



**WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION**

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Standard Carding

*System Summary*

**General approach and Style**

Natural, 5-card Majors

Longer Minor - 1♣ if 3-3

1NT response = forcing one round

1NT Opening: 14+ - 17 HCP

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**Special Bids that may require defence**

2♣ Opening = strong, near Game Force - any suit,  
(s) any shape

2♦ Opening = Weak 6+ (5-10 HCP depending on  
vulnerability)

<i>Defensive and Competitive Bidding</i>	<i>Leads and Signals</i>	
	<b>Opening Leads</b>	
<b>Overcalls (Style; responses: 1/2 level; reopening)</b> General Style = light	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Responses: Jump Raise = Preemptive	Suit	Attitude leads
Cue-Bid = Forcing raise	NT	4th best
New Suit = Forcing - jump shift = fit	Subseq	Suit preference
	Other	MUD (middle - up - down)
	<b>Leads</b>	
<b>Take-out double:</b> General Style = Sound Responses: Natural. Cue bid = Forcing	Lead	Vs. Suit Vs. NT
<b>1NT overcalls (2nd/4th live; responses; reopening)</b> 2nd Position = 15 - 17 Responses: Bid as 1NT opening Natural	Ace	AKxxx AK AKxx AK
4th Position = 15 - 17 Responses: Bid as 1NT opening	King	KQ; KQ109x AKJ10(x); KQ109(+)
<b>Jump Overcalls: (Style; responses; unusual NT)</b> 1-Suit : Natural; Responses - New suit = forcing 2-suit:- 1} - 2{ = 5]/5[ Reopen: Cue = any good two suiter. 2NT = 19-21	Queen	QJ; QJx(x) QJ; QJx(+);
<b>Direct and Jump cue Bids (Style; responses; reopen)</b> Direct Cue Bid = Michaels (Note 1)	Jack	J10; J10x(+)
<b>Vs NT (vs Strong/weak; reopening; pH Landy (Note 3)</b>	10	109; 109x(+); H109x(+); 10 109; 109x(+);
<b>Vs preempts (doubles, cue-Bids; jumps; NT bids</b> Take out doubles thru 4]	9	9x; 98x(+)
<b>Vs Artificial Strong Openings</b>	Hi-x	Sx; Sxx Sx; Sxx; xSxx
<b>Over Opponents take out double</b> New suit forcing at 1-level Jump Shift non-forcing Double Jump = Splinter / 2NT = limit raise or better	Lo-x	HxS; HxSx(+); xSxx(+)
	HxxS(+); xxxS(+)	HxS;
	<b>Signals in order of Priority</b>	
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead
	Discarding	
	1	Hi = encouraging same
	2	Suit preference

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		3NT Opening = 24 - 25 balanced hand
		2NT Overcall = two lower unbid suits
		Michaels Cue-bids
	<b>Signals (including trumps):</b>	Negative Doubles to 4 ♥
	Trump suit preference when possible	
	<b>Takeout Doubles (Style; responses reopening)</b>	
	Sound except when made by a passed hand Light non vulnerable and with shape	
	Cue = F until a suit is bid twice	<b>Special Forcing Pass Sequences</b>
	New suit = F1	
	Reopen: same as above	
	<b>Special, artificial and competitive doubles/redoubles</b>	<b>Important notes that don't fit elsewhere</b>
	Responsive Dbl: After T/O Dble thru 4]; after o/call thru 4[	Double Jump in new suit = Splinter if minor over major
	Repeat same suit dble by Neg doubler = Take out (See Note 8)	Jump Cue Bid by Opener = Splinter raise
	Over minor Michaels: Major = stopper	
	Over Major Michaels: cue bid in opponents' major = limit raise or better	<b>Psychics:</b>
		Very rare

Opening	Artificial	Min. # Cards	Neg X Thru'	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Modifications over Competition and with Passed Partner
Pass				Not an opening bid			
1♣		3	3[	11+ - 21 HCP	Single raise weaker than double raise  Strong jump shift (1} - 2 any)	4th suit forcing: game forcing; Reverses by opener forcing; by responder = Game forcing; Third suit = 1 Round Force	Jump Cue-bid over overcall = Splinter Cue bid for overcall = asks for a stopper Jump shift pre-emptive over overcalls
1♦		4 3 Only when 4432	3[	11+ - 21 HCP	Single raise weaker than double raise Strong jump shift (1} - 2 any)	As above	As above
1♥		5	3[	11+ - 21 HCP	1NT not forcing, 5+ points Raises = limit. 2NT = FG with trump support	Raises = limit. Re-raise = Pre-emptive General principles as above	Cue bid over Comp = Strong Raise
1♠		5	3[	11+ - 21 HCP	As for 1]	As for 1]; 1[ - 2} ; 2[ - 3[ = limit	As for 1]
1NT				15 - 17 balanced	Jacoby Transfers	Over Stayman: rebids are Major invitational, minor forcing	X at 3-level shows values. X at 2-level is T/O
2♣	✓		3[	Artificial, strong - near GF, any suit,(s) any shape	Natural; positive requires good suit; 2♦ = waiting	Cheaper minor = second negative thru' 3♦	Natural
2♦		6	3[	3 - 9 HCP	New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum	3NT = AKQxxx	Natural
2♥		6		3 - 9 HCP	New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum	3NT = AKQxxx	Natural
2♠		6		3 - 9 HCP	As for 2] opener	As for 2] opener	Natural
2NT				20 - 21 balanced	Jacoby Transfers; Stayman	2NT - 3[ > } 2NT - 3 } 2NT - 4} > { 3{ - 3] = 5[ + 4]	Natural Dbl = Penalties
3♣		6		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing	<b>Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five - Ace Blackwood:</li> <li>• RKCB 14 / 30</li> <li>• Cue Bids</li> <li>• Splinters</li> <li>• 5 NT asks for specific Kings</li> </ul>	
3♦		6		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing		
3♥		6		Pre-emptive	3[ Natural. Minors = cue-bid		
3♠		6		Pre-emptive	4] Natural. Minors = cue-bid		
3NT				24-25 points	Natural		
4♥		8 (7)		Pre-emptive	Natural		
4♠		8 (7)		Pre-emptive	Natural		
4NT				RKC	03 14		



## WBF Standard Card

### Supplementary Sheet

#### Note 1: Michaels Cue Bids:

(1)} - 2}

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Both majors 5(+) / 5(+)

(1]) - 2] = 5[ + 5 minor

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All jumps in known suits are PRE (but may be tactically strong)

#### Note 3: Landy: (vs No Trump)

Penalty Double

2♣ shows at least 5-4 cards in each major suit = Landy

2{}/[ = Natural

1NT - 2} - ?

2♦ = relay to play the better major

2NT = strong inquiry (cue-bid!)

#### Note 4: Opener's Splinter Raise

Opener's rebid 1 level above either a jump shift or a forcing reverse is a game-forcing splinter raise.

#### Note 5: Responses after NT rebid

1{ - 1] 1] - 1[

1NT - 2} = new minor, forcing

1NT - 3] = forcing

3{ = Nat. forcing

1} - 1] 2NT - 3} Nat. Forcing (2NT denies 4 card [ suit)

1} - 1{ 1NT - 3} = forcing

3rd suit: one round force

4th suit: one round force but 3 level responses or further bids by responder are game forcing

### Note 6: R K C B (4NT asks for 5 key cards, 4 Aces + King of Trumps)

Responses: 5♣ = 3 or 0

5♦ = 4 or 1

5♥ = 2

5♠ = 2 + Queen of Trumps

5NT = 2 + a void

6 SUIT = 1 + void in suit bid

### Note 7: Non Forcing Sequences

1[ - 2}

2{1/[ - 3}

1[ - 2}

2[ - 3 [

1] - 1[

2} - 3] - limit raise

1[ - 2}

2{/[ - 2[

1M - 2 lower

2NT = extra values

1 [ - 2}

2{1/[ - 2NT

### Note 8: Take Out Double

1} - 1{ - X = denies 4-card major

1} - 1] - X = denies 4[

Take Out Double by Opener: shows three card support for responder and a non-minimum hand or a strong hand

### Note 10: Drury

After an opening bid of one in a major in third or fourth position the partner's:

2♣ shows 9/11 HCP and 3 card support

2♦ shows 9/11 HCP and 4 card support

Subsequent bids:

2 in the opening major is a sign off