

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 of a Minor
Opener's Sequences

Raise to Game by Opener of Responder's 1 Level Suit Bid

1Minor - P - 1Major - P

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4 of Opener's minor :

Responder's major (4 or >) ,

H.C.P. (17 or >) ,

Control oriented .

4 of Responder's major :

Responder's major (4 or >) ;

Opener's minor (5 or >) ,

H.C.P. (17 or <) ,

Distributional raise to game .

Suit quality : One Notrump Response

1C/1D - P - 1Nt - P

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3Nt : Suit quality : AKQxxx or > .

Suit quality: Two Over One Response

1D - P - 2C - P

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3D : One-loser suit (maximum) opposite small doubleton .

3Nt : No-loser suit opposite small doubleton .

Jump Shift Bid (to 4 level)

1D - P - 2Nt - P

4H

4H = Diamonds , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .

1C - P - 1H - P

4S

4S = Hearts , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 of a Minor (continued)Responder's SequencesInverted Minors (Responder is a non-passed hand)**A.** 1C - P - **2C****2C** = Clubs , game values or > (H.C.P.) .1D - P - **2D****2D** = Diamonds , game values or > (H.C.P.) .An immediate 2Nt rebid by Opener shows
stoppers in both majors .**B.** 1C - P - **2D****2D** = Clubs , invitational values (H.C.P.) .1D - P - **3C****3C** = Diamonds , invitational values (H.C.P.) .A two Notrump response by either player is non-forcing .
Three of the agreed minor by either player is non-forcing .**C.** 1C - P - **3C****3C** = Natural , pre-emptive .1D - P - **3D****3D** = Natural , pre-emptive .Jump Shift Support (Responder is a non-passed hand)

1D - P - 2C - P

2D - P - **4H****4H** = Diamonds , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .

1D - P - 1Spade - P

2C - P - **4D/4H****4D** = Clubs , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .**4H** = Diamonds , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .

1C - P - 1Major - P

1Nt - P - **4D****4D** = Clubs , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .

1C - P - 1D - P

1Nt - P - **4H****4H** = Diamonds , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .Jump Shift to a Major1Minor - P - **2H****2H** = Reverse Flannery by Responder (see Conventions) .1Minor - P - **2S****2S** = Weak two in Spades .Jump Shift to a MinorSee Inverted MinorsNew Minor Forcing (variant) see Conventions

(Responder is a non-passed hand) .

1Minor - P - 1Major - P

1Nt - P - **?**Notrump Responses1Minor - P - **?****1Nt** = Balanced , non-forcing , H.C.P. (06-10) .**2Nt** = Balanced , non-forcing , H.C.P. (11-12) .**3Nt** = Balanced , non-forcing , H.C.P. (13-15) .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 of a Major Opener's Sequences

Game tries , Two-way see Conventions
 1Major - P - single raise (constructive) - P
non-jump rebid (other than re-raise)

Suit quality

Minimum suit values (m.s.v.) : AKQJ (6 or >) or AKQ (7 or >)
 or AK (9 or >)

examples .

1. 1H/1S - P - 2C - P

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3H/3S : H/S (6 or >) , 1-loser suit .
3Nt : H/S , m.s.v. , forcing to 4H/4S .
4H/4S : H/S (6 or >) , 2-loser suit .

2. 1H - P - 1S - P

3Nt

3Nt = Hearts , m.s.v. , side-suit A & K .

3. 1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

3Nt

3Nt = H/S , m.s.v. , side-suit A & K .

1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

3Nt - P - ?

4H/4S : No slam interest .

4C/4D : Cuebid in support of Opener's major .

Responder's Sequences

Drury (Reverse , two-way) see Conventions

(Responder is a passed hand)

Responder has > constructive raise for Partner's major .

P - P - 1Major - P

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Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 of a Major (continued)Responder's Sequences (continued)One Notrump Response , One-round Force1Major - P - 1Nt - P1Nt = A one-round force on the Opener .

1. 1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

2 of a new suit (lower than 1st suit)

- P - ?

2H/2S : H/S (2 or >) , minimum response .* 3H/3S : H/S (3) , game invitational .2Nt : Game invitational .New suit (not a jump)

: One-suited hand , non-forcing .

New suit (jump , below four level)

: One-suited hand , game invitational .

2. 1H - P - 1NT - P

2S - P - ?

2Nt : game values , artificial , may have :

* Hearts

or Spades

or Clubs

or Diamonds

or Clubs & Diamonds

or General values hand .

3C : Clubs (6 or >) , < game values .3D : Diamonds (6 or >) , < game values .3H : Hearts (2 or >) , < game values .3S : Spades (4 or >) , < game values .3Nt : General values hand , no slam interest .4H : Hearts (3 or >) , no slam interest .4S : Spades (4 or >) , 1 or more honours ,

no slam interest .

3. 1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

2Nt - P - ?

3a. 3C : Stayman , check-back (a 6th card in Opener's suit , or 4 cards in the other major) .

3b. 1H - P - 1Nt - P

2Nt - P - 3H - P

3S - P - ?

3Nt : Game values , strength concentration in Spades , minor suits concern . 4H is an alternative contract .For further information , see *responses after an opening 2Nt bid* .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 of a Major (continued)Responder's Sequences (continued)One Notrump Response , One-round Force (continued)

3d. 1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

2Nt - P - 3S - P

3Nt - P - ?

Pass : To play 3Nt , game values only .**Any** bid *other than pass* shows > game values .**4C** : Clubs (6 or >) .**4D** : Diamonds (6 or >) .**4H** : Minors , Clubs > Diamonds .**4S** : Minors , Clubs < Diamonds .**4Nt** : Minors , equal length , one-round force .

3e. 1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

2Nt - P - 3Nt - P

4C - P - ?

Pass : Clubs (6 or >) , < game values .**4D** : Diamonds (6 or >) , < game values .**Any** bid *above four Diamonds* shows game values only .**4H** : Minors , Clubs > Diamonds .**4S** : Minors , Clubs < Diamonds .**4Nt** : Minors , equal length .**5C** : Clubs (6 or >) .**5D** : Diamonds (6 or >) .

4. 1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

3H/3S - P - ?

Non-raise minor suit bid***** : H/S (2 or >) , constructive raise or > , cuebid .**4H/4S** : H/S , no slam interest .

5. 1H/1S - P - 1Nt - P

Jump shift - P - ?

3H/3S : H/S (2 or >) , strength ambiguous .**Raise of Opener's 2nd suit**

: Natural (4 or >) , < limit raise .

1st new suit (above Opener's 1st suit): Opener's *lower* suit (4 or >) , limit raise or > .**2nd new suit (above Opener's 1st suit)**: Opener's *higher* suit (3) , limit raise .***** **4H/4S** : H/S (3 or >) , no slam interest .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 of a Major (continued)Responder's Sequences (continued)One Notrump Response , One Round Force (continued)5. *examples* .

1H - P - 1Nt - P

3D - P - ?

3H/4D : Preference (2 or >) , < limit raise .3S : Diamonds (4 or >) , limit raise or > .3Nt : Natural , no slam interest .* 4C : Hearts (3) , limit raise .4H : Hearts (3 or >) , no slam interest .

1S - P - 1Nt - P

3C - P - ?

3D/3H : Natural , strength unknown .3S/4C : Preference (2 or >) , < limit raise .3Nt : Natural , no slam interest .4D : Clubs (4 or >) , limit raise or > .* 4H : Spades (3) , limit raise .4S : Spades (3 or >) , no slam interest .RaisesA. 1H/1S - P - 2H/2S2H/2S = H/S (3) , constructive raise
({3 or >} by a passed hand) .

With more than three trumps , a five-step raise pattern is used .

B. 1H - P - ?

* 1. 2S : Hearts (4 or >) , short side suit , limit raise .* 2. 2Nt : Hearts (4 or >) , game values or > (Jacoby 2Nt raise) .* 3. 3C : Hearts (4 or >) , no short side suit , limit raise .* 4. 3D : Hearts (4 or >) , constructive raise .* 5. 3H : Hearts (4 or >) , preemptive raise .* 6. 3S : Hearts (4 or >) , splinter , game values .* 7. 3Nt : Hearts (2) , balanced , game values ,

H.C.P. (13-15) .

8. 4C/4D : Hearts (4 or >) , splinter , game values .**Note** : Bidding sequences (1 , 3 , 4) by a passed-hand : A jump shift shows Hearts & the suit jumped into , invitational .

1. 1H - P - 2S - P

2Nt2Nt = Short suit Asking Bid see Conventions .

1H - P - 2S - P

2Nt - P - ?

see Conventions , Short Suit Asking Bid (responses) .* **This sequence** is *not applicable* when Responder is a passed hand .Drury then applies .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 of a Major (continued)Responder's Sequences (continued)Raises (continued)

With more than three trumps , a five-step raise pattern is used .

C. 1S - P - ?

- * 1. 2Nt : Spades (4 or >) , short side suit , limit raise .
- * 2. 3C : Spades (4 or >) , game values or > (Jacoby 2Nt raise) .
- * 3. 3D : Spades (4 or >) , no short side suit , limit raise .
- * 4. 3H : Spades (4 or >) , constructive raise .
- * 5. 3S : Spades (4 or >) , preemptive raise .
- * 6. 3Nt : Spades (2) , balanced , game values ,
H.C.P. (13-15) .
- 7. 4C/4D/4H
: Spades (4 or >) , splinter , game values .

Note : Bidding sequences (2 , 3 , 4) by a passed-hand : A jump shift shows Spades & the suit jumped into , invitational .

1. 1S - P - 2Nt - P

3C

3C = Short Suit Asking Bid see Conventions .

1S - P - 2Nt - P

3C - P - ?

see Conventions , Short Suit Asking Bid (responses) .

* **This sequence** is *not applicable* when Responder is a passed hand .
Drury then applies .

Raises After a Take-out Double

1Major - X - ?

- ? = A single raise is an irritant bid only (3 - 6 H.C.P.) .
- = Pass , then supporting Opener's suit , is a constructive raise (8 - 10 H.C.P.) .
- = Redouble , then supporting Opener's suit ,
is a limit raise with 3-card support .
- = 2Nt is a limit raise or > , 4-card (or >) support .
- = A jump shift into a major is a mixed raise
(6 - 8 H.C.P.) .
- = A jump shift into a minor is a limit raise or > ,
showing the suit jumped into & support for Opener's
suit (4 or >) .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 Notrump (H.C.P. {15-17})

1Nt - P - ?

1. 2C : Stayman (major {4} not promised) .
2. 2D : Hearts (5 or >) , transfer .
3. 2H : Spades (5 or >) , transfer .
4. 2S : Clubs (5 or >) , transfer .
5. 2Nt : Diamonds (5 or >) , transfer .
6. 3C : Minors (5-5 or >) , < game values .
7. 3D : Minors (5-5 or >) , game values or > .
8. 3H : Minors (5-4) , splinter , game values or > .
9. 3S : Minors (5-4) , splinter , game values or > .
10. 4C : No agreed suit , Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) .
11. 4D : Hearts (6 or >) , transfer .
12. 4H : Spades (6 or >) , transfer .
13. 4Nt : Boland (see Conventions) .
14. 5Nt : Boland (see Conventions) .

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1Nt - P - 2C - X

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- Pass : Hearts (2 or 3) , Spades (2 or 3) .
- XX : Hearts (4 or 5) , non-minimum (Responder may transfer with 2D) .
- 2D : Spades (4 or 5) , non-minimum (Responder may transfer with 2H) .
- 2H : Hearts (4 or 5) , minimum .
- 2S : Hearts (2 or 3) , Spades (4 or 5) , minimum .

1a.

1Nt - P - 2C - P

2D - P - ?

- 1a1. Pass : Diamonds (4 or >) , 1-2 major suits (4) , < game values .
- 1a2. 2H : Hearts (4 or >) , Spades (4 or >) , < game values .
- 1a3. 2S : Hearts (4 or >) , Spades (4 or >) , game invitational .
- 1a4. 2Nt : Major length unknown , game invitational .
- 1a5. 3C : Clubs (6 or >) , one major (4) , < game values .
- 1a6. 3D : Weissberger (see Conventions) .
- 1a7. 3H/3S : Smolen (see Conventions) .
- 1a8. 3Nt : 1-2 major suits (4) , game values .
- 1a9. 4C : No agreed suit , Key-Card Asking .
- 1a10. 4D : Weissberger (see Conventions) .
- 1a11. 4Nt : No agreed suit , small slam invitation .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 Notrump (H.C.P. {15-17}) (continued)

1a11.

1Nt - P - 2C - P

2D - P - 4Nt - P

?**Pass** : No slam interest .**5Nt** : Slam interest , 4-3-3-3 distribution .**5Suit** : Boland (see Conventions) .

1b. 1Nt - P - 2C - P

2H - P - ?1b1. **2S** : Spades (4) and : 1) Game invitation values
or 2) A minor (6 or >) , game
invitational values or < .1b2. **2Nt** : Majors (< 4) , game invitation values .1b3. **3C/3D** : Hearts (4 or >) , side suit , slam interest or > .1b4. **3H** : Hearts (4 or >) , game invitation values .1b5. **3S** : Hearts (4 or >) , slam interest or > .1b6. **3Nt** : Spades (4) , game values .1b7. **4C/4D** : Hearts (4 or >) , splinter , slam interest or > .1b8. **4H** : Hearts (4 or >) , no slam interest .1b9. **4Nt** : Spades (4) , small slam invitation ;Responses by Opener : see **1a11** .

1b1. 1Nt - P - 2C - P

2H - P - 2S - P

?**Pass** : Spades (4) , < game values .**2Nt** : Spades (3 or <) , < game values .**3C** : Spades (3 or <) , non-minimum .**3D/3H** : Spades (4) , non-minimum , side suit values .**3S** : Spades (4) , non-minimum .

1c. 1Nt - P - 2C - P

2S - P - ?**2Nt** : Game invitational values .**3C** : Clubs (6 or >) , Hearts (4) , sign-off .**3D** : Diamonds (6 or >) , Hearts (4) , sign-off .**3H** : Spades (4 or >) , slam interest or > .**3S** : Spades (4 or >) , game invitation .**3Nt** : Hearts (4) , game values .**4C/4D/4H**

: Spades (4 or >) , splinter , slam interest or > .

4S : Spades (4 or >) , no slam interest .**4Nt** : Hearts (4) , small slam invitation ;Responses by Opener : see **1a11** .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 Notrump (H.C.P. {15-17}) (continued)

2 & 3. 1Nt - P - Transfer to a major suit - P

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Transfer refusal with length (4 or >) .
 Minimum : **Jump in transfer suit** .
 Non-Minimum : **2Nt** shows scattered values .
 A new suit shows a doubleton
 (less than Q x) .

- P - ?

New suits are natural and forcing , with one
 exception : After a transfer refusal , if
 Responder bids **the suit**
below the agreed suit ,
 that is a re-transfer .

Note : If an opponent doubles the transfer bid , Opener

- a. Passes with a doubleton in Responder's suit ;
- b. Accepts the transfer with three card support &
a minimum ;
- c. Redoubles with three card support & a non-minimum ;
- d. Follows established procedure with 4 (or more)
card support .

4 & 5. 1Nt - P - Transfer to a minor suit - P

?**Transfer refusal** with good fit :Bid **above the agreed suit** with A-x-x-x or > ;Bid **below the agreed suit** with K-Q-x-x or

A-K-x or A-Q-x or K-Q-x .

7. 1Nt - P - 3D - P

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3H : Concentration of strength , Spade concern .
3S : Concentration of strength , Heart concern .
3Nt : Natural , to play .
4C : Clubs , slam interest .
4D : Diamonds , slam interest .
4H : Both minors , concentration of strength ,
slam interest .
4S : Both minors , concentration of strength ,
slam interest .
4Nt : Choose a minor , game interest only .
5C : Natural , no slam interest .
5D : Natural , no slam interest .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 Notrump (H.C.P. {15-17}) (continued)

8. 1Nt - P - 3H - P

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3S : Natural , interest in 4S .
3Nt : Natural , to play .
4C : Clubs , slam interest .
4D : Diamonds , slam interest .
4H : Both minors , weak Hearts , slam interest .
4S : Spades (5) , weak Hearts .
4Nt : Choose a minor , game interest only .
5C : Natural , no slam interest .
5D : Natural , no slam interest .

9. 1Nt - P - 3S - P

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3Nt : Natural , to play .
4C : Clubs , slam interest .
4D : Diamonds , slam interest .
4H : Natural , to play opposite Jxx or > .
4S : Both minors , weak Spades , slam interest .
4Nt : Choose a minor , game interest only .
5C : Natural , no slam interest .
5D : Natural , no slam interest .

Note : After a 1Nt or 2Nt opening and a minor-suited hand
by Responder , 4Nt is always to play
(unless otherwise stipulated) .

@ 1Nt - X - ?

Pass : Thinks that 1NT doubled will make **or**
no long suit to rescue to .

XX : One-suited hand . Asks Opener to bid
2C , after which responder will
Pass or correct to their suit .

2C, 2D, 2H

: Two-suited hand . The suit bid , plus
a higher ranking suit .

2S : Spades (5 or >) , not as strong a hand
as an initial Redouble , then
bidding Spades .

2Nt : Two or three suiter , unbalanced hand ,
game values .

3C, 3D, 3H, 3S

: Natural , preemptive .

1Nt - X - P - P

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Pass : No better spot .

XX : Opener has 5 or > cards in a suit .
Responder :

Passes when they think 1Nt doubled
is playable ;

Bids 2C to allow Opener to :

Pass if their long suit is

Clubs ;

Bid their long suit otherwise .

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 2 Clubs (strong) (continued)

1c4. 2Nt - P - 3S - P

3Nt - P - ? (Or this sequence preceded by a 2C opening)

Pass : To play 3Nt , game values only .**Any** bid other than pass shows > game values .**4C** : Clubs (6 or >) .**4D** : Diamonds (6 or >) .**4H** : Minors , Clubs > Diamonds .**4S** : Minors , Clubs < Diamonds .**4Nt** : Minors , equal length , one-round force .

1c5. 2Nt - P - 3Nt - P

4C - P - ? (Or this sequence preceded by a 2C opening)

Pass : Clubs (6 or >) , < game values .**4D** : Diamonds (6 or >) , < game values .**Any** bid above four Diamonds shows game values only .**4H** : Minors , Clubs > Diamonds .**4S** : Minors , Clubs < Diamonds .**4Nt** : Minors , equal length .**5C** : Clubs (6 or >) .**5D** : Diamonds (6 or >) .

1d. 2C - P - 2D - P

3C - P - ?

3D/3H/3S = Natural .

1e. 2C - P - 2D - P

3D - P - ?

3H/3S/3Nt/4C = Natural .Bidding after Partnership Opens with 2 DiamondsFlannery see Conventions

Five Hearts , four Spades , H.C.P. (11-16)

Bidding after Partnership Opens with 2 Hearts or 2 Spades

Weak two-bid . Length : 6-card suit (ranges from 5-7) .

Strength : H.C.P. (5-11) .

Length & Strength depends on :

1. Suit quality ;

2. Whether partner is a passed hand ;

3. Vulnerability .

When Responder is not a passed hand , R.O.N.F. applies

(Raise Only Non Force {bid}) .2H/2S - P - **2Nt****2Nt** = Clarify your bid (Ogust , see Conventions) .Bidding after Partnership Opens with 2 Notrump (H.C.P. {20-21})See Bidding after Partnership Opens with 2 Clubs (strong) ,

1c1 through 1c11 , 1c4 , 1c5 .

Note : After a 1Nt or 2Nt opening and a minor suited hand by Responder ,
4Nt is always to play (unless otherwise stipulated) .Three Notrump Opening (major suit) see Conventions

Other Constructive Auctions Without Interference by OpponentsReverse by Opener

1Suit - P - 1-level bid - P

Reverse - P - ?

Return to Opener's 1st suit is not forcing (may be made with small doubleton) ; Jump is invitational .

Raise of Opener's 2nd suit is not forcing .

Responder's suit rebid is not forcing ; Jump is invitational .

4th suit is a 1-round force (game values or >) , asking for a stopper in that suit .

2Nt is a one-round force (game values or >). Responder has :

Support for Opener's 1st or 2nd suit

and/or A rebid in own suit

or A stopper in the 4th suit .

4th suit is usually natural , a 1-round force (game values or >) .

2Nt is a one-round force (game values or >). Responder has :

Support for Opener's 1st or 2nd suit

and/or A rebid in own suit

or A balanced hand .

Jump shift by Opener , new suit

1Suit - P - 1-level suit bid - P

Jump shift (two level) - P - ?

Return to Opener's 1st suit may be preference only (may be small doubleton) ; Jump is game interest only .

Raise of Opener's 2nd suit denies slam interest .

Responder's suit rebid is weak ; Jump is game force only .

4th suit is usually natural , one-round force (some slam interest) .

2Nt is a one-round force (some slam interest or >) .

Responder has : Support for Opener's 1st or 2nd suit

and/or A rebid in own suit

or A balanced hand .

Jump shift by Opener to 2Nt

1Suit - P - 1major - P

2Nt - P - ?

see Conventions , **Wolff** (modified)

You Have Opened, Opponents Have Intervened

Dormer (modified) (see Conventions)

1Suit - X - ? Strength clarification of raise .

Good-Bad Two Notrump (see Conventions)

Strength clarification by Opener when opponents have intervened , auction is at the two-level .

Lebensohl (see Conventions)

1Nt - 2D/2H/2S - ? Strength clarification .

Mitchell (see Conventions)

1minor - 1Nt - ?

You Have Opened, Opponents Have Intervened (continued)Stolen Bid

2Nt - 3D - ?

Pass = Forcing to a double by Opener .**X** = Would have bid 3D as a
transfer to Hearts .**3H** = Transfer to Spades .**3S** = Relay to 3Nt .**3Nt** = Relay to 4C .Three Notrump Gambling

1Major - 3Nt - P - P

3Nt = Running minor suit + your suit
stopped

?

Pass = Unable (or unwilling) to contend .**X** = Takeout **X** of Diamonds .**4C** = Takeout **X** of Clubs .**4D** = Natural (5 or > Diamonds) .**4H** = Natural (5 or > Hearts) .Unusual over Unusual 2 Notrump (see Conventions)1Suit - 2Nt (Unusual) - ?Opponents Have Opened , You Have IntervenedBalancing Position

1SuitA - P - P - 1SuitB

P - ?

2SuitA = SuitB (3 or >) , limit raise values **or**
, opening bid values with
shortness .**3SuitB** = SuitB (4 or >) , opening bid values with no
singleton or void .Cappelletti Cuebids

(see Conventions)

1Suit - P - 1Suit - ?

Cuebid

Two-suited overcall , length variance

D.O.N.T.

(see Conventions)

Intervention vs. opponents strong Notrump (H.C.P. {maximum > 14})

Flannery extension

(see Conventions)

1C - 2D **or**

1D - 3C

Gambling Three Notrump Defense

3Nt - X - P - ?

4C = Both majors , longer Hearts than Spades .

4D = Both majors , longer Spades than Hearts .

Lebensohl extension

(see Conventions)

Weak two - X - P - ?

Strength clarification

Michaels Cuebid

(see Conventions)

Two suited hand , not two lowest unbid suits

Opponents Have Opened , You Have Intervened (continued)One Under Limit Raise

When partner has overcalled and there is no room to bid the opponent's suit to show a limit raise , the suit below partner's suit is used to show a limit raise .

1D - P - 1Nt - 2S

3D - **3H**

3H = Limit raise in Spades .

Suction over 1C (strong) Opening (see Conventions)

Overcall (one or two suited) (< opening bid) of opponents
1C opening (artificial , strong) and one-level continuations .

Suction over 1Nt (weak) Opening (see Conventions) {Where permitted}

Overcall (one or two suited) of opponents 1Nt (weak) opening

Two Notrump Scramble (see Conventions)

Responses to Partner's take-out double , when both of you have initially passed , and Partner is in the pass-out position .

Unusual 2Nt (see Conventions)

Two suited hand , two lowest unbid suits .

Doubles

Maximal doubles at the 3 level .

ex. 1H - 2D - 2H - 3D

X

Negative doubles thru 3 Spades .

ex. 1C - 1S - **X**

or 1H - 3D - **X**

Responsive doubles thru 4 Diamonds .

ex. 1C - 1S - 2C - **X**

or 1H - 2D - 3H - **X**

or 1C - 1H - 1Nt - **X**

Support doubles shows support up to 2 Spades .

ex. 1C - P - 1H - 2D

X

or 1D - 1H - 1S - 2H

X

Doubles (continued)

Continuation after a takeout double .

1S - X - 2S - ?

1. X : Responsive , shows constructive values .
2. 2Nt : Strong takeout , Lebensohl style , relay to 3C .
3. 3C/3D/3H : Natural , non-forcing .

1. 1S - X - 2S - X

P ?

- 1a. 2Nt : Relay to 3 Clubs , Forcing , Lebensohl .
- 1b. 3C/3D/3H : Competitive , minimum takeout .
- 1c. 3S : Strong .

1a. 1S - X - 2S - X

P - 2Nt - P - ?

3S : Extra values .

1C/1D/1H - X - 1Nt - ?

Pass = Not willing to compete .X = Two lowest unbid suits .Cuebid = Two highest unbid suits .

Standards

After a 1Nt opening , Responder's expectation is three to an honour
 (**A** or **K** or **Q**) in a suit (for transfer purposes follow-up)
 , in Opener's hand , in non-competitive auctions .

CARDING

Attitude predominates .

Negative signal indicates a logical shift is available .

Upside-down attitude .

Upside-down count .

When partner makes an opening lead , dummy wins the trick , and you
 cannot beat dummy , count is shown .

Suit preference often used in following to Opponent's trumps .

Leads

Ace lead asks for attitude .

King lead asks for count .

Queen lead from K Q or Q J .

Notrump contract : Fourth best leads when a new suit is led .

Suit contract : 3rd & 5th leads on the opening lead ,
 fourth best leads later in the play .

H.C.P. = **H**igh **C**ard **P**oints .

LOSING-TRICK COUNTOpener

7-loser hand : Opening bid , minimum range , minimum .
 6-loser hand : Opening bid , minimum range , maximum .
 5-loser hand : Same suit jump rebid **or** reverse , medium range .
 4-loser hand : Jump shift **or** reverse , maximum range .

Responder

10-loser hand : minimum response (which is not pre-emptive) .
 9-loser hand : constructive raise .
 8-loser hand : limit raise , game invitational .
 7-loser hand : game force , minimum (major or Notrump) .
 6-loser hand : game force , mild slam interest .
 5-loser hand : game force , strong slam interest .

QUICK-TRICK COUNTOpener

Kx = ½ Quick Trick .
 A = 1 Quick Trick .
 KQ = 1 Quick Trick .
 AQ = 1 ½ Quick Trick .
 AK = 2 Quick Tricks .

Minimum opening bid :

- 2 Quick Tricks . Cannot all be in 1 suit . At least a six-card (or longer) suit , with fillers . Must have convenient rebid (second suit , or own suit rebid) .

Ex. 7 2 A Q 10 8 7 3 K 9 8 3 5
 A J 10 9 7 3 A 10 4 J 9 2 6
 K Q 9 8 7 4 6 4 3 7 K Q 9

- 2 ½ Quick Tricks . At least a five-card (or longer) suit , with fillers . Must have convenient rebid (second suit or Notrump rebid) . Exception : 14 (H.C.P.) .

Ex. A K 10 9 4 K 10 9 3 7 2 J 8
 9 6 Q 9 4 A K J 9 3 K 10 4
 7 2 Q J 9 8 4 A Q 9 6 K 5
 A Q 9 7 K J 9 8 K J 8 7 2

- 3 Quick Tricks . At least two four-card suits , unless point count is 14 - 15 (H.C.P.) .

Ex. A Q 7 4 9 5 K 10 3 A 10 7 6
 K Q 3 J 9 5 Q 8 3 A K 9 7
 K 8 7 J 10 5 A Q 7 A 9 7 3

Asking Bid

1. 1Suit - P - preemptive raise - P
new suit , **non-jump** , **above 3Nt**
2. 1C/1D - P - 1Suit - P
3Nt = A solid suit with outside values
- P - **New suit** , **four-level**
3. 2H/2S/3C/3D - P - **jump shift**
4. 3H/3S/4H/4S - P - **new suit** , **minor** , **non-jump**
5. **Three Notrump Opening** see Conventions

Responses

- 1st step** = No 1st or 2nd round control ;
2nd step = 2nd round control ;
3rd step = 1st round control .

After the response to the first asking bid , Responder may initiate an asking bid for third round control . The next denomination (excluding an agreed suit) initiates this asking bid .

- 1st step** = No 3rd round control ;
2nd step = 3rd round control .

Birthright (a. k. a. Kokish)

2C - P - 2D - P

2H

2H = Hearts
 or Hearts & another suit
 or Balanced , H.C.P. (25 or >) .

2C - P - 2D - P

2H - P - ?

1. 2S : Relay bid . Opener will define further .
 2. 3C/3D/3H/3S : Natural (7 or >) ,
 suit weaker than Queen-Jack .

1. 2C - P - 2D - P

2H - P - 2S - P

?

2Nt : Balanced , H.C.P. (25 or >) .
3C/3D/3S : Hearts & the suit bid .
3H : Hearts , single suited hand , game forcing .
3Nt : Hearts , no-loser suit , side-suit stoppers .
4C/4D/4S : Hearts , no-loser suit , void showing , slam interest .

Boland over NotrumpA. 1Nt/2Nt - P - 4Nt - P 4Nt = Invitational to a small slam .?

Pass : Not interested in a slam .
5C/5D/5H/5S
 : C/D/H/S (4 or >) . Lowest suit is bid 1st .
 Suit quality : 1 or > honours , Queen or > .
5Nt : Distribution is 4-3-3-3 (any 4) .
6Nt : To play .

B. 1Nt/2Nt - P - 5Nt - P 5Nt = Invitational to a grand slam ,
 forcing to a small slam .?

6Nt : Not interested in a grand slam .
6C/6D/6H/6S
 : C/D/H/S (4 or >) . Interested in a grand slam .
 Lowest suit is bid 1st .
 Suit quality : 1 or > honours , Queen or > .

Cappelletti Cuebids (modified)

Opponents have bid two (2) suits .

A cuebid of the cheapest of the Opponent's suits is a two-suited takeout .

A two-card discrepancy (or equivalent {suit strength}) in the two suits
is normal .

Direct position only . Responder must be able to make a minimum response
below the four level .

Strength range : Sacrifice oriented **or** jump shift or > .

Length range : 6 or > cards in one suit ,
4 or > cards in the second suit .

ex. 1D - P - 1S - ?

Bid - ? 2D : Clubs & Hearts .
 ? : If opponent passes , bidding the cheapest of
 partner's suits shows no clear choice
 between the two suits .
 If opponent bids a suit , a cuebid shows game
 interest or > ; the next denomination
 (other than 3Nt) shows a willingness to
 compete in one of the Overcaller's suits .

D.O.N.T. (Disturb Opponents' NoTrump)

1Nt - ?

1. X : One-suited hand (1 exception) , any suit .
2. 2C : Clubs & a major .
3. 2D : Diamonds & a major .
4. 2H : Hearts & Spades .
5. 2S : Spades (Weaker than doubling , then bidding Spades) .
6. 2Nt : Clubs & Diamonds .
7. 3C/3D/3H/3S
 : Natural , one-suited hand , pre-emptive .

1a. 1Nt - X - P - ?

- 1a1. Pass : Wishes to defend (1Nt values or > is normal) .
- 1a2. 2C : What is your suit ? .
- 1a3. 2D/2H/2S/3C
 : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , non-forcing .
- 1a4. 2Nt : What is your suit ? , game interest or > .

1a2. 1Nt - X - P - 2C

P - ?

- Pass : Clubs , competitive .
2D/2H/2S
 : One-suited hand , competitive (see item # 5 above) .
2Nt : Two-suited hand , game interest or > .
3C/3D/3H/3S
 : One-suited hand , game interest .

1b. 1Nt - X - XX - ?

- 1b1. Pass : Bid your own suit .
- 1b2. 2C/2D/2H/2S
 : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , non-forcing .
- 1b3. 2Nt : What is your suit ? , game interest or > .

D.O.N.T. (Disturb Opponents' NoTrump) (continued)

- 1c. 1Nt - X - suit bid - ?
- Pass** : Not willing to compete .
 - X** : Bid your suit , competitive .
 - New suit** : Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , non-forcing .
 - 2Nt** : What is your suit ? , game interest or > .
- 2a. 1Nt - 2C - P - ?
- 2a1. **Pass** : To play .
 - 2a2. **2D** : What is your major ? .
 - 2a3. **2H/2S** : Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , non-forcing .
 - 2a4. **2Nt** : Game interest or > , artificial .
 - 2a5. **3C** : Club support , non-forcing .
 - 2a6. **3D/3H/3S**
: Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , game interest .
- 2a4. 1Nt - 2C - P - 2Nt
- P - ?
- 3C** : Minimum strength overcall .
 - 3H/3S** : Clubs & the suit bid , non-minimum overcall .
- 2b. 1Nt - 2C - X - ?
- Pass** : To play .
 - XX** : Bid your major .
 - 2D/2H/2S** : Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , non-forcing .
 - 2Nt** : Game invitation or > , artificial ;
Responses by Initiator : see **2a4** .
 - 3C** : Club support , competitive .
 - 3D/3H/3S** : Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , game interest .
- 2c. 1Nt - 2C - suit bid - ?
- Pass** : Not willing to compete .
 - X** : Bid your major .
 - 2Nt** : Game interest or > , artificial ;
Responses by Initiator : see **2a4** .
 - 3C** : Club support , competitive .
 - New suit (below 3 of opponents' suit)**
: Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , non-forcing .
 - New suit (above 3 of opponents' suit)**
: Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , game interest .

D.O.N.T. (Disturb Opponents' NoTrump) (continued)

3a. 1Nt - 2D - P - ?

- 3a1. **Pass** : To play .
 3a2. **2H** : What is your major ? .
 3a3. **2S/3C/3H** : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , non-forcing .
 3a4. **2Nt** : Game interest or > , artificial .
 3a5. **3D** : Diamond support , competitive .
 3a6. **3S/4C/4D** : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , game interest .

3a4. 1Nt - 2D - P - 2Nt

P - ?

- 3C** : Diamonds & Hearts , minimum values .
3D : Diamonds & Spades , minimum values .
3H : Diamonds & Hearts , extra values .
3S : Diamonds & Spades , extra values .

3b. 1Nt - 2D - X - ?

- Pass** : To play .
XX : Bid your other suit .
2H/2S/3C : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , non-forcing .
2Nt : Game interest or > , artificial ;
 Responses by Initiator : see **3a4** .
3D : Diamond support , competitive .
3H/3S/4C : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , game interest .

3c. 1Nt - 2D - suit bid - ?

- Pass** : Not willing to compete .
X : Bid your other suit .
2Nt : Game interest or > , artificial ;
 Responses by Initiator : see **3a4** .
3D : Diamond support , competitive .
New suit (below 3 of opponents' suit)
 : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , non-forcing .
New suit (above 3 of opponents' suit)
 : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , game interest .

4a. 1Nt - 2H - P - ?

- 4a1. **Pass** : To play .
 4a2. **2S** : Suit preference , non-forcing .
 4a3. **3C/3D** : Natural , small doubleton is
 adequate support , non-forcing .
 4a4. **2Nt** : Game interest or > , artificial .
 4a5. **3H/3S** : Support , game interest .

D.O.N.T. (Disturb Opponents' NoTrump) (continued)

4a4. 1Nt - 2H - P - 2Nt

P - ?

3C : Hearts (= or >) Spades (length) , minimum values .**3D** : Spades > Hearts (length) , minimum values .**3H** : Hearts (= or >) Spades (length) , extra values .**3S** : Spades > Hearts (length) , extra values .

4b. 1Nt - 2H - X - ?

Pass : To play .**XX** : Pick a minor , non-forcing .**2S** : Suit preference , non-forcing .**2Nt** : Game interest or > , artificial ;Responses by Initiator : see **4a4** .**3C/3D** : Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , non-forcing .**3H/3S** : Support , non-forcing .**4C/4D** : Natural , small doubleton is
adequate support , game interest .

4c. 1Nt - 2H - suit bid - ?

Pass : Not willing to compete .**Minimum Heart or Spade bid**

: Competitive , non-forcing .

X : Penalties .**3Nt** : Game values or > , artificial ;Responses by Initiator : see **4a4** (at four level) .**Defense to D.O.N.T.** : System on when applicable . Lebensohl applies .Dormer

1 of a suit - Double - ?

2Nt : Limit raise or > in Opener's suit .**3 of Opener's suit** : Preemptive raise .

Responder : 4 or > card support .

Drury (Reverse , 2-Way)

(Responder is a passed hand .)

A. P - P - 1H - P?

1. **2C** : Hearts (> 3) , constructive raise or > .
2. **2D** : Hearts (3) , limit raise .

1. P - P - 1H - P

2C - P - ?

- 1a. **2D** : Tell me more .
- 1b. **2H** : No game interest .

1a. P - P - 1H - P

2C - P - 2D - P

?

- 1a1. **2H** : constructive raise .
- 1a2. **2Nt** : limit raise or > , scattered values .
- 1a3. **New suit**
: limit raise or > , concentration of strength .

B. P - P - 1S - P?

1. **2C** : Spades (> 3) , constructive raise or > .
2. **2D** : Spades (3) , limit raise .

1. P - P - 1S - P

2C - P - ?

- 1a. **2D** : Tell me more .
- 1b. **2S** : No game interest .

1a. P - P - 1S - P

2C - P - 2D - P

?

- 1a1. **2S** : constructive raise .
- 1a2. **2Nt** : limit raise or > , scattered values .
- 1a3. **New suit**
: limit raise or > , concentration of strength .

Flannery (modified)

5 or 6 Hearts , 4 Spades , strength is : Minimum opening to just less than a reverse (H.C.P. {11-16}) .

2D - P - ?

1. **Pass** : Diamonds (6 or >) , no game interest .
2. **2H/2S** : Preference , no game interest .
3. **2Nt** : Describe your hand further , **game force** .
4. **3C** : Clubs , concentration of strength , game invitational in a major .
5. **3D** : Diamonds , concentration of strength , game invitational in a major .
6. **3H/3S** : Natural , game invitational .
7. **3Nt** : To play , no slam interest .
8. **4H** : To play , no slam interest .
9. **4S** : To play , no slam interest .

3. 2D - P - 2Nt - P

?

- 3a. **3C** : 4 - 5 - 1 - 3 distribution .
- 3b. **3D** : 4 - 5 - 3 - 1 distribution .
- 3c. **3H** : 4 - 5 - 2 - 2 distribution .
- 3d. **3S** : 4 - 6 - (0-1) - (2-3) distribution .
- 3e. **3Nt** : 4 - 6 - (2-3) - (0-1) distribution .
- 3f. **4C** : 4 - 5 - 0 - 4 distribution .
- 3g. **4D** : 4 - 5 - 4 - 0 distribution .

3(a/b) .

2D - P - 2Nt - P

3C/3D - P - ?

1. **3H** : Natural , game force .
2. **3S** : Natural , game force .
3. **3Nt** : To play .
4. **4C** : Describe your strength .

3(a/b)4 .

2D - P - 2Nt - P

3C/3D - P - 4C - P

?

- 4D** : Minimum strength .
4H : Non-minimum strength .

Flannery (modified) (continued)

3d. 2D - P - 3S - P

4C - P - ?

1. **4D** : 2 Clubs , 1 Diamond .
2. **4H** : 3 Clubs , 0 Diamonds .

3e. 2D - P - 3Nt - P

4C - P - ?

1. 4D : 2 Diamonds , 1 Club .
2. 4H : 3 Diamonds , 0 Clubs .

Flannery (Reverse) (by Responder)

1Minor - P - 2H

5 Spades , 4 or 5 Hearts , strength is : Constructive raise values
(H.C.P. {08-10}) .

Flannery extension (Overcall)

1C - 2D

Length : Hearts (5) , Spades (4) , Diamonds (2 or >) .
Strength : Minimum opening , to just less than a reverse
(H.C.P. {11-16}) .

1D - 3C

Length : Hearts (5) , Spades (4) , Clubs (3 or >) .
Strength : Good minimum opening , to just less than a reverse
(H.C.P. {14-16}) .

Game Tries , Two-way (majors only)

A. 1H - P - 2H - P

?2S : Short suit Asking Bid .2Nt : Spades , long suit game try .3C/3D : C/D , long suit game try .

B. 1S - P - 2S - P

?2Nt : Short suit Asking Bid .3C/3D/3H : C/D/H , long suit game try .Good-Bad Two NotrumpThe auction is at the two level at Opener's 2nd turn to bid .

Opener has not had a chance to clarify their strength .

ex. 1D - 1S - X - 2S

?

or 1H - P - 1Nt - 2S

?

or 1C - 1H - 1S - 2H

?

2Nt is a relay to three Clubs . Opener is initiating a strong sequence . Responder may refuse to bid three Clubs if they have specific values to show . If Responder does bid three Clubs , Opener will clarify their hand type . All other bids by Opener (except a cuebid) are competitive .

Grand-Slam ForceA jump to 5Nt , after one suit has been agreed to , bypassing any Key-Card Asking (see Conventions) bid .With **two** of the top three honours in the agreed suit , bid 6Nt or 7C , depending on strength & hand type .

Key-Card AskingDefinitions

- Control : Any ace = 1 ;
 An agreed suit King = 1 .
 Maximum of six (6) controls .
- Agreed suit : A suit bid naturally and
 1) Raised
or 2) Preference given
or 3) The first two suits bid naturally by Responder
 after Opener has opened (or immediately
 rebid) Notrump ;
or 4) A **Qualified side suit (Q.s.s.)** shown in response
 to Responder's Jacoby Two Notrump bid .
 If none of the above apply (items 1-4) ,
 the initiator's 1st suit is the default .
 Maximum of two (2) agreed suits .

Key-Card Ask

1. **4 Clubs** (Gerber) only if bid immediately after a Notrump opening .
2. **Kick-Back Blackwood** . If there is one agreed suit , four of the
 denomination immediately above the agreed suit .
 If there are two agreed suits , four of the denomination
 immediately above the highest of the two agreed suits .
3. **Lackwood**
 - a. A jump that is one level higher than a splinter bid
 , or a splinter bid at the five level .
 This is Blackwood , excluding the suit jumped into .
 ex. 1H - P - **2Nt** - P (2Nt is Jacoby 2Nt) .
5C (3C would be Club length , 4C would be
 Diamond shortness , 5C is Lackwood) .
or
 1H - P - 1S - P
 3S - P - 5C/5D (5C/5D is Lackwood) .
 - b. In a competitive auction , where both sides have shown a prime
 fit , and the opponents have cuebid your suit at the four
 level .
 ex. 1D - 1H - 1S - 2S
 4H - ?
X = Exclusion Blackwood .
4S = Kick-Back Blackwood .
or
 1C - 1S - 2H - 3H
 4H - ?
X = Exclusion Blackwood .
4Nt = Kick-Back Blackwood .

Responses .

- 1st step : 0 or 3 controls .
2nd step : 1 or 4 controls .
3rd step : 2 controls , no Queen of an agreed suit .
4th step : 2 controls , 1 Queen of an agreed suit .
5th step : 2 controls , 2 Queens of agreed suits .

Key-Card Asking (continued)Key-Card Ask (continued)Responses (continued)

If the Responder has not denied an agreed suit Queen , the initiator may bid :

1. The **lowest non-agreed suit** to ask for **one** agreed suit Queen .
 Responder replies :
1st step : no agreed suit Queen ;
2nd step : one agreed suit Queen , no side suit King ;
3rd step : one agreed suit Queen , lowest side suit King ;
4th step : one agreed suit Queen , 2nd lowest side suit King ;
5th step : one agreed suit Queen , 3rd lowest side suit King .
2. The **second-lowest non-agreed suit** to ask for specific side suit Kings .

If the Responder has denied an agreed suit Queen , the initiator may bid :

3. The **lowest non-agreed suit** to ask for specific side suit Kings

Specific Kings

Responses :

- 1st step** : No side suit King ;
- 2nd step** : lowest side suit King ;
- 3rd step** : 2nd lowest side suit King ;
- 4th step** : 3rd lowest side suit King .

Exceptions .

- a. If either partner bids Notrump as a *natural* bid , that individual **can not** subsequently ask for key cards .
- b. 4 Notrump is **not** control asking when :
 1. It is a natural raise in Notrump (1Nt - P - 4Nt , etc.) .
 2. Stayman has been used after a Notrump opening .
 3. When only a minor has been agreed to , a subsequent bid of 4Nt by either partner (which is not a response to a Key-Card Ask) is natural (to play) .
 4. A minor & a major have been agreed to after a Notrump opening , the minor is **primary** , the major secondary , 4Nt is **not** a jump . 4Nt is not Kick-Back Blackwood .

Lebensohl (variant)

Used after interference over partner's 1Nt opening .
 The opponents have overcalled , showing one or more suits .
Lebensohl does **not** apply after a 2C overcall .

1Nt - 2D/2H/2S - ?

Double is for penalties .

An immediate bid of 2Nt by Responder is a relay bid to three Clubs and is artificial , showing strength .
 Opener will bid 3C (relay) , unless they have exceptional values that can be shown below the opponents' suit .

No relay bid by Responder

A new suit , bid immediately below three of the opponents' suit , is natural and non-forcing .
 A new suit , bid immediately above three of the opponents' suit , is natural and game invitational .
 An immediate bid of the opponents' suit is Stayman , with no stopper in the opponents' suit .
 An immediate bid of 3Nt is natural , with no stopper in the opponents' suit .

After a Relay bid by Responder

A bid of a new suit is natural and game forcing .
 A bid of the opponents' suit is Stayman , with a stopper in the opponents' suit .
 A bid of 3Nt is natural , with a stopper in the opponents' suit .

Lebensohl extension

2H/2S - X - P - ?
or 1M - X - 2M - ? Lebensohl responses are in effect .

Note: This applies only if a **takeout double** is made in the **direct position** . If a takeout double is made in the balancing position , a bid of 2Nt by Responder is a scramble (see Conventions , Two Notrump Scramble) .

Michaels (modified)

Two suited overall , not the two lowest unbid suits .
 Strength range : Sacrifice oriented **or** jump shift or > .
 Length range : 5 or > cards in each suit .

A. After an opening bid of one of a suit .

1C - **2C** Spades & Diamonds .
 1C - **3C** Spades & Hearts .

1D - **2D** Spades & Clubs .
 1D - **3D** Spades & Hearts .

1H - **2H** Spades & a minor .

1S - **2S** Hearts & a minor .

B. After an opening bid of two of a suit (weak) (Michaels {leaping}) .

2D - **3D** Spades & Hearts .

* 2H - **3H** Asks for Heart stopper .

2H - **4C** Spades & Clubs .

2H - **4D** Spades & Diamonds .

* 2S - **3S** Asks for Spade stopper .

2S - **4C** Hearts & Clubs .

2S - **4D** Hearts & Diamonds .

C. After an opening bid of three of a suit (weak) .

3C - ?

* 1 **4C** : Spades & Hearts .

* 2 **4D** : One-suited hand , no support needed , game values or > .

* 3 **4H** : Hearts & Diamonds , game values or better .

* 4 **4S** : Spades & Diamonds , game values or better .

3D - ?

* 1 **4C** : Spades & Hearts .

* 2 **4D** : One-suited hand , no support needed , game values or > .

* 3 **4H** : Hearts & Clubs , game values or better .

* 4 **4S** : Spades & Clubs , game values or better .

After item # 1 , Responder bids **4D** to ask Overcaller to name their longest major . **4H** & **4S** are natural (to play) .

After item # 2 , Responder bids **4H** to ask Overcaller to name their suit . Bypassing a suit (or suits) indicates slam interest in the bypassed suit(s) .

* These bids do not conform to length & strength restrictions .

Mitchell

a. 1C/1D - 1Nt - ?

b. 1Nt - P - P - X
 P - ?

Advancer bids as if in response to a 1Nt Notrump opening .

See SYSTEM NOTES , Bidding after Partnership Opens with 1 Notrump .

New Minor Forcing (variant)

(Responder is a non-passed hand .)

1C/1D - P - 1H/1S - P

1Nt - P - ?

Used only in a non-competitive auction .

A. 1C - P - 1H - P

1Nt - P - ?

1. **2C** : One round force , asks Opener to define their hand further , artificial .
2. **2D** : Hearts (4 or >) , Diamonds (6 or >) , non-forcing .
3. **2H** : Hearts (6 or >) , non-forcing .
4. **2S** : Hearts (5 or >) , Spades (4 or >) , game values or > .
5. **2Nt** : Natural , game invitational .
6. **3C** : Clubs (4 or >) , < game interest .
7. **3D** : Diamonds (5 or >) , game invitational .
8. **3H** : Hearts (6 or >) , game invitational .
9. **3S** : Clubs (4 or >) , splinter , game values or > .

1. 1C - P - 1H - P

1Nt - P - 2C - P

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- 2D** : Poor Hearts , minimum values .
- 2H** : Heart tolerance , minimum values .
- 2S** : Poor Hearts , good Spades , non-minimum .
- 2Nt** : Poor Hearts , balanced , non-minimum .
- 3C** : Poor Hearts , Clubs (5 or >) .
- 3D** : Poor Hearts , good Diamonds , non-minimum .
- 3H** : Maximum Hearts & strength for the auction .

B. 1D - P - 1S - P

1Nt - P - ?

1. **2C** : One round force , asks Opener to define their hand further , artificial .
2. **2D** : Diamonds (4 or >) , non-forcing .
3. **2H** : Hearts (4 or >) , non-forcing .
4. **2S** : Spades (6 or >) , non-forcing .
5. **2Nt** : Natural , game invitational .
6. **3C** : Clubs (4 or >) , < game interest .
7. **3D** : Diamonds (4 or >) , game invitational .
8. **3H** : Hearts (5 or >) , game invitational .
9. **3S** : Spades (6 or >) , game invitational .

1. 1D - P - 1S - P

1Nt - P - 2C - P

?

- 2D** : Poor Spades , Diamonds (5 or >) , minimum values .
- 2H** : Poor Spades , Hearts (4) .
- 2S** : Spade tolerance , minimum values .
- 2Nt** : Poor Spades , balanced , minimum values .
- 3C** : Poor Spades , good Clubs , non-minimum values .
- 3D** : Poor Spades , Diamonds (5 or >) , non-minimum values .
- 3S** : Maximum Spades & strength for the auction .

After New Minor Forcing (variant) has been invoked , all rebids by Responder are natural , game values or > .

Ogust

2H/2S - P - **2Nt** - P **2Nt** = Define your hand further (Ogust) .

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3C : Poor suit , poor hand .

3D : Good suit , poor hand .

3H : Poor suit , good hand .

3S : Good suit , good hand .

3Nt : AKQxxx or AKQJxx .

If an Opponent **doubles** after the 2Nt inquiry , the responses are :

Pass : Poor suit , poor hand ;

XX : Good suit , poor hand ;

3C : Poor suit , good hand ;

3D : Good suit , good hand ;

3H : AKQxxx or AKQJxx .

If an Opponent **overcalls** after the 2Nt inquiry , the responses are :

Pass : Poor suit , poor hand ;

Next Denomination : Good suit , poor hand ;

2nd Denomination : Poor suit , good hand ;

3rd Denomination : Good suit , good hand ;

4th Denomination : AKQxxx or AKQJxx .

X : Q x x , or K x , or better (in opponent's suit) ;

Short Suit Asking Bid (singleton or void)

1. 1H - P - **2H** - P **2H** = Hearts (3) , constructive raise .

2S **2S** = Short suit Asking Bid .

- P - ?

2Nt : No short side suit .

3C : Short Clubs .

3D : Short Diamonds .

3H : Short Spades .

2. 1S - P - **2S** - P **2S** = Spades (3) , constructive raise .

2Nt **2Nt** = Short suit Asking Bid .

- P - ?

3C : No short side suit .

3D : Short Clubs .

3H : Short Diamonds .

3S : Short Hearts .

3. 1H - P - **2S** - P **2S** = Hearts (4 or >) , short side suit ,
limit raise .

2Nt - P **2Nt** = Short suit Asking Bid .

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3C : Short Clubs .

3D : Short Diamonds .

3H : Short Spades .

4. 1S - P - **2Nt** - P **2Nt** = Spades (4 or >) , short side suit ,
limit raise .

3C - P **3C** = Short suit Asking Bid .

- ?

3D : Short Clubs .

3H : Short Diamonds .

3S : Short Hearts .

Smolen

1Nt - P - 2C - P

2D - P - ?

1. **3H** : Spades (5-6) , Hearts (4) , game values or > .2. **3S** : Hearts (5-6) , Spades (4) , game values or > .

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1Nt - P - 2C - P

2D - P - 3H/3S - P

3Nt - P - ?

4D/4H : H/S (6) (transfer) .Stayman over 2Nt (Puppet)2Nt - P - **3C** - P **3C** = Major suit length inquiry .**?**1. **3D** : No major (4) , may have Spades (5) .2. **3H** : Hearts (4) , may have Spades (4) .3. **3S** : Spades (4) , Hearts (3 or <) .4. **3Nt** : Hearts (5) .

1. 2Nt - P - 3C - P

3D - P - ?

1a. **3H** : Do you have five Spades ? Opener bids **3S** to show five ,
otherwise **3Nt** .1b. **3S** : Hearts (5) , Spades (4) (Smolen) .1c. **3Nt** : Hearts (4) , Spades (5) (Smolen) .1d. **4D** : Hearts (5 or >) , Spades (5 or >) (Weissberger) .

1a. 2Nt - P - 3C - P

3D - P - 3H - P

3Nt - P - ?

4D : Hearts (6 or >) , transfer .**4H** : Spades (6 or >) , transfer .

2. 2Nt - P - 3C - P

3H - P - ?

3S : Spades (3 or <) .**3Nt** : Spades (4) .

4. 2Nt - P - 3C - P

3Nt - P - **4D****4D** = Hearts , transfer .

Suction over 1C (strong) Opening

Immediate action is pre-emptive .

1C - ?

X = Diamonds , or Hearts & Spades .
1D = Hearts , or Spades & Clubs .
1H = Spades , or Clubs & Diamonds .
1S = Clubs , or Diamonds & Hearts .
1Nt = (Clubs & Hearts) or (Diamonds & Spades) .

Suction over 1Nt (weak) Opening

1Nt - ?

X = Clubs & Hearts , or Diamonds & Spades .
2C = Diamonds , or Hearts & Spades .
2D = Hearts , or Spades & Clubs .
2H = Spades , or Clubs & Diamonds .
2S = Clubs , or Diamonds & Hearts .

Three Notrump Opening (major suit) Kantar Namyats

A 3Nt opening shows a hand with a suit (major) , headed by (**A K Q**)

with a possible side suit King or two side suit Queens .

Suit length is 8 or 9 cards long .

3Nt - P - ?

1. 4C : Asks Opener to show any outside suit King .
2. 4D : Take-out for Hearts or Spades , asks Opener to bid
their suit .
3. 4H , 4S : Natural , to play .

1. 3Nt - P - 4C - P

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- 4D : No side suit King .
4H : Club King .
4S : Diamond King .
4Nt : Other major suit King .

After Opener's response , if Responder bids any suit other than
Opener's major , Responder is making an asking bid in that suit .

2. After Opener's response , if Responder bids a new suit , Responder is
making an asking bid in that suit .

CONVENTIONS

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Two Notrump Scramble

- a. 2S - X - P - **2Nt** The **2Nt** response to an **immediate** Double of
an opponents' weak two-bid is
the Lebensohl extension
(**not** Two Notrump Scramble) .
- b. 2S - P - P - X
P - **2Nt** Responder does **not** have a one-suited hand .
- c. 2H - P - P - X
P - **3D** Responder is showing a one-suited hand .
- d. 1S - P - 2S - P
P - X - P - **2Nt** Responder does **not** have a one-suited hand .
- e. 2S - P - P - X
P - **2Nt** Responder does **not** have a one-suited hand .
- f. 1H - P - 2H - P
P - X - P - **2Nt** Shows : No suits
or Both minors .
- g. 1D - P - 2S - **2Nt** Choose your best suit .

There are other variations that can lead up to the point where partner
doubles for takeout .

Unusual 2 Notrump

Two suited overcall , two lowest unbid suits .
Strength range : Sacrifice oriented **or** jump shift or > .
Length range : 5 or > cards in each suit .

- 1C - **2Nt** Hearts & Diamonds .
- 1D - **2Nt** Hearts & Clubs .
- 1H - **2Nt** Diamonds & Clubs .
- 1S - **2Nt** Diamonds & Clubs .

Unusual over Michaels Cuebid

Overview : When opponents have shown two specific suits .
 A bid of one of our suits is natural & of constructive strength .
 A bid of one of the opponent's suits is a cue bid , game
 invitational values or > .
 Cuebid of the lowest of the opponent's two suits shows the
 lowest of the other two suits .
 Cuebid of the highest of the opponent's two suits shows the
 highest of the other two suits .
 Double is takeout , constructive values or > .

1a. 1C - 2C 2C = Both majors .
 - ?

Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Diamonds (4-5) , Club tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
2D : Diamonds (6 or >) , constructive values .
2H : Clubs (4 or >) , limit raise or > .
2S : Diamonds (6 or >) , game interest or > .
3C : Clubs (4 or >) , constructive values .

1b. 1C - 2C 2C = Spades & Diamonds .
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Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Hearts (4-5) , Club tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
2D : Clubs (4 or >) , limit raise or > .
2H : Hearts (6 or >) , constructive values .
2S : Hearts (6 or >) , game interest or > .
3C : Clubs (6 or >) , constructive values .

1c. 1C - 3C 3C = Both majors .
 - ?

Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Diamonds (4-5) , Club tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
3D : Diamonds (6 or >) , constructive values .
3H : Clubs (4 or >) , limit raise or > .
3S : Diamonds (6 or >) , game interest or > .
4C : Clubs (4 or >) , constructive values .

2a. 1D - 2D 2D = Both majors .
 - ?

Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Clubs (4-5) , Diamond tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
2H : Clubs (6 or >) , game interest or > .
2S : Diamonds (4 or >) , limit raise or > .
3C : Clubs (6 or >) , constructive values .
3D : Diamonds (4 or >) , constructive values .

Unusual over Unusual 2 Notrump

Overview : Opponents have shown two specific suits .
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 lowest of the other two suits .
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 highest of the other two suits .
 Double is takeout , constructive values or > .

1. 1C - 2Nt - ?

Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Spades (4-5) , Club tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
3C : Clubs (4 or >) , constructive values .
3D : Clubs (4 or >) , limit raise or > .
3H : Spades (6 or >) , game interest or > .
3S : Spades (6 or >) , constructive values .

2. 1D - 2Nt - ?

Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Spades (4-5) , Diamond tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
3C : Diamonds (4 or >) , limit raise or > .
3D : Diamonds (4 or >) , constructive values .
3H : Spades (6 or >) , game interest or > .
3S : Spades (6 or >) , constructive values .

3. 1H - 2Nt - ?

Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Spades (5-6) , Heart tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
3C : Hearts (3 or >) , limit raise or > .
3D : Spades (6 or >) , game interest or > .
3H : Hearts (3 or >) , constructive values .
3S : Spades (6 or >) , constructive values .

4. 1S - 2Nt - ?

Pass : Not willing to bid
 or Penalty oriented .
X : Takeout for Hearts (5-6) , Spade tolerance ,
 constructive values or > .
3C : Hearts (6 or >) , game interest or > .
3D : Spades (3 or >) , limit raise or > .
3H : Hearts (6 or >) , constructive values .
3S : Spades (3 or >) , constructive values .

Weissberger

A. 1Nt - P - 2C - P

2D - P - ?

1. 3D : Spades (5 or >) , Hearts (5 or >) , game interest or
slam interest .
2. 4D : Spades (5 or >) , Hearts (5 or >) , game values only .

1. 1Nt - P - 2C - P

2D - P - 3D - P

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- 3H/3S : Preference , minimum .
- 3Nt : To play .
- 4C/4D : Both majors , non-minimum , cuebid .
- 4H/4S : Preference , non-minimum .

B. 2Nt - P - 3C - P

3D - P - ?

4D : Spades (5 or >) , Hearts (5 or >) , game values or > .

Wolff (modified) (variant)

1Minor - P - 1Major - P

2Nt - P - ?

examples .

1. 1C - P - 1S - P

2Nt - P - ?

- a. 3C : Stayman (check-back) .
- b. 3D : Hearts (5 or >) , transfer .
- c. 3H : Spades (5 or >) , transfer .
- d. 3S : Relay to 3Nt , game values or > .
- e. 3Nt : Relay to 4C , game values or < .
- f. 4C : Gerber , two agreed suits .
- g. 4D : Hearts (6 or >) , game values only .
- h. 4H : Spades (6 or >) , game values only .
- i. 4Nt : No agreed suit , small slam invitation ,
Boland applies .
- j. 5Nt : No agreed suit , small slam force ,
grand slam invitation , Boland applies .

a. 1C - P - 1S - P

2Nt - P - 3C - P

3D - P - ?

- 3Nt : To play .
- 4D : Weissberger , game values only .
- 4S : Spades (6 or >) , game values only .

2. 1D - P - 1H - P

2Nt - P - ?

- a. 3C ; b. 3D ; c. 3H ; d. 3S ; e. 3Nt ; f. 4C ;
- g. 4D ; h. 4H ; i. Nt ; j. 5Nt .
- : Same as in 1 (see above) .

a. 1D - P - 1H - P

2Nt - P - 3C - P

3D - P - ?

- 3Nt : To play .
- 4D : Weissberger , game values only .
- 4H : Hearts (6 or >) , game values only .