

## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	less than limit, 4+ support
Jump raises - Majors	limit raise 8 losers, weak after interference
Jump shifts after minor opening	6-card suit, 3-7 HCP
Jump shifts after Major opening	splinter (except 1♥-2♠ is weak 6-card suit)
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	Controls: 2♦ 0-1; 2♥ 2; 2♠ 3; 2NT AKK; 3♣ AA [OFF after interference]
Responses to 2NT opening	3♣ puppet Stayman; transfers; 3♠ minor suit Stayman

## 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

Show priorities

Versus	Suit	(or both)	Versus	NoTrump	(if different)
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Leads	Sequences:	Overlead all incl internal sequences
	Four or more with an honour	4th highest
	From 4 small	2nd highest
	From 3 cards (no honour)	middle
	In partner's suit	low from 3+
Discards		low to encourage
Count		reverse
Signal	on partner's lead:	low encourage
		[then current reverse count or McKenney]
Signal	on declarer's lead:	reverse count

Notes	At 5 level or after pre-emptive bidding:
	king lead asks for reverse count, ace lead for attitude

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

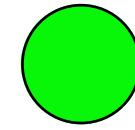
4NT: Blackwood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RKCB 0314	4♣ Gerber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	when? after NT openings & NT rebids
Slam Notes	Exclusion Blackwood		
Cue Bids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1st/2nd control		
Asking Bids	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

4th suit game force	Jacoby extended responses
checkback Stayman always in ♣	inverted minors
Help suit trial bids; DOPI & ROPI	- extended responses
DONT style after 1NT - (DBL) -	Lebensohl; Blackout
1♣/♦ short or Precision] - 3♣/♦ intermediate	Support DBLs & RDBLs
<a href="http://www.abf.com.au">www.abf.com.au</a>	After 2♣-2#-3NT: 4♣ Baron and transfers
PDF Form Rev. 17I21 by RoL	Jump shift rebid by opener is 5+ 5+ GF
MyRev. SEPTEMBER 2024	NT rebids at 2 level: 2NT 15-17; 3NT 18-19
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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

ABF Nos.	100153	THERESE TULLY <small>[270]</small>
& Names:	107964	RICHARD WARD <small>[721]</small>

Basic System: **ACOL**

Brown Sticker  Classification: Green  Blue  Red  Yellow

## 1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape

1♣ 4+♣, 10+ HCP 1♥ 4+♥, 10+ HCP

1♦ 4+♦, 10+ HCP 1♠ 4+♠, 10+ HCP

1NT **(11) 12 - 14 HCP** may contain 5 card Major

1NT Responses 2♣ simple Stayman

2♦ transfer to ♥ 2♠ transfer to ♣

2♥ transfer to ♦ 2NT transfer to ♦

other super accepts after transfers not mandatory; 3♣, 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ sets suit then cues

2♣ GAME FORCE or 23-24 HCP balanced, control responses

2♦ at least 5-4 or 4-5 in majors, 6-10 HCP

2♥ at least 5♥ + at least 4 minor, 6-10 HCP

2♠ at least 5 ♠ + at least 4 minor, 6-10 HCP

2NT 20-22 HCP 3NT Specific ace ask, 4NT = 0 aces

other

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

\*Re-opening 1NT may not have a stopper

Jump overcalls vary in strength according to vulnerability

## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through 4♥ Jump overcalls **WEAK [NV]; INTERMEDIATE [VUL]**

Responsive doubles through 4♥ Unusual NT lower unbid suits

1NT overcall - immediate 15-18HCP, SYS ON Immediate cue of minor Michaels, any strength

1NT overcall - re-opening \*10-14HCP, SYS ON Immediate cue of Major Michaels, any strength

Over weak twos DBL & lebensohl Over opening threes DBL

Over opponent's 1NT **vs strong NT: 2NT GF 2-suiter; \*\*DONT [DBL single suiter, suit is at least 4-4 in that suit plus a higher; 2♠ natural; **vs 13-15 or fewer NT:DBL 1-2-3;****

2♣ majors; 2♦ single suit; 2♥/♣ 5+ ♥/♦ + 4+ minor; 2NT minors

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 5+ HCP	2♦ 6-card suit, 3-7 HCP	3♦ splinter
1♥ 5+ HCP	2♥ 6-card suit, 3-7 HCP	3♥ splinter
1♠ 5+ HCP	2♠ 6-card suit, 3-7 HCP	3♠ splinter
1NT 8-10HCP 4+♦s	2NT 11-12 HCP, 4+♦s	3NT 13-15 HCP 4+♦s
2♣ <b>NOTE inverted</b>	3♣ weak, 6-9 HCP	4♣ pre-emptive
other 1♣-2♣ forcing to 2NT or 3♣. range responses, then shortage ask, then fragments for NT		

1♦ 1♥ 5+ HCP	2♥ 6-card suit, 3-7 HCP	3♥ splinter
1♠ 5+ HCP	2♠ 6-card suit, 3-7 HCP	3♠ splinter
1NT 5-8HCP	2NT 11-12 HCP, 4+♦s	3NT 13-15 HCP 4+♦s
2♣ 9+ HCP, ♣s	3♣ splinter	4♣ void splinter
2♦ <b>NOTE inverted</b>	3♦ weak	4♦ pre-emptive
other as for 1♣-2♣		

1♥ 1♠ 5+ HCP	2♥ 9 losers, 4+♥s	3♦ splinter
1NT 5-8 HCP	2♠ 6-card suit, 3-7 HCP	3♥ 8 losers, 4+♥s
2♣ 9+ HCP	2NT Jacoby <small>extended responses</small>	3♠ splinter,
2♦ 9+ HCP	3♣ splinter	3NT 13-15 HCP
other Jacoby responses: range, then shortage, then controls, then RKC; 1♥-4♣ natural, to play		

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2♦ 9+ HCP	3♣ splinter	3NT 13-15 HCP
2♥ 9+ HCP, 5+♥s	3♦ splinter	4♣ void splinter
other 1♠ - 4♣,♦ is void splinter. 1♠ - 4♥ is natural, to play		

1NT 3♣ 6 cards, sets suit cues	3♠ 6 cards, sets suit, cues	4♦ -
3♦ 6 cards, sets suit. cues	3NT 12+ HCP	4♥ natural, to play
3♥ 6 cards, sets suit, cues	4♣ Gerber	4♠ natural, to play
other Gerber: after aces shown, 4NT asks for specific kings		

2♣ 2♦ 0-1 controls	2NT 4 controls, <b>AKK</b>	3♥ 1 loser suit opp. void
2♥ 2 controls	3♣ 4 controls <b>AA</b>	3♠ as above, also 4♣/4♦
2♠ 3 controls	3♦ 5 controls	3NT -
other control responses are OFF after suit interference		

2♦ 2♥ natural, to play, NF	3♣ natural, NF	3♠ natural, NF, pre-empive
2♠ natural, to play, NF	3♦ natural, NF	3NT natural, to play
2NT <b>NOTE</b>	3♥ natural, NF, pre-emptive	4♣ natural, GF sets suit
other 3♣,♦ MIN 5+-4 / 4-5+; 3♥,♠ MAX 5+-4 / 4-5+; 3NT 5-5 MIN; 4♣ MAX 5-5 then transfer to ♥/♠		

Notes After we open 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠ all our doubles are penalties

2♥ 2♠ natural, NF	3♦ natural, NF	3NT natural, to play
2NT minor enquiry	3♥ pre-emptive	4♣ natural, GF, sets suit
3♣ natural, NF <small>not correctable</small>	3♠ natural, GF	4♥ to play
other		
2♠ 2NT minor enquiry	3♥ natural, NF	4♣ natural, GF sets suit
3♣ natural, NF <small>not correctable</small>	3♠ pre-emptive	4♥ natural, to play
3♦ natural, NF	3NT natural, to play	4♣ to play
other		
2NT 3♣ puppet Stayman	3♠ minor suit Stayman	4♦ -
3♦ transfer to ♥s <b>NOTE</b>	3NT to play	4♥ -
3♥ transfer to ♠s <b>NOTE</b>	4♣ Gerber	4♣ -
other <b>NOTE: 1 step poor support; 2 steps good 3 card support; 3 steps good 4 card support</b>		

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: lowest unbid suits

4th Suit Forcing  One round  Game force

NT Checkback  Priorities: at least invitational, show lowest major option available

Defence to 3NT opening DBL "values"

Defence to Opening Twos DBL takeout

Multi 2♦ immediate DBL shows general values 16+HCP [1-2-3- doubles]

RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s

Defence (1♣) : DBL for majors, 1NT for minors [also in passout]

to

strong (2♣) :

1♣ / 2♣

Over 1NT Interference after suit interference 1-2-3- doubles

Lebensohl - other uses

Take out of 4 level pre-empt

4♥ DBL

4♣/4♦ DBL

4♣ 4NT usually 2-suiter, DBL is "values"

## 10. OTHER NOTES

1♣/♦/♠-4♥ is a suit, to play; **NO Minorwood, Drury, Bourke relay**

Super accepts - 2NT crisp (eg AKK) maximum

In general, system ON after DBLs

After 3NT: 4NT= 0 aces; with 2 aces bid lowest, then next suit up asks for more

RKC: After Q ask 1 step = no Q, slam suit = Q and no Ks below slam suit

RKC: 5NT asks for lowest K, 6 of suit = no Ks below slam suit