

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
<b>OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>
1 Level sound 7-19 pts
2 Level 5+ card 8 –19pts
<b>INT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>
15-18
System on
11 - 14 in 4th
<b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>
Weak major in 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 or 7 Cards – New suit forcing 1 <sup>rd</sup> – 2d = 5h + 4s (a hand not strong enough to reverse)
At 4 level 7+ Cards
Intermediate in 4 <sup>th</sup> (11-14pts good 6 card suit)
Reopen: constructive
<b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>
Ghestem (sup. note 5)
Leaping Michaels (sup. note 6)
Cue bid of openers suit at 4 level shows a strong pre-empt in a M
<b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)</b>
Hamilton VS Weak (sup. note 10)
Multi Landey vs Strong (sup. note 11)
<b>VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>
Take out X
Cue bid 2 suiter; Jumps strong
3 NT 16+
<b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣</b>
X=Ms; 1NT = ms; Also on after 1C pass 1D
2C Natural
<b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>
Jumps weak
2NT Limit raise or better
Bromad + support XX (sup. note 2)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5th	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5th	
NT	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 4th	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 4th	
Subseq			
Other: 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest from a bad suit			
<b>LEADS</b>			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx	AKxx	
King	KA KQx	KQJ KQxxxx	
Queen	QJ	QJ9 AQJ	
Jack	0 higher	0 higher	
10	0 or 2 higher	0 or 2 higher	
9	0 or 2 higher	0 or 2 higher	
Hi-X	Xx doubleton		
Lo-X	3 or more to honour	4 <sup>th</sup> highest	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Attitude	Count	Upside Down
Suit 2	Count	Suit Preference	
3	Suit Preference		
1	Count:	Count	Upside Down
NT 2	Count K unblock	Suit Preference	
3	Attitude		
Signals (including Trumps):			
Upside Down on a need to know basis			
<b>DOUBLES</b>			
<b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>			
11 +			
Responses: Jump 8 – 11: Cue bid forcing to suit agreement: Scrambling 2NT			
<b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>			
Support X thru to 2 S: Neg X thru to 3 S: Responsive ;			
Game try: Lead directing: Penalty;			
Value at 4 level			
Rosenkranz XX			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
<b>CATEGORY:</b>
<b>NCBO:</b>
<b>PLAYERS:</b>
BEV HEWITT + TRISH CROSSE FEBRUARY 2025
<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>
2/1(sup. note /7 Bart)
5 card majors
Clubs 3, Diamonds 4 unless 4432 when Diamonds 3
1nt 15-17
Multi (sup. note 9)
Dutch/muiderburg (sup. note 16)
Splinters
Upside down count and attitude
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>
Gambling 3NT (sup. note 19)
Jacoby 2NT over 1 M (sup. note 4)
Multi 2d (sup. note 19)
Lebensohl over our 1 NT; over weak 2s; over Multi 2d
Inverted ms
NTx – system on but xx asks partner to bid C and responder can pass or correct to 2 D
Drury – 2 way (sup. note 1)
Ghestem: (sup. note 5) / Gladiator (sup. note 21)
Check back stayman (sup. note 3)
Bromad (sup. note 2)
Cue bid raises by responder + advancer (jumps in competition preemptive)
1NT – 4 suit transfers Simpson (sup.note 8)
1NT – artificial slam try after stayman (sup. note 8)
Bergen (sup. note 17)
Mixed raises (sup. note 13)
<b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>
When our side has shown game values forcing pass is on
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>
Serious & non serious slam tries (sup. note 12)
Can open weak in third
<b>PSYCHICS:rare</b>

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	YES	3	3s		Inverted m raise – forcing to 3m Weak jump responses in majors but 2d = 5h + 4s (7-10 points)		same
1♦		3	3s	Only 3 when 4432 shape	“		same
1♥		5	3s		Jacoby 2NT (sup. note 4) Bergen Raises (sup. note 17) 3S – 9-12 pts + unspecified singleton(Sup. note 15) 3NT – 9-12 pts + unspec. singleton (Sup. note 15)	3NT = enquiry (Sup. note 15) 4c = enquiry (Sup. note 15)	Drury 2 Way (sup. note 1); cue bid raises; Mixed raises (s/n 13)
1♠		5	3s				“
INT				15 – 17(can be 5422 or 6m)	2c=Stayman; Smolen; Bertha (Sup. note 8) Transfers (4 suit transfers)	Super accept 4+ trumps	Lebensohl
2♣	YES	0		23+ (or any 9 trick hand)	2D=positive; 2H=negative (sup. note 14)	Kokish (sup. note 14)	
2♦	YES	0		Multi 2 D (sup . note 9)	2h=POC;2s=pass or more interest in h: 3h or 4h POC; 2NT enquiry	Sup. note 9	
2♥	YES	5		Dutch/muiderburg (7-10 pts) (sup. note 16)	Sup note 16	Sup. note 16	
2♠	YES	5		Dutch/muiderburg (7-10 pts)	Sup note 16	Sup. note 16	
2NT				20-21	Sup note 18	Sup note 18	
3♣		6		4 – 9 pnts	Pre-empt or game values; change of suit natural forcing for 1 round	3d=stopper asking; 3h/3s – 3nt (0 or 1); 4c – 2 no short; 4h/s – 2 with short; Anyother suit 3 and cue	
3♦		6		“		3h/3s – as above	
3♥		6		“			
3♠		6		“			
3NT	YES	7		Gambling solid minor	Sup note 19		
4♣		7		Namyats	Sup note 20		
4♦		7		Namyats	Sup note 20		
4♥		7					
4♠		7					
4NT							
5♣		8				<b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>	
5♦		8				Roman Key Car 1430	
5♥						PODI : Pass =1 or 4; x = 0 or 3; one up = 2 and two up = 2 + Q	
5♠						DEPO: x=even; pass=odd: Minorwood: Exclusion	
						Kickback: 4S is keycard after 4H agreed	

# CROSSE/HEWITT SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

## FEBRUARY 2025

### 1. DRURY – 2 WAY

1M opener in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> seat:-

2M by responder = 5 - 9 pnts

2C by responder = 8+ points and 4+ trump support

Responses by opener:-

- 2M = sign off;
- 2D = enquiry as to range? R bids 2M with minimum and a bid of any other suit shows maximum and a feature
- 2NT= has R a xx
- Bid a suit above 2M as a short suit game try;
- 4M = enough for game but no slam chances;
- 3M = good strong hand, allowing R to cue bid.

2D by responder = 9+ points with 3 card trump support

Responses by opener:-

- 2M = sign off;
- 2NT = has responder a xx
- Bid a suit above 2M as a short suit game try.

*Drury is ON over interference*

### 2. BROMAD-MODIFIED

**7 - 9 points and support after 1M - (x)**

1H - (x) - 2D = 7 - 9 points + 3 card support

1S - (x) - 2H = 7 - 9 points + 3 card support

and

1H - (x) - 3D = 7 - 9 points + 4 card support

1S - (x) - 3H = 7 - 9 points + 4 card support

**10+ and support after 1M - (x)**

1M - (x) - XX then support = 3xM with 10+

1M - (x) - 2NT = 10+ with 4xM support

### **TRANSFERS AFTER 1M - (X)**

After 1M(x) all bids by responder from 1NT up to 2M - 1 are transfers. These transfers can be the following:

1s x 1NT (transfer to c)  
1s x 2c (transfer to d)  
1s x 2d (transfer to h)  
1h x 1s (natural)  
1h x 1NT (transfer to c)  
1h x 2c (transfer to d)

- (a) A weak hand - pass after transfer
- (b) Stronger hands that can make a further bid
- (c) Hands with support showing a side suit with values

After the transfer bid opener can:-

- (a) Accept the transfer, unless having a void
- (b) Break the transfer by jumping in the suit (showing a good hand with a fit)

### **3. TWO WAY CHECK BACK STAYMAN**

1m-1M : 1NT

- 2C trf to 2d: O must bid 2d:-

R can pass, bid any suit at 2 level or

2NT as invitational

- 2M is to play
- 2 other M - shows 4/4 and is invitational
- 2C trf to 2D then other major shows 5/4 and is invitational
- 2C trf to 2D and then a bid of a 2<sup>nd</sup> suit at 3 level shows 5/5 and is invitational
- 2C trf to 2D and then bid 3 of M is invitational with a 6 card suit
- 2NT trf to 3c

GAME FORCE

- 2d is g/f
- 1m - 1M - 1NT - 3C g/f with 5/5
- 1m - 1M - 1NT - 3M g/f, slam invitational, showing a 1 loser 6 card suit - opener to bid 3NT with xx and cue bid with xxx or Xx
- 1m - 1M - 1NT - 4M no slam interest with a 1 loser 6 card suit
- 1m - 1M - 1NT - 2D - 3M g/f broken 6 card suit

- 1x - 1y - 1NT - 2NT - 3C - 3D/H/S shortage 4441 hand
- 1c - 1d - 1NT - 3M shortage g/f
- 1m - 1H - 1NT - 3S/4C/4D splinter
- 1m - 1S - 1NT - - 4C/D/H splinter

#### 4. JACOBY 2NT

1M - 2NT (4+ Trump support and opening + hand)

3c	=	short c
3d	=	short d
3 other major	=	short Major
3M	=	16+ (no shortage)
3NT	=	14-15 (no shortage)
4M	=	11-13 (no shortage)

*There is no Jacoby as a passed hand*

*There is no Jacoby over interference*

#### 5. GHESTEM

Over oppositions opening:-

2NT	=	5/5(min) in the 2 lower suits
3c	=	5/5(min) in the 2 higher suits
Cue bid	=	5/5(min) in the 2 extremes

#### 6. LEAPING MICHAELS

Over weak 2M:-

4c/d = 5/5 (min) in that m and the other M

Over weak 2d:-

4d = 5/5 (min) in both M

## **7.2/1 BART RESPONSES**

After partner opens 1M, in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 2/1 response is game forcing. 1NT is forcing for 1 round. 1d opening, in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 2c response is forcing for 1 round.

The above is off over interference.

### **OPENERS ACTIONS AFTER 1S - 1NT**

2C - genuine clubs or response of a balanced hand with no other second suit

2D/2H - Natural

2S - Natural 6+ card suit

2NT - 18/19 balanced (or a good 17)

3C - G/F - either with S + C; S + H; or just S. Responder accepts G/F by bidding 3D allowing O to show hand:-

3H G/F H + S

3S G/F S

3NT G/F S + C

4C G/F S + C shapely

3D - G/F - with S + D

3H - 5S + 5H invitational

3S - invitational 6+S

3NT - 6+ solid spades with 1 ½ tricks on side

4S - an 8 trick hand in S

## RESPONDERS ACTIONS 1S - 1NT - 2C

### 1. 2D - transfer to 2H (shows 5+ card suit):-

Responder can:-

- Pass
- Bid 2S = 5H and 2S 8/10 pts
- Bid 2NT = invitational with 5H
- Bid 3C - invitational with 5H and 4C
- Bid 3D - invitational with 5H and 5D
- Bid 3H - invitational with 6H
- Bid 3S - invitational with 5H and 3S

### 2. 2H - Transfer to 2S:-

Responder can:-

Pass - 2/3S 5-7pts

2NT - invitational to 3NT showing 4C

3C - 5+C and invitational

3D - 6+D and invitational

3S - invitational with 3S and a singleton (Opener bids 3NT to find out where singleton is)

3. 2S - 8-10 pts with doubleton spade

4. 2NT - invitational but denies 4C

5. 3C - pre-empt in C

6. 3D - pre-empt in D

7. 3S - invitational 3S no singleton

## OPENERS ACTIONS AFTER 1H - 1NT

2C - genuine clubs or response of a balanced hand with no other second suit

2S - G/F. Responder accepts G/F by bidding 2NT allowing O to show hand:-

3C G/F H + C

3D G/F H + D

3H G/F H ONLY

3S G/F H + S, SHORT C

3NT G/F H + S, SHORT D

3C invitational 5H + 5C

3D invitational 5H + 5D

## RESPONDERS ACTIONS 1H - 1NT - 2C

2D - Transfer to 2H

Responder can:-

- Pass
- Bid 2NT - invitational with 4C
- Bid 3C - invitational with 5+C
- Bid 3D - invitational with 6+D
- Bid 3H - invitational with 3H and a singleton. (Opener bids 3S to find out where singleton is - 3NT by responder shows S singleton)

## 8 ACTIONS AFTER PARTNER OPENS 1NT:

**Stayman** 2c - 2NT = both majors minimum  
2c - 3c = both majors maximum  
Partner must transfer into suit held

**Smolen** After partner opens 1NT:-

With 5/4 in the Ms and game going points bid 2c and if partner responds 2d jump to 3 of the 4 card M.

If partner bids 3NT:-

4d = transfer to H (6 card suit)

4h = transfer to S (6 card suit)

## Artificial Slam Try after Stayman

After 1NT open, 2c, stayman, and partner responds 2M a bid

of the other M is a slam try, inviting opener to cue bid:

1NT 2c 2S 3H = slam try

1NT 2c 2H 3S = slam try

## Bertha

With either 5/5 or 5/4 minors:

1NT - 3c = 5C and 4D, no singleton

1NT - 3d = 5D and 4C, no singleton

1NT - 3H = 5C and 5D, H singleton

1NT - 3S = 5C and 5D, S singleton

## Simpson

With 4M and 5m first stayman and if no major fit:-

1NT - 2c/2d- 3c

3d = five card minor: 3h = which minor: 3s = 5c/3nt = 5d

3h = doubleton h

3s = doubleton s

3nt = no 5 card minor, no doubleton

An enquiry to find out more about the shape of the 1 NT opening bidders hand

i) 1NT – 2♣ / 2♥ – 3♣

3♦ = doubleton ♦  
3♥ = doubleton ♣  
3♠ = doubleton ♠  
3N = no doubleton

ii) 1NT – 2♣ / 2♠ – 3♣

3♦ = doubleton ♦  
3♠ = doubleton ♣  
3♥ = doubleton ♥  
3N = no doubleton

iii) 1N – 2♣ / 2♦ – 3♣

3♦ = 5-card minor – 3♥ asks which and 3♠ = 5+♣ and 3N = 5+♦  
3♥ = doubleton ♥ – 3-2-4-4 (since a 5-card minor has been denied)  
3♠ = doubleton ♠  
3N = no doubleton

iv) 1N – 2♣ / 3♣ – 3♠ (3♣ here shows 4/4 in Majors, max., so must have a doubleton minor)

3N = doubleton ♦  
4♣ = doubleton ♣

v) 1N – 2♣ / 2N – 3♣ (2N here shows 4/4 in Majors, min., so must have a doubleton minor)

3♦ = doubleton ♦

3♥ = doubleton ♣ – 4-4-3-2

Note that after a response to a Simpson enquiry, 4m is Keycard in the minor suit bid. The exception to this is if a 3-3-3-4 or 3-3-4-3 shape is shown by 1NT opener: in this case the 4m bid is treated the same as over a 2NT opening – cue to co-operate with slam probe (with 4c support – suitable 3c support), 4NT otherwise.

With 5M and 4m, game force and a singleton:

a) 1NT – 2d

2H – 2S (enquiry)

2nt (describe your hand) – 3c = 4c 1d

3d = 4c 1s

3h = 4d 1c

3s = 4d 1s

b) 1NT – 2H

2S – 2nt (enquiry)

3c (describe your hand) - 3d = 4c 1d

3h = 4c 1h

3s = 4d 1c

3nt = 4d 1h

## 9. MULTI 2D

### Weak in the majors:-

2d – p – 2H pass or correct

2d – p – 2S more interested in H

2d – p – 2NT enquiry:- 3c = 8 – 10 pts – nothing to do with suit

3d enquires which suit

3h shows 6 spades

3s shows 6 hearts

3d = 4 – 7 pts and a 6 card H suit

3h = 4 – 7 pts and a 6 card S suit

2d – p – 3H pass or correct

2d – p – 4H to play

2d – p – 4S to play

2d – p – 4c bid the suit under your major

2d – p – 4d bid your major

2d – 3d – 4d pick your major

2d – 3d – x penalties

2d – 3d – 4H to play

2d – 3d – 4S to play

2d – 3d – 4c to play

### Strong Hand: 4441 18-24pts

After 2d – 2h Opener will bid the suit below the singleton:

2NT = singleton c

3c = singleton d

3d = singleton h

3h = singleton s

Responder will bid the singleton to enquire further. If they don't bid the singleton any other bid sets the contract irrespective of opener's hand.

The bid of the singleton is an enquiry as to point range:-

18 – 21 points is one step up

22 – 24 points is 2 steps up

Responder will either set the contract (3nt is to play) or will bid the next suit up as an enquiry for the number of controls (A=2; K=1).

If opener has shown 18 – 21 points the number of controls starts from 4 with step responses

If opener has shown 22 – 24 points the number of controls starts from 6 with step responses.

Responder will set the contract or will bid the next suit up as an enquiry for the number of queens.

## 10. HAMILTON – over Weak No Trumps

2c - both Ms (could be 4/4)

2c – 2d equal no. in both Ms

**2d - an undisclosed 6 card M**

2d – 2H pass or correct

**2H - 5 H and min 4m**

2H - 2NT show your m

2H – 3c to play

2H – 3d to play

**2S - 5 S and min 4m**

2S - 2NT show your m

2S – 3c to play

2S – 3d to play

2NT - 5/5 in the ms

## **11. MULTI LANDEY over Strong No Trumps**

X A longer Minor, shorter Major

X – 2c pass or correct

X – 2d bid your major

X - 2H to play

X – 2S to play

All other Hamilton bids apply

**Interference over 1NT:**

1NT – 2C (MAJORS) – X – PASS (happy to play in 2c X)

1NT – 2C – P – 2d (equal length you choose)

1NT – 2C – X – XX (pick your major)

1NT – 2C – X – 2d (to play)

## **12. SERIOUS AND NON SERIOUS SLAM TRIES**

If H agreed: 3S non serious (suit up)  
3NT serious slam try with S cue  
4C/D serious cue

If S agreed: 3NT non serious slam try (suit up)  
4C/D/H serious cue

## **13. MIXED RAISES**

A mixed raise is a jump in the suit below the one opened/overcalled in a competitive auction and shows 4 trumps and 7 – 9points

## **14. KOKISH**

**After 2C opening:**

2D = 4+ points (at least 1 Ace, a King or 2 Queens)

2H = 0-4 points

2S/3C/3D = 5+ card suit headed by 2 of the top 3 honours

2NT = 5+card H suit headed by 2 of the top 3 honours

A jump in suit shows a 6+ card one loser suit

**After 2D response to a balanced hand:**

2C – 2D – 2NT 22-23

2C – 2D – 2H – 2S – 2NT 24-25

2C – 2D – 3NT 26-27

2C – 2D – 2H – 2S – 3NT 28-29

2C – 2D – 4NT            30-31

**After 2D response to an unbalanced hand:**

2C – 2D – 3D            6+D and no 4 card major  
2C – 2D – 3H/S        6+D and 4 H/S  
2C – 2D – 3C            6+C – R must bid 3D to see if opener has a 4 card major and 3M shows a 5 card M  
2C – 2D – 2H            Partner must bid 2S and if opener has only H they bid 3H and if  
                                  H and a minor a bid of 3C/D shows 5H and min 4 of the minor  
2C – 2D – 2S            5+ S suit

**After 2H response to a balanced hand:**

2C – 2H – 2NT            22-24  
2C – 2H – 3NT            25+

**After 2H response to an unbalanced hand:**

2C – 2H – 2S forces 2NT from responder and any bid at the 3 level is non forcing  
2C – 2H – any new suit at 3 level is forcing

**15.1 MAJOR – 3NT**

**1S – 3NT            9 – 12 Points and an unspecified splinter**

4C            Asks for shortage:  
                  4D = D singleton  
                  4H = H singleton  
                  4S = C singleton

1S – 4C        Club void

1S – 4D        Diamond void

1S – 4H        Heart void

**1H – 3S            9 – 12 Points and an unspecified splinter**

3NT            Asks for shortage:-  
                  4C = C Singleton  
                  4D = D Singleton  
                  4H = S Singleton

1H – 3NT       Spade void

1 H – 4C       Club void

1H – 4 D       Diamond void

**16. DUTCH 2'S**

**2H            Hearts and a minor (minimum 5/5)**

2S – Natural 1 round force

3C – Pass or correct

3D – Invitational raise in hearts

2NT – Enquiry    3C minimum with C  
                          3D minimum with D  
                          3H maximum with C

3S maximum with D

- 2S Spades and another (minimum 5/5)**  
3H – Natural and Invitational  
3C – Pass or correct  
3D – Invitational raise in S  
2NT – Enquiry 3C minimum with C  
3D minimum with D  
3H natural  
3S maximum with C  
3NT maximum with D

## 17. BERGEN RAISES

- 1S 3C - 10/11 Dummy Points with 4 Card Support  
3D - 7/9 Dummy Points with 4 Card Support  
3S - 2/6 Dummy Points with 4 Card Support  
1H 3C - 10/11 Dummy Points with 4 Card Support  
3D - 7/9 Dummy Points with 4 Card Support  
3H - 2/6 Dummy Points with 4 Card Support

## 18. BIDDING OVER 2NT

- a) 3C = Stayman. If partner responds in a major then a bid at 4 level is a cue.  
3C – 3D and a major is bid = smolen (showing 4 of the bid major and 5 of the other).  
3C – 3D and 4 of a minor is bid that is natural showing 5+ in the minor. With 3 card support partner will cue or use 4NT as a sign off.  
3c – 3NT 4/4 both majors – partner transfers into suit held
- b) 3D and 3H are transfers. Partner takes transfer with 2 card support.  
i) 2NT -3H-3S shows 2S and a further bid of 4 of a minor is natural – with 3 or less of minor partner bids next suit up and any other bid is response to keycard  
ii) 2NT – 3H – 3NT shows 3card support and retransfers apply  
iii) 2NT – 3D/3H (transfer) – with 4 card support opener breaks the transfer showing a source of tricks and if there is room retransfers apply.
- c) 2NT – 3S is Minor suit stayman (promising slam interest and both minors 4/4 at least). 3NT by opener denies a 4 card minor and a minor shows 4+ in that minor.  
i) If opener bids 3NT then a bid of 4m shows 5+ cards and invites a cue. Opener cues with 3 card support or bid 4NT to play.  
ii) If opener has responded 4m then a bid of the next suit up by responder would be Keycard.
- d) 2NT 3NT is to play  
e) 2NT 4m is natural with 5+ cards in minor inviting opener to cue with 3+card support or revert to 4NT to play.  
f) 2NT – 4H/S – to play  
2NT – 3D – 3NT – 4S keycard in H  
2NT – 3H – 3NT – 4NT keycard in S

## 19 GAMBLING 3NT

A solid minor of 7+ cards (holding minimum AKQ) and denies an outside A or K

Partner can:

- (a) Pass holding cover in the other suits  
(b) Bid 4c – pass or correct – if weak  
(c) Bid 4M – to play  
(d) Bid 5c – pass or correct

- (e) Bid 4d on a strong hand with interest in slam. It asks partner to show shortage if held:
- (i) If partner has a shortage in a M they bid it
  - (ii) If partner has a shortage in a m they bid their own solid minor
  - (iii) With no shortage they bid 4NT

Defence to Gambling 3NT

- (a) X = strong balanced
- (b) 4c = short in D and take out (4d = bid your longer major)
- (c) 4d = short in C and take out

## 20 NAMYATS

An opening of 4c shows a good 4H opener – 8/9 playing tricks 7+ solid suit (no outside A or K) or a one loser suit with an outside A.

An opening of 4d shows a good 4S opener – 8/9 playing tricks 7+ solid suit (no outside A or K) or a one loser suit with an outside A.

Responder can:-

- (a) Bid relay step asking O to show a shortage if held
- (b) Bid 4M to play
- (c) Use RKCB – over 4c – 4s  
Over 4d – 4NT

Defence to Namyats:

- (a) Over 4c x = very strong and balanced/ 4d x = very strong and balanced
- (b) 4c p 4h p p x = very strong with shortage/4d p 4s p p x = very strong with shortage
- (c) 4c 4h = 5S and 5m/ 4d 4S = 5H and 5m
- (d) 4c 4nt = 5c and 5d/ 4d 4nt = 5c and 5d
- (e) 4c 4S = 5 S/ 4d 4h = 5h

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3 anything – 3NT –

- (a) 4c = Stayman 4d = no major  
4M = 4 card major  
4NT = bid was made on long solid minor
- (b) 4d = a weak transfer to a major (6 card suit). Partner bids 4h pass or correct to 4s
- (c) 4h/4s = 5 card suit with mild slam try – partner can pass, bid 4nt, cue or bid slam
- (d) 4nt = quantitative

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**1S – 1NT**  
**2NT -**

**3c Transfer to 3d**

Over 3d R can

- (a) Pass
- (b) 3h = 5H balanced GF
- (c) 3s = 6c GF
- (d) 3nt = 6d GF

**3d Transfer to 3h**

Over 3h R can

- (a) Pass
- (b) Bid 4h
- (c) Bid 3s = 5/5 in minors weak = 4m is to play
- (d) Bid 3nt = 5/5 in minors 9 to 11 points and 4m is keycard

**3h Transfer to 3s**

Over 3s R can

- (a) Pass
- (b) Bid 4s
- (c) Cue

**1H – 1NT**  
**2NT -**

**3c Transfer to 3d**

Over 3d R can

- (a) Pass
- (b) 3S = 6c GF
- (c) 3NT = 6d GF

**3d Transfer to 3h**

Over 3h R can

- (a) Pass, raise to 4h or cue
- (b) 3S = 5/5 minors weak = 4m is to play
- (c) 3NT = 5/5 minors 9 – 11 points and 4m is keycard

