



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: NATURAL
BRAZIL

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SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

1♥/♠ - 5 card Major
2♦/♥/♣ - Natural – Weak

1NT Opening: 15-17 pts

2 OVER 1 Response: FG except direct rebid ♣/♦ (over 1M)

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

INVERTED 1♠/1NT RESP TO 1♥; (1♥-1NT = 5♠,)
1♥-1♠=5-11 pts, 0-4♠ no supp 1♠ - 1NT – 5-11 pts no supp
2♦ resp to 1♣ = 6-9 6M. 2♥ resp to 1m = 6-9 5+♠ 4+♥
TRANSFER After 1m/1M - (DBL); O/C of 1M ((DBL) ;
FIT-SHOWING JUMPS PH (also in COMP) – 4c support
2NT: T/O in many situations
TRANSFERS after (1M) – (2M) and (1M) – (2 other M)
"TRANSFER LEB" :AFTER 1NT-(2X) (nat)
1♥/♠ - 1♠/2♣/♦(ov) – 2NT : 4 card support INV+
GOOD-BAD 2NT; SCRAMBLE 2NT, L/D BIDS
1♣/♦ - (1NT) - 2♣ asks majors , 2...TRF
1♥/1♠ - (1NT) – 2♣ / 2♦ = minor bid and other M
MOD LEB AFTER 2X – DBL and after 1♦/♥/♠ - DBL – 2♦/♥/♠
DRURY: 2♣ /2♦, GAMBLING 3NT

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Mini/Weak 1NT (9-14) – D - 2♣/♦/♥ - P
(2/3...) – D – (5) unfavourable vulnerability.

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

2/1 F1 in competition
Game Try: long and short

PSYCHICS: rare

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3rd e 5th	= (Xxx if supported)
NT	2nd/ 4th	=
Subseq	S with interest	=
Other	Vs NT, A asks CT/UB;K asks ATT	
	Vs 5 level K asks CT, A asks ATT	

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx(+); Axx+	AKJ(10), AKQx, Ax
King	AK KQx(+)	AK(x), KQ(x) ;
Queen	QJX(+) AKQ	QJx, AQJx+
Jack	J10(x)(+); KJ10x(+)	AJ10x; KJ10x; J10x
10	109(x)(+); H109x(+)	same
9	9x; ; 98(x)(+)	9x; ; 98(x)(+) 9xx
Hi-x	Sx; xxS(x)	Sx; xSx; xSxx; Sxx;
Lo-x	HxS; HxxxS	xxxS(x)(+)

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Lo=Encourage	Lo/Hi= Even	Lo=Encourage
Suit 2	Lo/Hi= Even	Suit Pref	Lo/Hi= Even
3	Suit Pref		Suit Pref
1	=	=	=
NT 2	=	=	=
3	=	=	=

Signals

Hi-lo in trumps: usu interest in ruff
Upsidedown Count and ATT

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses; Reopening)

Light with classic shape; Reopening may be slightly unshaped
Double of M emphasizes M.

SPECIAL; ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE (RE-)DOUBLES

1♠-(1♦) - D = 4♥ e 4♠ 1♠/♦ - 1♥ - D = 4♠ 1♠-1♠ D (4+♥)

4th suit DBL; SUPP DBL/RDBL ; INV DBL

1x –1y-D-RD- H in partner's suit (usu Hx)

1/2NT- P – 3NT- D = asks ♠ lead. After Stayman ♦ lead

(4♠) - (DBL) = OPT, (4♠) – 4NT: T/O

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2level; Reopening)

1/1 F1 2/1= NF Jump Raise=PRE

Cue bids and 2NT used as support in many situations

1st JUMP CUE: 4-card supp 8-9,

FIT SHOWING Jumps

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th live; Responses; Reopening)

2nd,4th Live 15-18 pts

PH overcall of 1NT: 5m - 4M

Reopen – 11-14(m) 11-15 (M) . 2♣: stayman/TRFs

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

2♥/♠... = natural- weak

1♣ - 2♦ =Majors (in 4th: 2♦: natural)

1M - 2NT: 5-5+♣/♦ . 1m – 2NT: ♥ and other minor

2NT reopen: 19-20.

DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)

1♥/♠ – 2♥/♠: Other M and m - 1♥/♠ - 3♥/♠ asks stopper

1♣/2♣ nat – 1♦/2♦:Majors 1♣/♦ - 3♣/♦ = natural

Reopen 1♣/♦ p - p -2♣/♦ = Majors

VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)

2♣ = ♥-♠ , at least 5- 4 (2♦ asks longer suit)

2♦ = 1 major (♥ or ♠) 2NT ?m, 3♣, 3♦ natural

2♥/♠ = 5+♥/♠ + 4+ minor

2NT: 5-5+♣/♦ Double: penalty.(9-14 NT)

Dbl : 4M + 5m

VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)

Jump (3): Dist. 2NT:15-18.

2♥/♠ -CB : ask stop ; 4♣/♦ = other M+♣/♦; 4CB/4NT: ms

2♦ - (3♦): ♣/♥ - (4♣): ♣/♠ e (4♦): ♥/♠ 3M (4M/NT)= minors

3♣/♦ - (4♦)=♥/♠ 4♣ = M+other m. 3M- 4♣/♦=m+1M

VERSUS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

1♣: D: Majors; 1NT : Minors

2♣: D Majors; 2NT: Minors

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1♣ DBL - /1/2... TRFs... Jump (weak nat)

1♥/♠ DBL -2♠/3♥ – 4c SUPP , 8-9; 2NT =4c SUPP 10+

1♥/♠ - (DBL) other jumps at 3 or 4 level = fit show.

1♥/1♠ DBL – Transfers from 1NT to 2♦/♥

Jumps by PH: Fit show except jump in other M

OPEN	TICK IF ART.	MIN NO. OF CARD	NEG. DBL. THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 ♣		3	4♥	11-21 HCP NATURAL 3♣/3♦ and 4♣/4♦ BAL 4M - 4♣-4♦ = 1♦	1NT=6-10 w/ 4♣; 2NT=INV with 4♣; 3♣ =6-9 w/ 5♣ 2♣=GF support ; 2♦: 6-9 6 M ; 2♥: 6-9 5+♠- 4+♥; 2♠: 5♣ +supp INV 3♦/♥/♠=PRE; 3NT=16-17HCP	1m-1M- 2m-2Lower = RELAY FG 2 way checkback (also over 1♣-1♥-1♠ ; wolf sign off 4th suit=FG (except over REV); 1NT rebid over 1♦: bal, can have M.	Jumps = Fit showing 4th suit, 2wcb, relay=F1
1 ♦		3	4♥	11-21 HCP NATURAL	1♦- 2♣: GF ; 2NT 11-12 HCP no major		=
1 ♥		5	4♦	11-21 HCP NATURAL	1♠=RLY (5-11HCP; 0-4♣, no SUPP; 1NT=5♠; 2NT= 4c SUPP12-15 3♦=4c SUPP INV. 3♠ ANY SINGL 10-11 3nt/4♣/♦ SINGL 3♣=FG 4c SUPP with SINGL, or 4 OM 333 or INV 3c SUPP 3♥=7-9 pts 4c SUPP. JUMP in other major: nat INV	Splinter by opener after 2/1 12-14, 4c SUPP 1♥-1♠-1NT: 4♣ min; 2♠: 16-17+ After 2NT Jacoby, 4... singl. except 1♥/2NT/3NT = Singl ♠	= 2♣/2♦: 10-11 3/ 4c SUPP 2NT = 6♣ INV
1 ♠		5	4♦	=	Same as 1♥ but 4♣/♦/♥ spl 7-9 ; 3NT ANY SING 10-11	(1♥/♠)- (1♠1NT)- 3... 5-5 except 1♥-1NT-3♣ 2NT: Strong. No other 5 card suit	Fit showing Jumps
1NT				BAL 15-17 HCP Possible 5M or 6m	2♣ stayman; 2♦/♥//NT transfer 2♠inv. in NT or ♣; 3♣- asks 5M; 3♦:5♦-5♣; 3♥/3♠= singleton 5m+4m 4♣ majors 4♦/4♥ TRANSFER 4♠ weak, minors 4NT – QUANT	After stayman,3♣ ? dist, 3♦:shows 5c minor SMOLEN 1NT (Dbl) Rd :TRF to 2♣, to pass or bid 2. sys on	
2 ♣	X			ART, FG or BAL 22+HCP	2♦: 6+ 2♥: 0-5 no Ace. 2♠/2NT = 5c+ suit ♠/♥. 3♣/♦ 6c suit	After 2♦, 2♥ nat or bal, 2♠ nat, 2NT:5+♣, 3♣: 5+♦ 3♦: 5♦- 4♣, 3♥/♠: 6♣-4♦ and 6♦-4♣. 4x: 4-4-4-1	
2♦/♥/♠		6		5-11 HCP (Possible 5c NV) May have side suit: 4+c =	2NT relay; 2 other suit = F1;	3♣ = min; 3♦/♥/♠/3NT max. 4level: 6-5	
2NT				20-21 BAL	3♣ modif STAYMAN;3♠ minors/4♣/♦/♥/♠ TRANSFER	After 3♣, 3♦ denies♥, 3♥:4/5♥, 3♠: 5♣, 3NT:2Ms SMOLEN	
3 ♣/♦		7		NAT PRE possible 6c NV	3... = NAT F1; 4Minor=usu cue; 4 Major: nat		
3♥/♠		=	=	=	=		
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
3 NT	X	7		Solid minor. No outside A or K	4/5♣/6♣ = P/C; 4♦ = ? singl; 4♥/♠ =to play ; 4NT = ? 8 cards	RKCB: 1430- 5♣ (1-4) 5♦ (0- 3) 5♥ (2) 5♠ (2 +trump Q) 5NT: 1-3Kc+void; 6x: 2Kc+void; 6 Trump (2Kc+ void higher) TRUMP-QUEEN asking (AFTER RKC) EXCLUSION 03-14 JUMP 5NT: GSF; NJ5NT: Asks A; 5NT AFTER 4NT GS INV	
4♣♦♥♠		7		NAT PRE		DIPO at 5-level;DEPO at 6-level or above trump suit AUTOSPLINTER	
4NT	X	8		SOLID MINOR ,1 Ace 9 tricks NV and 10 Vul			