## 4. BASIC RESPONSES **New Zealand Bridge** Jump raises - minors | See 8. Responses to Opening Bids STANDARD SYSTEM CARD Jump raises - Majors See 8. Responses to Opening Bids NZB Nos. 56093 Ian Berrington See 8. Responses to Opening Bids Jump shifts after minor opening & Names: 58972 Graeme Tuffnell Jump shifts after Major opening See 8. Responses to Opening Bids Basic System: WHEN VUL: 2/1 with Transfer Responses to 1♣ Responses to strong 2 suit open. See 8. Responses to Opening Bids Red X Classification: Green Brown Sticker Blue See 8. Responses to Opening Bids Responses to 2NT opening 1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS 1♥ 12-19+ HCP, 5+♥ 1♣ 12-19+ HCP, 1+♣ Versus **NoTrump** (if different) Versus **Suit** (or both) Show priorities 1♦ 12-19+ HCP, 5+♦ 1♠ 12-19= HCP, 5+♠ AQT asks UB/count KJ = ATT **Leads** Sequences: tops but maybe Q-AKQ, K-AKJ **1NT** 15-17 HCP, BAL, (4441, 5422, 6322 allowed) may contain 5 card Major 3rd from even lowest from odd Four or more with an honour ATT 1NT Responses 2♣ Stayman 3rd **ATT** From 4 small 2♠ RF: SS ♣ or ♦ weak or GF 2♦ TRF ♥ **ATT** 3rd From 3 cards (no honour) 2♥ TRF ♠ 2NT 5+/4+ both minors weak or GF 1/3/5 but top xxx if we raised Same, but top xxx if we raised In partner's suit (Dbl) (Px)XX ♠+other, suit NAT nf, note 10.1 other (x) XX Nat; others as above note 10.2 1. R Att 2. R Count. 3 Std S/P **Discards** 2. ART GF (might not comply with the rule of 29) Count Reverse 2 11-16 HCP 4+★ + 5+♥ 1. R Att 2. R Count, 3 Std S/P **Signal** on partner's lead: Signal on declarer's lead: Reverse Smith (R ATT to our opening lead) unless obvious holdup 2♥ 8-12 HCP, 6♥ 2♠ 8-12 HCP, 6♠ Notes Switches generally ATT **2NT** 20-21 HCP, BAL (4441, 5422, 6322) 3NT Gambling other 2. PRE-ALERTS 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 44 Gerber KCB sometimes SYSTEM VARIES with our vulnerability Double of 1NT opening Minor+Major 11+ **RKCB** 1430 Can be Quant, if so can treat as Blackwood 4NT: Blackwood RED 2/1 GREEN Mini Precision Cue Bids X 1st or 2nd 1NT/2NT opening can be off shape Asking Bids | HCP ranges are a guide can up/downgrade Flannery 2♦ opening 5NT pick a slam, Quant, v rarely GSF. Interference over KCB P=1st step, X=2nd etc. 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS If too high (5♥ over M: 4♠ over ♠; 4NT over ♦) Pass even X odd or just bid slam 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Doubles T/O, support, lead directing, rarely PEN Negative DBL thru If we have rested after suit agreement then X = PEN Drury Minorwood Responsive DBL thru Smolen Majorwood Jump overcalls Sound weak at 2 level; INT at 3L Unusual NT lower 2 unbid constructive Lightner double Splinterwood (re-opening) See note 10.4 1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18 4♠ RKB when ♥ is the agreed suit Balsawood Immediate cue: (minor) Both Majors constructive (Major) OM + minor constructive Bidenwood Over: Weak Twos Leaping Micheals Opening Threes Non leaping Michaels Opponent's transfers X = that suit, cue = T/Owww.nzbridge.co.nz Opponent's 1NT X= 11+ (4)5+ minor and 4+ Major OR 20+; 2♣ 4+/4+ majors PDF Form Rev. 22D13 by RoL MyRev. 2♦ single suited overcall 14+ Copyright © ABF 2022 2♥♠ and 3♣♦ Natural approx 8-13 HCP

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1♣ 1♦	3+HCP, 4+♥	2	0-5 HCP, 6+M	3�	Sound PRE			
1♥	3+HCP, 4+♠	2	3-7 HCP, 5♠ + 4♥	3 <b>Y</b>	Sound PRE			
1♠	3+HCP, 4+◆	2♠	11-12 HCP, 4+♣	3♠	Sound PRE			
1NT	6-10 HCP, 4+♣	2NT	INV, NAT	3NT	13-15 HCP, BAL			
2♣	13+HCP, 4+♣	3♣	Sound PRE	4♣				
other								
1♦ 1♥	6+HCP+, 4+♥	2	GF, ANY SPL	3	VOID SPL, then KCB			
1♠	6+HCP, 4+♠	2♠	Jacoby	3♠	VOID SPL, then KCB			
1NT	6-11 HCP	2NT	10-12, 3+♦, likes NT	3NT	13-15 HCP, BAL			
2♣	12+HCP, 4+♣	3♣	10-12 HCP, 3+◆	4♣	VOID SPL, then KCB			
2	6-9 HCP, 3+◆	3	6-9 HCP, 4+◆	4	PRE			
other								
1♥ 1♠	5+HCP, 5+♠	2	6-9 3+♥	3	Min GF SPL any suit			
1NT	5-11, semiF maybe 4♠	2♠	MINI SPL, ANY SUIT	3♥	7 LTC raise			
2♣	3+ <b>♣</b> GF <b>♣</b> /4 <b>♠</b> /3♥ 10-12	2NT	Jacoby	3♠	14+ SPL ♠			
2	GF 4+ <b>♦</b>	3♣	8 LTC raise	3NT	14+ SPL ♦			
other	4♣ 14+ SPL ♣							
1 <b>♠</b> 1NT	5-11, semi F	2	6-9 3+♠	3 💙	Min GF SPL any suit			
2♣	3+ <b>♣</b> GF <b>♣</b> or 3 <b>♠</b> 10-12	2NT	MINI SPL, ANY SUIT	3♠	7 LTC raise			
2	GF 4+ <b>♦</b>	3♣	Jacoby	3NT	14+ SPL ♥			
2	GF 5+♥	3	8 LTC raise	4♣	14+ SPL ♣			
other	4♦ 14+ SPL ♦							
1NT 3♣	5cd M Stayman	3♠	SLAM TRY	4	6+♠			
3◆	ANTI LEMMING	3NT	to play	4 <b>\</b>	to play			
3♥	SLAM TRY	4♣	6+♥	4	to play			
other								
2♣ 2♦	0-7 or waiting	2NT	BAL, stop in all suits	3	7+♥, semi solid			
2	7+, 5+ <b>♥</b>	3♣	6+♣, 2 of top 3 HON	3♠	7+♠, semi solid			
2♠	6+♠, two of top 3 HON	3	6+♦, 2 of top 3 HON	3NT				
other								
2♦ 2♥	To play	3♣	To play	3♠	Slam try			
2♠	To play	3	♥ or ♠ mixed raise		To play			
2NT	Game try ENQ	3 <b>\</b>	Slam try	4♣	♥ slam try (♠ SPL)			
other	4♦ ★ slam try (♥ SPL)							
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2	2 <b>••</b>	Nat forcing one round	3	Nat forcing	3NT	to play		
	2NT	ENQ	3♥	PRE	4♣	SPL 4♦ SPL		
	3♣	Nat forcing	3♠	SPL	<b>4♥</b>	to play; 4♠ also to play		
	other	2NT responses: 3♥ min	, 3 o	ther MAX with high card	featu	ure, 3NT good Hearts		
2	2NT	ENQ	3	Nat forcing	4♣	SPL 4♦ SPL		
	3♣	Nat forcing	3♠	PRE	<b>4♥</b>	to play		
	3◆	Nat forcing	3NT	to play	<b>4♠</b>	to play		
	other	2NT responses: 3♠ min	, 3 of	ther MAX with high card	featu	ıre, 3NT good Spades		
2NT	3♣	Muppet	3♠	minor suit Stayman	4	MinorWood		
	3◆	TRF ♥	3NT	to play	<b>4</b> ♥	Mild Slam Try		
	3♥	TRF ♠	4♣	MinorWood	4	Mild Slam Try		
	other							
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4th Suit Ford	cing One round	Game force X							
NT Checkba	ck XYZ 2♣ = Puppet 2♦ then Cont = INV. 2♦ = A	RT GF							
Defence to 3	NT opening X T/O 4♣ Majors = or longer ♥, 4♦ = Majors or lo	nger 🛧							
Defence to Opening Twos X T/O (Lebensohl/Rubensohl); leaping Michaels									
Multi 2♦	X = T/O of ♠ or 17+; 2♥ T/O of ♥; others NAT								
RCO style 2-s X may be 12-14 Bal									
Other 2-s	X may be 12-14 Bal								
Defence (1	♣) : X = Strong; 1♦ = 4+/4+ both M; 1NT = minor + major; 2NT	= minors							
to									
strong (2	(2♣) : X = Minor+Major; 2♦ = Majors; 2NT = minors								
14 / 24									

Over 1NT Interference X = T/O; Rubensohl (slow shows direct denies stop)

**Lebensohl - other uses** Auctions that start 1NT or higher Rubensohl applies note 10.3

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4 - X = T/O; 4NT 2 suits

4♥ X = T/O; 4NT 2 suits

4♠ X = T/O; 4NT 2 suits

## 10. OTHER NOTES

- 10.1 1NT (Px) Pass either happy or maybe 2/3 suits without ♠. 2NT minors or GF 2 suited
- 10.2 1NT (Ox) Pass suggests T/O esp to a minor if (Ox) is converted
- 10.3 Auctions that start below 1NT a non-jump 2NT is 2 places to play after T/O X
- 10.4 Balancing NT after (1♣♦) 12-14. After (1♥) 12-15. After (1♠) 12-16.