



**WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION
Standard Card**

System Summary

General approach and Style

Natural, 5-card Majors
 Longer Minor - 1♣ if 3.3
 Limit jump raises over majors
 INT response = not forcing

INT Opening: 15 - 17
 2 over 1 response: Promises rebid (See Note 7)

Special Bids that may require defence
 2♣ Opening = strong, near Game Force - any suit,(s) any shape
 2♦ Opening = Weak ♦ 6+ (6-10 HCP)
 2♥ Opening = Weak Major 6+ (6-10 HCP)
 2♠ Opening = Weak Major 6+ (6-10 HCP)
 3NT Opening = Gambling
 2NT Overcall = two lower unbid suits
 Michaels Cue-bids (Note 1)
 Lebensohl after 2-level overcall of INT (Note 2)
 Negative Doubles to 3♠

Special Forcing Pass Sequences

Important notes that don't fit elsewhere

Double Jump in new suit = Splinter if minor over major
 Jump Cue Bid by Opener = Splinter raise

Psychics:

Rare

Leads and Signals

Opening Leads - style			
Lead	In Partner's Suit		
Suit	3rd / 5th	3rd / 5th	
NT	4th	3rd / 5th	
Subseq			
Other	2nd from 4 small		

Leads			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx: Axxx(+)	AK: AKx(+)	
King	KQ; AK; KQ109x	KQ: AKJ10(x); KQ109(+)	
Queen	QJ; QJx(x)	QJ: QJx(+); AQJx(+); KQx(+);	
Jack	J10; J10x(+); KJ10x(+)	J10: J10x(+); KJ10x(+)	
10	109; 109x(+); H109x(+); 10x	109;	
9	9x; 98x(+)	98x(+)	
Hi-x	Sx; xxS	Sx; Sxx; xSxx	
Lo-x	HxS; HxSx(+); xSxx(+)	HxS; HxxS(+);	

Signals in order of Priority			
Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	
1	Hi/lo = E	Same	Same
2	Hi=encouraging		
3	S/P		
1	Hi/lo = E	Same	Same
2	Hi = encouraging		
3	S/P		

Signals (including trumps):
 Echo in trump suit shows ability to ruff

Takeout Doubles (Style; responses reopening)
 May be light with classic shape
 Cue = F until a suit is bid twice;
 New suit = FI
 Reopen: same as above

Special, artificial and competitive doubles/redoubles
 Responsive Dbl: After T/O Dble thru 4♥; after o/call thru 4♠
 Repeat same suit dble by Neg doubler = Take out (See Note 8)
 Over minor Michaels: Major = stopper
 Over Major Michaels: cue bid in opponents' major = limit raise or better

Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; responses: 1/2 level; reopening)
 General Style = Sound
 Reponses: Jump Raise = Preemptive
 Cue-Bid = Forcing raise
 New Suit = Forcing - jump shift = fit
 In Balancing Position: Same

Take-out double:
 General Style = Can be light / shaped
 Responses: Natural. Cue bid = Forcing

INT overcalls (2nd/4th live; responses; reopening)
 2nd Position = 16 - 18
 Responses: Bid as INT opening
 Natural
 4th Position = 10 - 14
 Responses: Natural

Jump Overcalls: (Style; responses; unusual NT)
 1-Suit : Natural;
 Responses - New suit = forcing
 2-suit:- 1♣ - 2♦ = 5♥/5♠
 Reopen: Cue = any good two suiter. 2NT = 19-21

Direct and Jump cue Bids (Style; responses; reopen)
 Direct Cue Bid = Michaels (Note 1)

Vs NT (vs Strong/weak; reopening; pH)
 Landy (Note 3)

Vs preempts (doubles, cue-Bids; jumps; NT bids)
 Take out doubles thru 4♥

Vs Artificial Strong Openings

Over Opponents take out double
 New suit forcing at 1-level
 Jump Shift non-forcing
 Double Jump = Splinter / 2NT = limit raise or better

Opening	Tick if Artificial	Min. No. Cards	Neg. Dbl. 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♦		3	3♠	11 - 21 HCP	Single raise weaker than double raise Strong jump shift (1♣ - 2 any)	As above - NOTE 5 -	As above
1♥		5	3♠	11 - 21 HCP	INT 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♥
INT				15 - 17 balanced	Jacoby Transfers: Note 9	Over Stayman: rebids are Major invitational, minor forcing	Dble at 3-level shows values. Dbl at 2-level is T/O
2♣	☐		3♠	Artificial, strong - near Game Force, any suit,(s) any shape	Natural; positive requires good suit; 2♦ = neutral	Cheaper minor = second negative thru' 3♦	Natural
2♦		6	3♠	6 - 10 HCP	New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum	3NT = AKQxxx	Natural
2♥		6		6 - 10 HCP	New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum	3NT = AKQxxx	Natural
2♠		6		6 - 10 HCP	As for 2♥ opener	As for 2♥ opener	Natural
2NT				20 - 21 balanced	Jacoby Transfers; Stayman Note 9	2NT - 3♠ > ♣ 2NT - 3♣ 2NT - 4♣ > ♦ 3♦ - 3♥ = 5♠ + 4♥	Natural Dbl = Penalties
3♣		6		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing	Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids) Five - Ace Blackwood: RKCB (Note 6) Cue Bids Splinters GSF No Changes Allowed:	
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		7(6)		Gambling	Natural		
4♣		7		Pre-emptive	Natural		
4♦		7		Pre-emptive	Natural		
4NT				Blackwood			



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Supplementary Sheet

Note 1: Michaels Cue Bids:

(1♣) – 2♣

(1♦) – 2♦

Both majors 5(+) / 5(+)

(1♥) – 2♥ = 5♠ + 5 minor

(1♠) – 2♠ = 5♥ + 5 minor

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

Note 2: Lebensohl:

2NT forces 3♣. Responder may now pass or make a minimum bid in a suit, NF
2-level new suit bids are not encouraging. 3-level new-suit bids are forcing

1NT (2x) 2NT (p)

3♣ (p) 3x = GF No Stopper

Note 3: Landy: (vs No Trump)

Penalty Double

2♣ shows at least four 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♣ = 1 + a void

