

W B F CONVENTION CARD (v7-9-25)
CATEGORY: GREEN
NCBO: USA
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 Card Majors but can be 4 cards in third seat
1♣=3+, 1♦=4+♦ or 4432
1N=14-17 and may contain 5M/6m
2♦=Multi bad weak 2 Major
2M=constructive weak 2 Major
In 3 rd can go either way with 2♦/2M, in 4 th 2♦=better
2/1=natural FG
Fit jumps in competition at 4L, maybe 3L by PH
Sound openings if balanced
Light openings unbalanced especially good suits
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Raises pre-empt to mixed
1m-2♥=Invitational NT hand or right side
1♥-2♠ and 1♠-3♣=3+ card Limit Raise
1M-3♦=mixed raise, on by passed hand
Responder 2N over our 1 Major is 4 card fit
Unusual versus Unusual
1m-2♠=Limit raise
3N opening=Good 4 Major
opening in third seat suspect
opening leads, sometimes anti-systemic
1M-2M-2N=all slam non SPL,
1M-2M-new suit=game-try maybe suspect
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Rare
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
Might open "wrong" minor

Opening	artificial	Min No:	Negative	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	5♦		2m=FG, 2♦=multi, 2♥=BAL invite+, 2♠=Limit Raise, 2N=NAT FG 12-14 or 17+ 3♣=pre-empt/mixed, 3♦/3M=pre-empt, 3N=15-bad 17	1N rebid maybe 4M then 2-way check-back Transfers after 2N rebid not competition unless jump to 2N	2♦=4♥ 5♠ 6-9 2♠=Fit showing
1♦		4 (3)	5♣	Only 3 if 4432	2m=FG, 2♥= BAL invite+, 2♠=Limit Raise 2N=NAT FG 12-14 or 17+ 3♣=invite, 3♦=pre-empt/mixed, 3M=pre-empt, 3N=15-bad 17	1N rebid maybe 4♣ then 2-way check-back Transfers after 2N rebid not competition unless jump to 2N	2♠/3♣=Fit showing
1♥		5 (4)	5♦	Possibly 4 cards in 3rd	1N=semi-forcing, 2m=NAT FG, 2♥=3(4)♥ 2♠=3+♥ Limit raise, 2N=Jacoby, 3♣=NAT invite, 3♦=mixed, 3♥=pre-empt 3♠=8-11 any SPL, 3N(♠)/4m=12-14 SPL	After 1N rebid 2-way check-back Transfers after 2N rebid not competition unless jump to 2N	2♣=Drury 2N=4♥ and SPL, 3♣=NAT 2♠=Fit showing jump 4L SPL=void
1♠		5 (4)	5♦	Possibly 4 cards in 3rd	1N=semi-forcing, 2m/2♥=NAT FG, 2♠=3(4)♠ 2N=Jacoby, 3♣=3+♠ Limit raise 3♦=mixed, 3♥=NAT invite, 3♠=pre-empt 3N=8-11 any SPL, 4L=12-14 SPL	1♠-1N-3♣=Artificial	2♣=Drury 2N=4♠ and SPL, 3♣=NAT 3♥=Fit showing Jumps 4L SPL=void
INT			4♥	14-17	2♣=Stayman, 2♦/2♥=Transfer 2♠=♣s or range ask, 2N=♦s, 3♣=Puppet Stayman, 3♦=minors better or longer ♦s 3M=SGL, 4♣=4N bid, 4♦/4♥=Transfer 4♠=5♣332, 4N=5♦332	1N-2♣-2♦-3M=Smolen 1N-2♦-2♥-2♠=5+♥ Invite+many other 1N-2R-2M-2N/3♦=4+ Transfer 1N-2R-2M-3♦=6+ Major slam-try 1N-2♦-2♥-3♠=5+5+ Majors slam-try	
2♣	yes	0		FG or 22+ balanced except 2♣-2♦-3M=NF	2♦=waiting, 2M=Natural, 2N=mild ♣ positive 3m=Natural	2♣-2♦-2♥=Kokish 2♣-2♦-2♠-3♣=Double Negative	RDBL/DBL of intervention=double negative
2♦	yes	0		Multi, weak 2♥/2♠, Maybe strong 3rd, stronger 4th	2N=REL, 3♦=FG either Major, 3♣=NF 2M/3/4♥=pass/correct, 3♠=Inv, 4♣=TFR suit	2♦-2N-3m=minimum or medium ♥/♠ 2♦-2N-3♥=♠s, 3♠=6♥, 3N=5♥ 2♦(o'call)-X = bid your suit	
2♥		6		Constructive weak 2 Maybe weak 3rd, weaker 4th	2♠=F1, 2N=Relay, 3m=to play, 3♠=Invite 4m=NAT FG then 4N=good hand	2♥-2N-3♠=best/worst, 3♦=bad suit/4m 3♥=FG good suit, 3♠=Natural	
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2NT				19+- bad 22 balanced	3♣=Stayman, 3♦/3♥=transfers, 3♠=minors 4L=suit 2 above slam-try		4m = 5332 with other minor
3♣		5		Can be very light first FAV Zia=2 of 3 hons 1/2 VUL	3♣-3♦=puppet to 3♥, 3M=Forcing 4♦=Optional PKC NV. ST vul		
3♦		5		Can be very light first FAV Zia=2 of 3 hons 1/2 VUL	3M=Forcing 4♣=Pre-empt KC		
3M				Can be very light first FAV	3♠=Forcing 4♣=Pre-empt KC		
3NT	Yes			Good 4 Major No void	4♣=Relay 4♦=asks Major, 4M=P/C		
4m		7		Sound Vulnerable	4♣-4♦=pre-empt KC	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING 4N=RKC 1430, Non 4N KC 0314 Redwood Jump to 4m+1 but not 4♥ if ♥s bid DOP1 and DEPO over intervention, DKC, Exclusion, 5N=Pick, Last Train 4 our minor=KC after inverted minor or 2/1 response	
4M		7		Sound Vulnerable	5 new suit=slam-try with 2 losers in suit		
4NT				Asks specific Ace	5♣=0 Aces, 5N=2 Aces, 5♦/5M/6♣=Ace suit		
5L		7					