

W B F CONVENTION CARD
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 Card Majors, Short Club, Multi 2♦, weak 2M (8-11)
1♣ = 2+
INT = 15-17
1M-2♣ = FG, ♣ or balanced
1♥/1♠-3♣ = 3 card inv
1♥/1♠-3♦ = 4 card inv
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
1♣-2♦ = invitational in clubs
1♦-3♣ = invitational in diamonds
2♣ = Strong Bal 23+ or any unbal FG
2♥/2♠ = 6 card suit 8-11 depending on vul/position
2♦ = 1 Major 5/6 card suit not as good as opening 2M say 3-8
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: Rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	7♥	Natural or balanced	2♣ is natural FG. 2♦ inv in ♣	1♣ - 2♣ - 2♦ is less than 4♣	
					2M = pre-empt natural 3L= Nat, weak (3-9)		
1♦		4	7♥	Natural	2♦=inverted raise GF; 2M=Nat weak; 3♣=Inv in ♦, 3M=Spl		Maybe jump fit
1♥		5	7♥	Natural	2♠= FG nat/bal; 2♦= nat GF; 2N=4+ card raise FG;	2NT rebid after 1M-2♠/♦ FG = 6cM	2♠= Drury
					3♣= 3cLR in ♥, 3♦=9-11 4+♥ no shortage	1M-2N-3♣=any min, 3♦=not min no shortage	Jumps = fit
					3♠=4+ card raise with unspecified singleton; 3NT spade void		*except mixed raise
1♠		5	7♥	Natural	2♠=FG nat/bal	2NT rebid after 1M-2♠/♦ FG = 6cM	2NT best raise
					2N=4+ card raise FG; 3♥=Nat, Inv.3c=limit raise in S	1M-2N-3♣=any min, 3♦=not min no shortage	
					3N=4+ card raise with unspecified singleton, 4c/d/H=void		
INT			7♥	15-17, 5M or 6m possible	2♠=Stayman; 2♦/♥=♥/♠ 2♠=Bal Inv or ♣	Smolen	
					2N=puppet; 3♠=diamonds; 3♦=5/4min 3M=spl	1N-2♠-2♦-2M= to play; 1N-2♠-2♦-2N= Nat inv	
					4♣/♦ are 2 under transfers		
2♣	✓	0		23+ Bal or unbal FG	2♦ -ve or waiting, suits natural positive	2♣-2♦-2N=24+. 2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠ relay-2N=22-23 bal	
2♦	✓	0		3-7 (5)6+ ♥ or ♠	2♥/2♠/3♥ = p/c 2N=enq: 3♣ min ♥, 3♦ = min ♠, 3♥ max ♠ 3♠ max 6♥, 3N max 5♥, 4♣ TRF to your M, 4♦ bid your M	After 2N we have step asking bids	
2M		6		Natural 8-11	2N=enquiry :3♠=any shortage -3♦ enq, 3M min 3OM 6-4	2M-2N-3N = good suit no shortage	
2NT				20-21, 5M or 6m possible	3♣ Muppet Stayman; transfers; 3♠=mm; 4L=2 below s/t	2N-3♣-3♥=no 4M, then 3♠=54(3) major	
3♣		6		Natural	3♦ asks for 3cd=Major, 4NT=RKCB	3♣-3♦:3♥=none, 3♠=3♥. 3NT=3♠, 4♠=both MM	
3♦		6		Natural	4NT=RKCB		
3♥		6		Natural	4NT=RKCB		
3♠		6		Natural	4NT=RKCB		
3NT	✓			Solid minor	4♦ asks for shortage 4♣/5♣/6♣=p/c		
4♣		7		Natural	4NT=RKCB		
4♦		7		Natural	4NT=RKCB		
4♥		7		Natural	4♠= to play 4NT=RKCB, bid suit need controlled		
4♠		7		Natural	4NT=RKCB, bid suit need controlled		
4NT	✓			Asks specific Aces	5♠=0; 5N=2		
5♣		7		Natural			
5♦		7		Natural			
5♥							
5N						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						RKCB (1430 if 4NT otherwise 30/41); over intervention below suit =p=step 1, x=step 2, above = depo, and we ignore doubles	
						Last train, cue bids; 5NT always “pick a slam”, Non-serious 3♠/3NT	