

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors: shapely limit

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Jump shifts after minor opening: invitational

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Responses to 2NT opening: 3♣/3♦ to play, 3♥/♠ forcing

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

	vs Suit	Vs Notrump
Sequence leads	0 or 2 higher	0 or 2 higher (K from AKJ)
4+ with an honour	3rds & 5ths	3rds & 5ths not strict
From 4 small	2nd highest	
From 3 small	bottom	top
Discards	reverse count, some reverse attitude	
On partner's lead	reverse attitude, some reverse count	
On declarer's lead	reverse count, some Smith Peters	

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT RKCB (1430)

Cue bids, 1st or 2nd

Asking bids in relay auctions

Simple defence to Forcing Pass method (not vul)

vs Pass	13+ any	Ignore and open light; 1NT strong; 2♣ = overcall
vs 1♣	4+♥s, 7-12	X = tko of ♥s; 1♥ = natural
vs 1♦	4+♠s, 7-12	X = tko of ♠s; 1♠ = natural
vs 1♥	7-12 bal	X = 16+ with 1♠ negative
vs 1♠	0-7 any	X = 16+ with 2♣ negative; others 11-15
vs 1NT	5+♦s, 7-12	X = tko of ♦s; 2♦ = Majors

ABF STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

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System: **Forcing pass (not vul)**

Strong Club (vul)



1. OPENING BIDS

Not vul (forcing pass)		vulnerable (strong club)	
Pass	13+ pts, any shape	1♣	16+ pts, any shape
1♣	4+♥s, 7-12 pts	1♦	4+♠s (not 4♥s) 10-15 pts (natural (3+) in 3rd/4th)
1♦	4+♠s (not 4♥s) 7-12 pts	1♥	4+♥s (not 4♠s) 11-15 pts
1♥	7-12 balanced-ish, no 4cM	1♠	Majors (4-4) 11-15 pts
1♠	0-7 pts, any shape	1NT	12-15 balanced-ish, no 4cM
1NT	5+♦s, no 4cM, 7-12 pts		
	2♣ relay 13+; 2♦ to play		2♣ relay 13+; 2♦/♥ transfers
	2♥/♠ nat, non-forcing ***		2♠ raise, 2NT minors
2♣	5+♠s, no 4cM, 7-12 pts	2♣	5+♠s, no 4cM, 10-14 pts
2♦	weak 2 in a major, 3-7 pts	2♦	5+♦s, no 4cM, 10-14 pts
2♥	5♥s & 4+ minor, 6-10 pts	2♥	weak two, 6-cd suit, 5-10 pts
2♠	5♠s & 4+ minor, 6-10 pts	2♠	weak two, 6-cd suit, 5-10 pts
2NT	5-5 minors, 7-12 pts	2NT	5-5 minors, 10-14 pts
3NT	gambling	3NT	gambling

2. PRE-ALERTS

Pass	13+ any	1♦	4+ spades
1♠	0-7 any	All natural in 3rd/4th, except 1♣ still 16+	
1♣+	artificial, 7-12 pts		
(see separate sheet for recommended defences, also on back)			
***	Bids in opener's denied major occasionally made on shortage		

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through 4♥	Jump overcalls: weak
Responsive doubles through 4♥	Unusual NT: lower unbid (3+)
1NT overcall - immediate: 15-18	Immediate cue of minor: majors
1NT overcall - re-opening: 10-14	(If minor is 3+, otherwise natural)
Over weak twos: X = tko (2NT Leb)	Immediate cue of Major: Michaels
Over opponent's 1NT: ASPRO (2♣ = ♥s & another, 2♦ = ♠s & a minor)	

8. RESPONSES (Forcing Pass system, non-vul)

<i>Pass</i>	1♣	6-10 any	1♠	4+♥s, 11+ pts	2♦	11+ bal, no 4cM
	1♦	0-6 any	1NT	4+♦s, no 4cM, 11+	2♥	3-suited, 11+ pts
	1♥	4+♠s, 11+ pts	2♣	11+ bal, 4cM	2♠+	6+♠s, 11+ pts
1♣	1♦	EITHER 7-12 unsuited to other actions, OR weak raise, OR 13-15 any				
	1♥	16+ any, relay	2♥	raise, 8-12 TP	3♥	shapely 8-12 TP
	1♠	natural (5+) non-f	2♠	5-3 fit-suggesting	3♠	pre-emptive
	1NT	8-12 bal	2NT	limit+ raise, 4♥s	3NT	semi-gambling
	2♣/♦	natural, 7-12 pts	3♣/♦	invitational	4♣/♦	4-5 fit-showing
1♦	1♥	EITHER 7-12 unsuited to other actions, OR weak raise, OR 13-15 any				
	1♠	16+ any, relay	2♠	raise, 8-12 TP	3♠	shapely 8-12 TP
	1NT	8-12, maybe 4+♥s	2NT	limit+ raise, 4♠s	3NT	semi-gambling
	2♣/♦	natural, 7-12 pts	3♣/♦	invitational	4♣/♦	4-5 fit-showing
	2♥	natural, 7-12 ***	3♥	invitational ***		
1♥	1♠	13+ any, relay	2♥/♠	natural, 7-12 ***	3♥/♠	shortage
	1NT	8-12, maybe 4+♠s	2NT	minors	3NT	to play
	2♣/♦	natural, 7-12 pts	3♣/♦	pre-emptive		
1♠	1NT	15-19 semi-bal	2♠	natural, 10-18 pts	3x	pre-emptive
	2♣	19+ any	2NT	20-21	3NT	semi-gambling
	2♦/♥	natural, 10-18 pts	3♣	natural, 10-18 pts		
1NT	3♣	natural, 7-12 pts	3♦	shapely raise	3♥/♠	invitational ***
2♣	2♦	15+ any, relay	2NT	13-15	3♥/♠	invitational ***
	2♥/♠	natural, 9-14 ***	3♣	raise, 11-14 TP		
2♦	2♥/♠	pass/correct	3♣/♦	natural, non-f	4♣	Xfer to your M
	2NT	strong enquiry	3♥/♠	pass-correct		
2♥	2♠	natural, non-f ***	3♣/♦	natural, non-f	3♠	natural, forcing
	2NT	asks for minor	3♥	to play	4♣/♦	fit-showing
2♠	2NT	asks for minor	3♥	natural, non-f ***	4♣/♦	fit-showing
	3♣/♦	natural, non-f	3♠	to play		
2NT	3♣/♦	to play	3♥/♠	natural, forcing ***	4♣/♦	invitational

*** These bids occasionally made on shortage and weakish hands

8. RESPONSES (Strong Club system, vulnerable)

1♣	1♦	0-7 any	1NT	4+♦s, no 4cM, 8+	2♥	3-suited, 8+ pts
	1♥	4+♠s, 8+ pts	2♣	8+ bal, 4cM	2♠+	6+♠s, 8+ pts
	1♠	4+♥s, 8+ pts	2♦	8+ bal, no 4cM		
1♦	1♥	EITHER 5-10 unsuited to other actions, OR weak raise, OR 10-12 any				
	1♠	13+ any, relay	2♠	raise, 6-10 TP	3♠	shapely 6-10 TP
	1NT	6-10, maybe 4+♥s	2NT	limit+ raise, 4♠s	3NT	semi-gambling
	2♣/♦	natural, 5-10 pts	3♣/♦	invitational	4♣/♦	4-5 fit-showing
	2♥	natural, 5-10 pts	3♥	invitational		
1♥	1♠	11+ any, relay	2♥	raise, 6-10 TP	3♥	shapely 6-10 TP
	1NT	6-10, maybe 4+♠s	2NT	limit+ raise, 4♥s	3NT	semi-gambling
	2♣/♦	natural, 5-10 pts	3♣/♦	invitational	4♣/♦	4-5 fit-showing
1♠	1NT	6-10, semi-forcing	2♥/♠	raises, 5-10 TP	3♦	invitational
	2♣	11+ any, relay	2NT	4+♥s, limit+ raise	3♥/♠	shapely raises
	2♦	natural, 5-10 pts	3♣	natural, 5-10 pts	4♣/♦	natural & 4+♠s
1NT	3♣/♦	to play	3♥/♠	shortage	4♣/♦	SA Texas (♥/♠)
2♣	2♦	13+ any, relay	2NT	11-13	3♥/♠	invitational
	2♥/♠	natural, 7-12	3♣	raise, 9-12 TP		
2♦	2♥	13+ any, relay	2NT	11-13	3♦	raise, 9-12 TP
	2♠	natural, 7-12	3♣/♥	natural, 7-12	3♠	invitational
2♥	2♠	natural, non-f	3♣/♦	natural, non-f	3♠	natural, forcing
	2NT	strong enquiry	3♥	to play	4♣/♦	fit-showing
2♠	2NT	strong enquiry	3♥	natural, non-f	4♣/♦	fit-showing
	3♣/♦	natural, non-f	3♠	to play		
2NT	3♣/♦	to play	3♥/♠	natural, forcing	4♣/♦	invitational

NT Checkback

Vs 3NT Opening

Vs Multi 2♦

Vs RCO style 2s

Vs Other 2s

Defence to strong 1♣/2♣

Over 1NT interference

After some 1NT rebids

4♣ = Majors

X = tko of spades, 2♥ = tko of hearts

X = length in bid suit plus its companion

If a weak option is a 1-suiter, X = tko of that suit

Aspro: X = ♥s & another, 1♦ = ♠s & a minor

Suit transfers after 2♥/2♠ overcall; 2NT natural