# 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Inverted: <7 HCP, 4+ cards, Jump in other minor 8-11 5+ cards Jump raises - minors Jump raises - Majors Preempt 0-6 HCP, 4+ cards weak, +6x Jump shifts after minor opening Jump shifts after Major opening weak, +6x Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2♣: 2♦ waiting, then Kokish. 2♣ 2♦; 2N is NF Responses to 2NT opening 3♣/♦ P/C; 3♥/♠ 1RF; 4♣/♦: Minorwood.

### 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

**Show priorities** 

	Versus <b>Suit</b> (or both)	Versus <b>NoTrump</b> (if different)
Leads Sequences:	A/Q att, K count	Attitude
Four or more with an honour	3rd (Odd), 5th (Even)	Attitude
From 4 small	3 <sup>rd</sup> highest	Attitude
From 3 cards (no honour)	Bottom	Attitude
In partner's suit	as above	Count or Att if unbid
Discards	Low enc	Low enc
Count	Low-High = Even (Rev)	Low-High = Even (Rev)
Signal on partner's lead:	attitude if obvious then suit pref	

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Signal on declarer's lead: Suit pref for trump, else attitude or count

Notes Odd/even Suit/P to card led if singleton in dummy (Wencelaus)

#### 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4♣ Gerber when? Never :) **RKCB 1430** 4NT: Blackwood Slam Notes Next suit after RKCB response is SpecK ask (5N asks for K's) Cue Bids X 1st or 2nd Round control Asking Bids Exclusion KC Blackwood replies: 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q etc

#### 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

2 way Checkback Michael Cue; 16 + HCP Long Suit Trial Lebensohl (Direct to 3N denies stopper) Inverted Minor (3 way / Criss cross) 1 - (1 - 1) X = 4x - 1 - (1 - 1) = 5x - 1Splinter SA Texas Support X/XX by Opener Landik 1m (1N) 2C = 5-4 majors <10HCP

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Minorwood after: 2NT opening; 2♣... 2NT AND 1m 2m ... then Q ask. (spec K).



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1. OPENING BIDS						
Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape						
1♣ 11-20 HCP, 3+♣ 1♥ 11-20 HCP 5+♥						
1♦ 11-20 HCP, 3+♦ 11-20 HCP 5+♠						
1NT 14-16 1/2/3VUL. 8-10 1st FAV. 8-12 3rd FAV. 10-12other may contain 5 card Major X						
1NT Responses 2♣ Stayman						
2♦ TRF ♥ (14-16), GF stayman (10-12) 2♠ TRF ♣, to play (10-12)						
2♥ TRF ♠ 12-14, to play (10-12) 2NT TRF, relay to 3C (10-12) (see #7)						
other 14-16 2-suited response: tfr to lower Suit 1st GF 5-5, higher suit 1st INV 5-5						
2♣ Bal 20+ HCP or 9+ playing tricks or weak 2♦						
2♦ Weak Major <11 HCP						
2♥ Weak, ♥ and ♠ <11 HCP						
2♠ Weak, 5+♠ & 4+minor <11 HCP						
2NT Wk Minor 2-suited (♣5+ ♦5+) <11 HCP 3NT Solid ♣/♦ suit, 7/8 playing tricks						
other 3-suit & 4♥/♠: NAT Pre-empt.						
2. PRE-ALERTS						
No transfers after weak 1NT opening						
3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS						
Negative doubles through 4♥ Jump overcalls Weak NAT (Rule 123)						
Responsive doubles through Unusual NT Lower 2 unbid suits						
1NT overcall - immediate 15-17 BAL Immediate cue of minor Michaels 5/5 Majors						
1NT overcall - re-opening 11-14, no stopper Immediate cue of Major 5 other Major & 5 minor						
Over weak twos t/oX, Lebensohl Over opening threes t/o X,						
Over opponent's 1NT COSMIC in direct (incl 16HCP). Multi Landy vs wk NT and in P/O seat						
Over RHO intereference: Cue Raise						
Simple overcalls: 8-16 HCP, Natural						

#### 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

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1♣ 1♦	5-9, 4+, <4♥/♠	2	5+ ♣, 8-11, <4 ♥/♠	3	Splinter, 6+♣				
1♥	5-9, 4+	2	NAT weak 6 cards	3 <b>Y</b>	Splinter; 6+♣				
1♠	5-9. 4+♠	2	NAT weak 6 cards	3 <b>♠</b>	Splinter; 6+♣				
1NT	5-9 BAL, <4 <b>♥</b> /♠	2NT	10-12 HCP BAL <4♥♠	3NT	13-14 BAL <4♥/♠				
2	12+, 5+♣, <4♥/♠	3	Pre-empt, 6+♣	4					
other	ner 1♥/♠ response may have longer ♦. All Splinter Ranges are 15-17 HCP								
1♦ 1♥	5-9 HCP, 4+♥	2	NAT weak 6+ ♥	3 💙	Splinter, 5+♦				
1♠	5-9 HCP, 4+♠	2	NAT weak 6+ ♠	3 <b>♠</b>	Splinter, 5+♦				
1NT	5-9, BAL, <4 <b>♥/</b> ♠	2NT	10-12, <4♥/♠	3NT	13-14 BAL <4 <b>♥/</b> ♠				
2	10, 3+♣	3♣	5+ ♣, 8-11, <4 ♥/♠	4	Splinter, 5+♦				
2	12+, 5+♦, <4♥/♠	3◆	Pre-empt, 5+♦	4					
other	other 1♠ response may be 4/5 ♥/♠, All Splinter Ranges are 15-17 HCP								
1♥ 1♠	5+HCP, 4+ <b>♠</b>	2	3-card ♥. 8-10 losers.	3 🄷					
1NT	5-9 HCP <3♥	2	NAT weak 6+ ♠	<b>3</b>	4+♥, <6 HCP				
2	10+, 3+ <b>♣</b> or or 3x <b>♥</b>	2NT	4+♥ 6+ HCP	3 <b>^</b>	Splinter; 4+♥				
2	10+, 3+♦	3♣		3NT	13-15 BAL 3♥				
other	After 2NT Opener shows losers,, All Splinter Ranges are 15-17 HCP								
1 <b>♠</b> 1NT	5-9 HCP <3♠	2	3-card ♠, 8-9 losers. L	<b>3</b>					
2♣	10+, 2+ <b>♣</b> or 3x <b>♠</b>	2NT	4+♠, 6 + HCP	3 <b>^</b>	4+♠ <6 HCP				
2	10+, 5+♦	3♣		3NT	13-15 BAL, 3♠				
2	10+, 5+♥	3◆		4	Splinter 4+♠				
other	All Splinter Ranges are 15-17 HCP								
1NT 3♣	Minor 2-suited; Weak	3	(0-1♠), 3♥,4+,4+	4	Tfr to ♠ slam int				
3◆	Minor 2-suited GF	3NT	To play	<b>4</b>	To play				
3♥	3♠, (0-1♥),4+,4+, GF	4	Tfr to ♥ slam int	4	To play				
other									
2♣ 2♦	Waiting	2NT		3 💙					
2		3♣		3♠					
2		3		3NT					
other									
2♦ 2♥	P/C	3♣		3♠	P/C				
	P/C	3			N/A				
_	15+ reply WWSS		P/C	4					
other									

After 3♣from opener: 3♦ shortage ask then NLMH

... 3M is 10 losers, 4M is 9 losers and 3oM, 3NT, 4, 4 is 8, 7, 6, 5 losers

(X direct) 12-14 Bal or 18+ unbal, 2NT 15-17 cover ♥♠, X of P/C bid for TO Multi 2 RCO style 2-s Same approach as Multi 2 Same approach Other 2-s Defence 1♣ - COSMIC, only 1NT= colour, (2♣ = odd, 2♦= ♥ + ♠), X = minors 1 ♦ / ♥ / ♠ = Nat, lead directing strong v 2♣ TWERB suit bid shows length in next suit up or 5/5 next 2 touching suits 14/24 2NT shows 2 non touching suits Resp is same as for cosmic Over 1NT Interference Penaly X and Lebensohl **Lebensohl - other uses** After Wk2 opening & partner doubles Take out of 4 level pre-empts X for ♥&♠; 4N for other 2-suited. 4♥ X for ♠ 4♠ 4N with 2-suited, X = pen **10. OTHER NOTES** (4) 4th hand after 3 passes: 2/3/4-suit=8/9/10 playing tricks; 2N=21-22 & 2C=23+HCP. (5) COSMIC - X 2 suits same colour, 2♣ 2 suits same shape, 2♦ majors, 2♥/♠ nat (5a) LANDY 2♣ majors, 2♦ long major, 2♥/♠ 5/4+ M/m, X= Pen (6) 1m 1-level response; jump 3N rebid = 8 playing tricks in opening m suit (7) After 3♣, Pass to play, 3♦ to play, 3♥, ♥+m 5/5 GF, 3♠, ♠+m 5/5 GF, 3NT,4♣,4♦,4♥ shows 0,1 card in next suit up GF

2	2	P/C	3◆		3NT	To play
	2NT	15+ rely wwss	3 <b>Y</b>	to play	4	
	3 <b>-</b>		3 <b>4</b>		<b>4</b>	To play
	other					
2	2NT	15+ Reply WWSS	3		4	
	3 <b>♣</b>	P/C	3 <b>^</b>	To Play	4	To play
	<b>3</b>		3NT	To play	4	To play
	other					
2NT	3♣	To play	3♠	NAT 1RF	4	Minorwood ◆
	3	To play	3NT	To play	<b>4</b>	To play
	3 <b>Y</b>	NAT 1RF	4	Minorwood ♣	4	To play
	other					

#### 9. CONVENTIONS

Game force X

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits
4th Suit Forcing One round X At 1-level or passed hand

Priorities: 2 way checkback up the line

**Defence to 3NT opening** Pen X;

NT Checkback X

Defence to Opening Twos Lebensohl 2N after X in direct seat