th suit = forcing, 4th = asking for a stopper

Inverted Minor

Special Forcing Pass Sequences

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Important notes that don't fit elsewhere

Weak jump on partners opening (no 6 HCP)

Normal splinter on partners major opening

After opponents bidding, 2-er level= nonforcing

Psychics: -

Leads and Signals

Opening Leads - style

Lead	Normal	In Partner's Suit
Suit	2nd / 4th	2nd / 4th
NT	4th	2nd /4th

Subseq

Other (cases we don't play 2nd/4th): top of nothing

Or double with 10 or higher card: highest card first

Leads

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx; Axxx(+)	AK;AKx(+)
King	KQ; KQ109x	KQ; KQ109(+)
Queen	QJ; QJx(x)	QJ; QJx(+)
Jack	J10; J10x(+); KJ10x(+)	J10;J10x(+); KJ10x(+)
10	109; 109x(+); H109x(+); 10x	109; 109x(+);
9	9x; 98x(+)	98x(+)

Signals in order of Priority

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
color 1	low positiv	low positiv	mod. ital.Lavinth
color 2	low positiv	low positiv	mod. ital.Lavinth
color 3	low positiv	low positiv	mod. ital.Lavinth
NT 1	low positiv	low positiv	mod. ital.Lavinth
NT 2	low positiv	low positiv	mod. ital.Lavinth
NT 3	low positiv	low positiv	mod. ital.Lavinth

Signals (including trumps):

Modified Italian Lavinthal: 3,5,7 direct signal; other cards It.Lav Lo/Hi encouraging

Takeout Doubles (Style; responses reopening)

Take out double: shows 3 cards support in partners suit

X after major opening: solid, the other major 4+, 11+ HCP

Or X 15+ HCP

Reopen: 11+

Special, artificial and competitive doubles/redoubles

Negativ X 1st step 6+, 2nd step and 3rd 11+

Competitive x: Rubensohl (Note 4)

XX =points,

if partner opening 1 NT and opponent bid X, than XX from opener is take out: 1 NT – x – p – p – xx

Support double until 2 ♠

Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; responses: 1/2 level; reopening)

top and another; weak (max. 11 HCP)

Michaels Cuebid, unusual no trump

Drury (Note 11)

New Suit = Forcing - jump shift = fit

Take-out double:

General Style = Can be light / shaped

in 4. Position both unbidding suits 4+/4+

Responses: Natural. Cue bid = Forcing

1NT overcalls (2nd/4th live; responses; reopening)

2nd position: polish (Note 5)

4th position 11 – 14

responses natural

4th position after both opponents have bidden a suit, 8 – 11 P

And the other not named suits

Jump Overcalls: (Style; responses; unusual NT)

weak 2, responses natural

2 NT= unusual no trump: both lowest suits until 11 P

Direct and Jump cue Bids (Style; responses; reopen)

Michaels cuebid until 11 P

Vs NT (vs Strong/weak; reopening; pH)

vs strong or weak NT (Note 6): 2 ♣ :6 minors or both majors
4/4 majors or 4 majors and 5+ minor

2 ♦ majors 6+; 2 ♥ :5 ♥ and minor 4;

2 ♠ : 5 ♠ a. minor 4; 2 SA both minors 5/4

4 ♣ :5 ♣ and 5 majors; 4 ♦ :5 ♦ and 5 majors

4 ♥ 5/5 both majors; 4 ♠ :6 ♠ and 5 ♥

Vs preempts (doubles, cue-Bids; jumps; NT bids)

X points, X until 2 ♠ info X

natural

Vs Artificial Strong Openings

natural

Over Opponents take out double

opponents X makes no different

XX 10 + P

Opening	Tick if Artificial	Min. No. Cards	Neg. Dbl. Thru'	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Modifications over Competition and with Passed Partner
Pass				Not an Opening Bid			
1 ♣		2	2 ♠	11 - 19 HCP	Inverted, 2 ♦ both majors 4+ 0-5 P, Weak jump in ♥ / ♠	Natural, 4 ♣ RKCB, 3 rd level: splinter 4. level: exclusion 1 ♣ -2 ♣ - 2 ? asking for stopper in this color and 14 – 16 P	
1 ♦		4	2 ♠	11 – 19 HCP	Inverted, Weak jump in ♥ / ♠	Natural, 4 ♦ RKCB, 3 rd level: splinter 4. level: exclusion; 1 ♦ -2 ♦ as above	
1 ♥		5	2 ♠	11 - 19 HCP	Bergen Raises, Jacoby, weak jumps	with fit help suit trial bids, Splinter	
1 ♠		5	2 ♠	11 - 19 HCP	As above	As above	
1NT				11 - 14 balanced	Weak stayman 0 points or more, smolen, transfer, Rubensohl		
2 ♣	x	0		Gameforcing, NT 22+, or weak 2 in ♦	2 ♦ relais, 2 NT forcing 14 + P; 2 ♥, 2 ♠ 5+,12-14 P, short in ♦	After strong NT: transfer, puppet stayman; 2 ♣ - 2 NT (Note 9)	
2 ♦	x	0		Multi weak2 in ♥ or ♠ or semiforcing or NT 20/21; Note 3	2 ♥ relais, 2 ♠ single or chicane ♥; 2 NT forcing	After strong NT: transfer, puppet stayman; after 2 NT: 3 ♣ w2 ♥ min, 3 ♦ w2 ♠ min., 3 ♥ w2 ♠ max, 3 ♠ w2 ♥ max	
2 ♥	x	5		5 ♥ and other color 4+ 6 - 10 HCP	2 ♠ pass or correct 2NT forcing, asking for other color	After 2 NT: 3 ♣, 3 ♦ min; 3 ♥ min and ♠; 3 ♠ max and ♠; 3NT max. and ♣ or ♦	
2 ♠	x	5		5 ♠ and other color 4+ 6 - 10 HCP	3 ♣ pass or correct 2NT forcing, asking for other color	After 2 NT: 3 ♣, 3 ♦ min; 3 ♥ min and ♥; 3 ♠ max and ♥; 3NT max. and ♣ or ♦	
2NT	x			5 + ♣ and 4 + ♦, 6 – 10 P	3 ♣, 3 ♦ to play; 3 ♥ forcing	Rebid after 3 ♥ (Note 13)	
3 ♣		7		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC	Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids) Five - Ace Blackwood: RKCB (Note 7) Cue Bids Splinters	
3 ♦		7		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC		
3 ♥		7		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC		
3 ♠		7		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC		
3 NT				Gambling in minor	4 ♦ RKC, 4 ♣ pass or correct		
4 ♣		7		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC		
4 ♦		7		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC		
4 ♥	Or 4 ♠	7		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC		



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Supplementary Sheet

Note 1: 1 NT Opening:

Stayman, can be also weak

Smolen (4/5 in ♥/♠) = strong, partner bids after 2♦ the 4th major

4♣ = RKCB

4♦ = 5/5 ♥/♠

4NT = Mini-Maxi

Note 2: Bergen Raises / Jacoby:

3♣ = 4 cards fit, 8-10 HCP

3♦ = 4 cards fit, 6-7 HCP

2NT = 3 cards fit, 14+ HCP

Opener decides for full game or not
after 2 NT = next suit = single or chicane

Note 3: 2♦ semi-forcing or weak

6-er suits strong

20,21 NT

Weak in ♥ or ♠ 6+; 6 – 10 HCP

Partner's answers:

2♥ = relay, below 15

2♠ = 0/1 cards in spade

2NT = 15+

Note 4: Rubensohl

1NT - 2xy - 2♥/♦/♠ weak, to pass

1NT - 2xy - 2SA = transfer to ♣, 11+points

1NT - 2xy - 2♣ -transfer to d♦, 11+points

1NT - 2xy - 2♦ = transfer to ♥, 11+points

1NT - 2xy - 2♥ = transfer to ♠, 11+points

1NT - 2xy - transfer to opponents colour = stopper question

1NT - 2xy - X = 11+points

Note 5: polish NT

1 major - 1 SA = other major 4 plus minor suit 5+

1 minor - 1 SA = other minor 5 + and unknown major 4

Partners responses : overcall: question of unknown suit

Note 6: Gromöller

- 1 NT - X = 16+
- 1 NT - 2 Clubs : 6 minors or 4+/4+ majors, or 4 majors + 5 minors
- 1 NT - 2  = majors: 6+
- 1 NT - 2  :  5+, 4 minors
- 1 NT - 2  :  5+, 4 minors
- 1 NT - 2 SA : both minors, 5/4
- 1 NT - 3 suit: weak
- 1 NT - 4  : 5  , 5 Majors
- 1 NT - 4  : 5  , 5 majors
- 1 NT - 4  : 5/5 both majors
- 1 NT - 4 S  : 6  , 5 

Note 7: R K C B (4NT asks for 5 key cards, 4 Aces + King of Trumps)

- Responses:
- 5  = 3 or 0
 - 5  = 4 or 1
 - 5  = 2
 - 5  = 2 + Queen of Trumps

Note 8: Non Forcing Sequences

- 1  /1  - pass - 2  /2  (6-suit, no 6 HCP)

Note 9: Answers 2 - 2 NT

- 3  weak 2 in  minimum
- 3  weak 2 in  maximum

Note 10: Take Out Double:

Until the 2nd step: shows 3 cards support in partner's suit

Note 11: Drury

example:

- 1  - 1  - p - 2  : asking for points , if opening under 12 points 2 hearts

Note 12 modified Italian Lavinthal

- 3,5,7: direct marking
- 2,4,6: marking for the lowest color
- 8 and more: marking for the highest color

Note 13 opening 2 NT - 3

- 2 NT - 3 
- 3  double 
- 3  single 
- 4  6+ 
- 4  6+ 
- 4  chicane 
- 4  chicane 