# **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

#### Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

1-level: Light 2-level: Sound

Responses: Without jump constructive, with jump forcing (SPL after 2-level overcall and also SPL when a passed responder jumps in a new suit after a 1-/2- level overcall, but jump to 3M from passed hand over 2m is a fit-jump). Jump in opener's suit at 3-level is a Mixed raise. Double jumps are Splinters. Cue-bid is a Good raise with fit. After 1M overcall, 2NT in competition is 4+card support (3+ if no space) and INV+.

#### 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

15-18 hcp 2<sup>nd</sup> seat and 12-16 hcp 4<sup>th</sup> seat. Same responses as after opening 1NT for 2<sup>nd</sup> seat, range enquiry Stayman for 4<sup>th</sup> seat.

#### Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

**1-Suit**: Light jump overcalls, but NOT terrible red vs. green

**2-Suit**: 2NT = Two lowest suits (5+-5+) weak/strong **Reopen**: 11-13 HCP, 6+ card suit

(1♥)-p-(2♥)-2NT=Both m

(1♠)-p-(2♠)-2NT=Two suits (5+-5+)

#### Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style: Responses)

Over 1.\*: NAT if 2+(2.4 = 5+-5+ M), 5-5 M if 3+(2.4 = Weak)

Over 1 •: Both Majors (5+-5+)

Over 1 v and 1 ★: Other Major + m (5+-5+)

Jump cue-bids: Asks for stopper vs 1 ♦ /1M, ♦ + ♦ (5+-5+) vs 1 ♣.

#### VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)

2♣ = Both Majors

2 ◆ = ♥ OR ♠, competitive overcall (max 11 ish HCP)

2♥ = ♥, constructive overcall (12-14 ish HCP)

2 = A. constructive overcall (12-14 ish HCP)

2NT = Both minors OR GF with any 2-suiter (2NT;3 ♦ =6 ♦ +5 ♣)

4th seat and after initial pass vs Strong: Meckwell version vs Weak NT (max 15): Double = Same range+, 2. = Both M,

2 ◆ = One major, max 11 ish HCP, 2M = NAT, 12-14 ish HCP

#### VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

Take-out DBL

(2x)-DBL => Transfer Lebensohl from 2NT

Pass-(2x)-DBL => Lebensohl

Cue-bid at 3-level: Asks for stopper

4m amd jump m to 4m. That minor + other Major (5+-5+)

Over 3M: That minor + other Major (5+-5+)

#### **VS. Artificial Strong Openings**

vs. strong 1♣: DBL = ♦ OR Both M, 1♦ = ♥ OR ♠ + ♣, 1♥ = ♠

OR Both m, 1♠ = ♣ OR ♥ + ♦, 1NT = ♠+ ♦ OR ♥ + ♣.

2♣ = At least 5-5 Majors, constructive, 2NT = Both m

vs. strong 2♣: DBL = M (5-5+), 2NT = m (5-5+)

#### Over Opponents' take out double

Rdbl: 9+ HCP, **Of 1m:** Fit-jump in M, jump in the other minor is 9+ with fit for opener. **Of 1M**: Transfers from 1NT, Mini-Splinter. **Of 2M**: Transfers from 2NT.

#### **Leads and Signals**

#### **Opening Leads Style**

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> (ATT if supported)
NT	ATT (possible 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> )	3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> (ATT if supported)

#### Subseq Attitude

#### Leads

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx(x)	AK(x)
King	AK, KQ(x), AK(x) 5/6-L	KQ(x), AKQ(x), AKJ10(x)
Queen	QJ(x) (J possible lead)	QJ(x), HQJx(x), KQ109(x)
Jack	J10(x), KJ10(x)	J10(x), HJ10(x), QJ98(x)
10	109(x), H109(x)	109(x), H109(x)
9	9x, (H109x own suit)	9x, J/Q/A98(x), H109x
Hi-x	Even number	xx, xxx, xxxx(x), 9 <u>8</u> x(x)

#### Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead   Declarer   Di		Discarding	
Suit:	Encrg/Discrg	g/Discrg S/P Encrg/Discrg		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ond S/P Count S/P		S/P	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Count		Count	
NT:	Encrg/Discrg	Smith	Encrg/Discrg	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	S/P	S/P	S/P	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Count Count Count		Count	

#### Signals (including Trump's):

Hi-Low = Discrg/Even number, Low-Hi = Encrg/Odd number Smith (NT): Hi-Low likes the lead from both. S/P in trumps (could be STD count when ruffing).

#### Doubles

#### Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light style, also reopenings

#### Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Trump Echo (highest trump) when possible ruff.

Neg., Responsive, Support DBL through 2♥, Competitive DBL 1♣ - (1♦) - DBL shows 4+♥, 1m - (1♥) - DBL shows 4+♠, 1m - (1♠) - DBL strongly suggests at least 4♥. Lightner doubles vs games and slams.



# System Card



# Category:

Green

#### NCBO/team: Norway

Event:

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# **System Summary**

#### **General Approach and Style**

Natural (5+♠, 5+♥, 4+♦, 2+♣). Transfer responses to 1♣ Light 3<sup>rd</sup> hand openings, light lead directing bids/doubles Light preempts green vs. red

**1NT Openings**: 15-17 HCP (good14/bad18/5M/6m/single/5422)

2-over-1 Responses: GF

## Special bids that may require defence

2 •: 0-7 HCP 6c M (may be 5 NV) OR 24+NT OR 4-4-4-1, GF

2♥: Good weak 2, 8-11 HCP, 6♥

2 ★: Good weak 2, 8-11 HCP, 6 ★

1 - 2 - 2 - 6 • 0 - 9 HCP OR 4 - 4 - 4 - 1, INV + with short ◆

1 ♣-2♥ = 6 ♠, 0-9 HCP OR 4-4-4-1, INV+ with short ♥

1**.**-2**.**= 5-5 m, 0-9 HCP OR 5-5 m, GF

(1♣) - 3♣= ♠+♦ (5+-5+)

# Special forcing pass sequences

# Important notes that don't fit

After opponents overcall

1♣ - (1♦) - 1♥= 4+♠, 1♣ - (1♦) - 1♠= Denies 4♥ and 4♠

1m - (1♥) - 1♠= Denies 4♠

Switch bids at the 2-level when two or three suits are available.

1♣ - (1♦) - 2♣= 4-4 M, 6-11 HCP 1♣ - (1M) - 2♣= 5+♦, 9+ HCP

1\* - (11VI) - 2\*= 5+ •, 9+ HCP

1♣ - (1♦) - 2♦= 6+♥, INV+, but inverted m if passed originally.

1m - (1 v) - 2v= 6+ ♠, INV+, but inverted m if passed originally.

 $1m - (1 \checkmark) - 2 = 1$  Inverted m, but fit-jump if passed originally.

xy-NT/xyz: 2♣= s/o in ◆ OR INV, 2♠=GF, PH: 2♣ xy(z), 2♠ NAT Nilslands slinkningar when 1NT opening/dir. overcall is doubled.

#### **Psychics**

Can occur

Opening	Art	Min. #	Neg. D. thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1.4		2	4 🛦	May have 2 cards ♣ and 4 cards ♦ (4-3)-4-2 (can choose). Opens 1 ♦ with (4-2)-4-3. Can choose 1 ♣ or 1 ♦ with 4-4 in the minors.	1 ◆ = 4 + ♥, 1 ♥ = 4 + ♠, 1 ♠ = No M unless GF ◆ + M, 2 ♣ = INVERTED m INV+ [Note 1], 2 ◆ = 6 ♥ 0-9 HCP OR 4-4- 4-1 INV+ with short ♠, 2 ♥ = 6 ♠ 0-9 HCP OR 4-4-4-1 INV+ with short ♥, 2 ♠ = 5-5 m 0-9 HCP OR 5-5 m GF, 1NT=11-12 HCP, 2NT=13-15 OR 19-20 norm. 3-3-(3-4), 3 ♣ = 5-9 HCP, 3 ◆ = PRE, 3M=PRE, 4 ◆ = void w/5+ ♣, 3NT=16-18 w/3-3-(3-4)	Accepts TRF with 3 card support (may jump to 2NT with 18-19NT) [Note 2]. Jumps with 4-card and good BAL 12-14 or shape. Reverse [Note 4], 1♣-2♣, 2♦=GF various hands, 2M=NATish, GF, 2NT = 11-14 with 2/3 ♣ Jumps=SPL. 11-14 HCP. 1♣-1♦/ ▼-3♦ = GF 4▼/4♠ fit.	TRF at the 1-level 1*-2* = 6-9, 5+* 1*-2* = 9+, 5+* 2M = Splinter, 8-11
1 ♦		4	4	Opens 1 • with (4-2)-4-3. Can choose 1 • or 1 • with 4-4 in the minors and (4-3)-4-2.	2♣=4+♣ GF, 2♦=4+♦ GF [Note 1], 2♥=INV 3NT, 2♠=4+♦ INV, 2NT=GF BAL, 3♣=4+♦ □6-9 HCP, 3♦=PRE not INV vs 18-19 NT, 3M=PRE, 3NT=16-18 w/3-3-(3-4), 4♣=PRE	Similar as for 1♣ After an overcall of 2♣: 2♦=5+♥, 2♥=5+♠, 2♠=INV+ with 4+♦, 3♣=5+-5+M, INV+	1 • - 2 • = 4 + • 6 - 9 1 • - 3 • = 4 + • 9 + 2M = Splinter, 8 - 11
1♥		5	4 🏟	10-22 HCP, 5+♥	1NT=6-12 HCP NF, 2m=GF, 2♥=NAT, 2♠= 6♠ 0-9 HCP, 2NT=4+♥ GF, 3♠=3+♥ INV, 3♦= Mixed raise (6-8 HCP), 3♥=PRE, 3♠=Unspecified SHORT 10-12 HCP, 3N=Void in spades, 4L=Void	1 v-2NT, 3x=NAT, not MIN 1 v-2NT, 3x-3 v=Asks for singleton 1 v-2NT, 3x-3 v-3y/4x=Singleton Gazzilli after 1 v-1 ♠ and 1 v-1NT [Note 3]	1 • -2 • = 3 + • , 7 + -11 1 • -2 • = Both m 1 • -2 NT = 4 + • , INV + 1 • -3 • = NAT, INV 1 • -3 • = Mixed Raise
1 🛦		5	4 🖍	·	1NT=6-12 HCP NF, 2m=GF, 2♥=GF, 2♠=NAT 2NT=4+♠ GF, 3♣=3+♠ INV, 3♠= Mixed raise (6-8 HCP), 3♥=NAT INV, 3♠=PRE, 3NT=Unspecified SHORT 10-12 HCP, 1♠-4m/4♥=Void	Similar Jacoby responses as for 1 ♥ Gazzilli after 1 ▲ -1NT [Note 3]	1 • -2 • = 3 + • , 7 + -11 1 • -2 NT = 4 + • , INV + 1 • -3 • = NAT, INV 1 • -3 • = Mixed Raise
1NT			4 🖍	15-17 HCP (good 14, bad 18) May have 5M, 6m, 5-4-2-2 and singleton [Note 5]	2♣=Stayman, 2 • /2♥=TRF, 2♠=INV OR ♣, 2NT= • any OR both minors weak, 3♣=Puppet-Stayman, 3 • = 5-5 m GF, 3M=Singleton GF (may have 4♠, denies 4♥), 4♣= 2-2-(5-4) S/T, 4 • /4♥=TRF, 4♠=3334 S/T, 4NT=3343 S/T	1NT-2♣, 2♦-2♥=Pick a M; pass with equal length. 1NT-2♣, 2♦/2♥-2♠=5+♠ INV 1NT-3♣-3♦ (normal response without 5M)	In competition: 1NT-(2x) => Transfer Lebensohl from 2NT
2*	V			Strong, HCP (22-23 BAL) OR tricks (8,5+)	2 →=Weak OR waiting, 2M=Normally good 5+ suit, 6+ HCP, 2NT=6+♣ 6+ HCP, 3♣=6+ ◆ 6+ HCP, 3 ◆=5-5 m 6+ HCP, 3M=Short M (4-1)-4-4 6+ HCP, 3NT=Solid suit	2♣-2♠, 2M=F1, 3m=GF, 3♥=4♥-5+♠, 3♠=4♠-5+♠, 2♣-2♠-2M-3♣= 2 <sup>nd</sup> negative (0- 3 HCP), can stop in 3M.	
2♦	V			0-7 HCP 6cM (may be 5 NV) OR 24+NT OR 4-4-4-1 GF [Note 6]	2 √ /2 ♠ = P/C, 2NT = Ask, 3 ♣ /3 ♦ = To play, 3 ♥ = P/C, 3 ♠ = 5 + - 2 + M, ask M length, 4 ♣ = Bid one under, 4 ♦ = m(m) S/T	2 ◆ -2NT, 3 ♣ = MIN ▼, 3 ◆ = MIN ♠, 3 ▼ = MAX ♠, 3 ♠ = MAX ▼	
2♥		6		Good weak 2, 6♥, 8-11 HCP, but normally not solid suit [Note 7]	2♠=F1, 2NT=Ask for shortage/strength/6-4, 3m=GF, 3♥=PRE, 3♠=INV, 4♣=SPL, 4♦=SPL, 4NT=BW (4 aces)	2 ▼-2NT, 3♣=6-4 hand any side suit, 3 ◆= Shortage in a m GF, 3 ▼=MIN, 3♠=Shortage 3NT=MAX no shortage, 2 ▼-2NT-4♣,4 ◆=Void	4 <sup>th</sup> : 11-13 HCP, 6+♥
2♠		6		Good weak 2, 6 , 8-11 HCP, but normally not solid suit [Note 7]	2NT=Ask for shortage/strength/6-4, 3x=GF, 3♠=PRE, 4♣=SPL, 4♣=SPL, 4♥=To play, 4NT=BW (4 aces)	2 ♣ -2NT, 3 ♣ = 6-4 hand, 3 ◆ = Shortage in a m, 3 ♥ = Shortage, 3 ♠ = MIN, 3NT = MAX no shortage, 2 ♠ -2NT-4 ♣, 4 ◆, 4 ♥ = Void	4 <sup>th</sup> : 11-13 HCP, 6+♠
2NT			4 🖍	20-21 HCP (good 19, bad 22)	3♣=Puppet-Stayman, 3♦/3♥=TRF, 3♠=4+-4+ minors 2NT-4♣/4♦/4♥/4♠=Slam try with ♥/♠/♣/♦	2NT-3♣, 3♦=At least one 4M, 3♥=Denies 4/5M, 3♠=5♠, 3NT=5♥	
3x		6		PRE, ACC to VUL	3♣-3♦ asks for 3♥, 3m-3M=NAT GF, but COMP after DBL, 3♦/3M-4♣ and 3♣-4♦=Poor Man's BW, 3M-4♦=Slam try		
3NT	V			Solid major, no ace outside	4m=Cuebid, 4M=P/C; 4NT=Asks for length	High Level Bidding	
4*	V			PRE, ACC to VUL	4◆=Slam try with clubs, 4M=To play, 4NT=RKCB	Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB)	
4 •	V			PRE, ACC to VUL	4M=To play, 4NT=RKCB, 5♣=Slam try with diamonds	Exclusion RKCB, DOPI/ROPI/DEPO	
4♥		6		PRE, ACC to VUL	4. To play, 4NT=RKCB, 5m=Cuebid	5NT is frequently pick a slam	
4♠		6		PRE, ACC to VUL	4NT=RKCB, 5m=Cuebid, 5♥=To play	Splinter bids	
4NT	V			Asks for specific aces	5♣=0 Ace, 5NT=2 Aces, 5 • /5 • /5 • /6♣=That Ace	Cuebids (Italian style), 1st round control 6-level, last train cuebids	

# Notes for Christian Bakke - Boye Brogeland, Norway

## Note 1: Inverted minor

## 1 - 2 (5+ , INV+)

- 2 Natural, GF (no shortness) / 13-14 balanced with 4+ \* / 18-19 balanced / 15+ with shortness in /  $\checkmark$  /  $\diamond$
- 2M = Natural, GF (no shortness)
- 2NT = 11-14, 2-3
- 3 **.** = 11-12, 4+**.**
- $3 \cdot / \checkmark / \blacktriangle = 11-14$ , shortness (4 \( \Lambda \) from partner will be suggestion to play)
- 3NT = 18-19, 2-3 \*, bad for slam with good stoppers in all suits

## 1. - 2.

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- $2 \triangleq 13-14$  balanced with  $4+ \triangleq$
- 2NT = 18-19, 4+
- 3**.** = 2=2=4=5
- $3 \leftarrow 15+$ , shortness
- 3M = 15+, shortness
- 3NT = 18-19, 2-3 **.**, better than a direct 3NT

#### $1 \blacklozenge - 2 \blacklozenge (4 + \blacklozenge, GF)$

- 2♥ = Natural (no shortness) / 5-4 minor / 18-19 balanced / 15+ with shortness in ♣/♥/♠
- 2 = Natural (no shortness)
- 2NT = 11-14
- 3 **=** 11-14, shortness
- 3 = 11-14, not suitable to bid 2NT
- 3M = 11-14, shortness
- 3NT = 18-19, bad for slam with 4 ◆ and good stoppers in all suits

#### **1**♦ **- 2**♦

#### 2♥ - 2♠ = Relay

- 2NT = 18-19 NOT 3343 (would have opened 1.4)
- 3 = 15 +, shortness
- 3 ◆ = 2=4=5=2
- 3M = 15+, shortness
- 3NT = 2 = 2 = 5 = 4

Bidding a major from the responder after inverted minor shows a singleton, 11-14 if directly instead of using the relay (followed by bidding a major shows a singleton and 15+).

# Note 2: Transfers after 2NT rebid

1m - 1y 2NT

- Transfers on 3-level. Jumps to 4-level are Splinter with own suit.
  - o Transfer to 3 ♦ is always accepted
  - o Transfer to responder's suit is accepted with 3 cards over 1♦ OR Hx or better over 1♣.
  - $1 1 \lor -2$ NT  $-3 \lor : 3 \lor$ is 4 cards,  $3 \lor$ is 3 cards OR Hx
  - o 1 1 2NT 3: Both minors, searching for the best game OR may be stronger

# Note 3: Gazzilli

**1♥** - **1**♠

2. = Clubs 11-15 HCP or 16+ HCP unspecified distribution

- 2 = 8+ HCP
- 2♥ = Natural, max 7 HCP
- 2♠ = Natural, max 7 HCP
- 2NT = Natural, INV

1♥ - 1NT

2. = Clubs 11-15 HCP or 16+ HCP unspecified distribution

- 2 = 8+ HCP
- 2♥ = Natural, max 7 HCP
- 2♠ = Both minors (possibly longer clubs), max 7 HCP
- 2NT = Both minors (longer diamonds), max 7 HCP

1♠ - 1NT

2. = Clubs 11-15 HCP or 16+ HCP unspecified distribution

- 2 ♦ = 8 + HCP
- 2♥ = Natural, max 7 HCP
- 2♠ = Natural, max 7 HCP
- 2NT = Both minors, max 7 HCP
- 3♣ = Natural, max 7 HCP
- 3 = Natural, max 7 HCP

### 1♥ - 1♠

- 24 = Clubs 11-15 HCP or 16+ HCP unspecified distribution
- 2 = 5-4+, 11-15 HCP
- 2♥ = 12-15 HCP
- 2 **a** = 11-14 HCP
- 2NT = 5-5 in hearts and a minor, GF
- 3 = 5-5, INV
- 3 = 5-5, INV
- $3 \vee = Good suit, INV$
- 3♠ = Natural, INV
- 3NT = Best hand with spade support (Axxxx in spades may be enough for slam)
- 4**♣** = Splinter
- 4 **•** = Splinter
- 4♥ = Natural
- 4 ♠ = 4522

#### 1♥ - 1NT

- 2♠ = Natural, 17+ HCP
- 2NT = 5-5 in hearts and a minor, GF
- 3**•** = 5-5, INV
- 3 = 5-5, INV
- $3 \lor = Good suit, INV$
- 3 **♦** = Void
- 3NT = Solid hearts, choice of games
- 4♣ = Void
- 4 ♦ = Void

### 1♠ - 1NT

- 2NT = 5-5 in spades and another suit, GF
- 3**•** = 5-5, INV
- 3 = 5-5, INV
- $3 \lor = 5-5$ , INV
- 3♠ = Good suit, INV
- 3NT = Solid spades, choice of games
- 4♣ = Void
- 4 ♦ = Void
- 4♥ = Void

# Note 4: Reverse

### Reverse on 2-level after 1 over 1

After 1 over 1, and opener reverses, the cheapest bid of 4th suit at the 2-level and 3 in the opener's first suit will be negative. Rebid of own suit on 2-level is F1, on 3-level GF with a good suit. After rebid of own suit on 2-level, responder may pass 2NT and 3 in opener's first suit, but if responder follows up with 3 in partner's suit, it will be game forcing. If responder support the second suit, both responder's first suit and the opening suit will be natural (didn't have 4 cards in the reverse suit).

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1♣ – 1 ♦ (transfer)
2 ♦
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- $2 \lor = 5 + \lor$ , F1
- 2♠ = Negative. Normally to stop in 2NT or 3♣
- 2NT = Natural GF, may have some club support
- 3 = Club support, GF
- 3 ♦ = 4+ ♦, GF
- 3♥ = Natural GF with a good suit (maximum one loser opposite singleton)
- $3 \triangleq$  = Splinter with diamonds as trump
- 4\* = Good club support, slammish

# Reverse after 1x - 1NT

After 1m - 1NT - 2: 2 is negative (minimum, asks for 2NT), other bids are GF.

After 1m - 1NT - 2a: 2NT is GF, other bids are NF.

After 1 ♥ - 1NT - 2 ♠: 2NT is GF, other bids are NF.

# Note 5: Opening 1NT

Opening 1NT shows 15-17 (good 14/bad 18). May be semi-balanced (if tricky rebid).

# 1.1 Responses to 1NT

- 2**♣**: Stayman
- 2♦: Transfer to ♥
- 2♥: Transfer to ♠
- 2♠: Invitational OR ♣
- 2NT: ◆ OR both minors and weak
- 3♠: Puppet-Stayman
- 3♦: Both minors, game forcing
- 3♥: Shortness (may have 4 card ♠)
- 3♠: Shortness (denies 4 card ♥)
- **4**★: Slam try with 2-2-5-4 (5-4 in the minors)
- **4**♦: Transfer to **4**♥
- **4♥**: Transfer to **4**♠
- 4♠: Slam try with 3334
- 4NT: Slam try with 3343
- 5NT: Quantitative to 7NT

# Note 6: Opening 2♦ Multi

 0-7 HCP with a 6-card major (may have 5-card especially green vs red) OR a strong NT (24+), GF OR 4-4-4-1, GF

# **Responses:**

- 2♥ = Pass/correct
- 2♠ = Pass/correct (opener bids 3♣ with ♥ and min, 3♦ with ♥ and max)
- 2NT = F1
  - $3 = \text{Minimum with } \bullet \text{ (or } 4414) \rightarrow 3 \bullet \text{ shows game interest}$
  - $3 \bullet = \text{Minimum with } \bullet \text{ (or 4441) } \rightarrow 3 \checkmark \text{ shows game interest}$
  - $3 \lor = \text{Maximum with } \land \text{ (or } 1444) \rightarrow 3 \land \text{ asks for shortage}$
  - $3 \triangleq$  = Maximum with  $\checkmark$  (or 4144)  $\rightarrow$  4  $\triangleq$  asks for shortage
  - 3NT = 24-25
  - 4NT = 26-27
- 3. = To play (further bidding only with support and max)
- 3 = To play (further bidding only with support and max)
- $3 \lor = Pass OR correct$
- $3 \triangleq$  = Asks for major length (at least 5-2 in the majors)
- 4. = Asks for transfer to opener's major
- $4 \bullet = \text{Slam try with minor(s)}$
- $4 \lor =$  Natural, to play
- $4 \triangleq$  = Natural, to play

#### If opener is strong:

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2♦ - 2♥
2NT
             = 24+ HCP, GF
            = 4=4=1=4, GF
3♣
            = 4=4=4=1, GF
3 •
3♥
             = 1=4=4=4, GF
3♠
             = 4=1=4=4, GF
2♦ - 2♠
2NT
             = 24+ HCP, GF
             = ♥, not maximum OR 4=4=1=4
3♣
3♦
             = ♥, maximum OR 4=4=4=1
3♥
             = 1=4=4=4, GF
             = 4=1=4=4, GF
3♠
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# Note 7: Opening 2M

8-11 HCP with 6-card major, but not a solid suit

# **Responses:**

- 2♠ = Natural, forcing one round (2NT, 3♥ and 3♠ from opener may be passed)
- 2NT = Asks for shortage, strength and side suit
- 3**.** = Natural, GF
- $3 \bullet = Natural, GF$
- 3♥ = Natural, GF (preempt over 2♥)
- $3 \triangleq$  Preempt (INV with spades over  $2 \checkmark$ )
- 3NT = To play (2NT followed by 3NT gives opener an option to pull to 4M)
- 4**.** = Splinter
- 4 **•** = Splinter
- 4M = To play, no forcing pass

#### 2 - 2NT

- $3 = 6-4 \rightarrow 3$  ask  $\rightarrow 3 = 4$ , 3 = 4, 3 = 4
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{Shortage in a minor} \rightarrow 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} \text{ ask}$
- 3♥ = Minimum with no shortage
- 3♠ = Shortage in ♠
- 3NT = Maximum with no shortage
- 4♣ = Void
- 4 → = Void
- 4♥ = Void in ♠

## 2**♠** - 2NT

- $3 = 6-4 \rightarrow 3$  ask  $\rightarrow 3 = 4$ , 3 = 4, 3 = 4
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{Shortage in a minor} \rightarrow 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\lor} \text{ ask}$
- 3♥ = Shortage in ♥
- 3♠ = Minimum with no shortage
- 3NT = Maximum with no shortage
- 4♣ = Void
- 4 → = Void
- 4♥ = Void, not minimum
- 4♠ = Void in ♥, minimum

If opponents DBL 2M, we use transfers from 2NT. Transfer to a minor may be lead directing. Transfer to 3 in the major is a good raise (INV+). RDBL shows interest in penalty doubles OR could be competitive/tactical.

If opponents bid 24, system is on, except that 3 in a minor becomes constructive. DBL of overcalls is penalty.