

McAvoy System Notes 2.0

I. NO TRUMP:

Responses to 1NT opening:

2♣ stayman

2♦ transfer

2♥ transfer

2♠ minor suit stayman or 3♦ signoff (if responder corrects to 3♦)

2NT signoff in 3♣ or any 4-4-4-1 then responder rebids singleton or void - rebid 3NT if singleton or void ♣)

3♣ slam try bid aces up the line (this is trump)

3♦ slam try bid aces up the line (this is trump)

3♥ slam try bid aces up the line (this is trump)

3♠ slam try bid aces up the line (this is trump)

Rebid of 3NT over 3 bid by opener shows no aces

4♣ gerber - also applies over any stayman response at 2 level

4♦ transfer to ♥

4♥ transfer to ♠

4NT quantitative - also after stayman response

5♣ to play

5♦ to play

Transfer at 2 level (jacoby)followed by raise to game shows mild slam interest.

So recall, transfer at 2 level followed by 4♣ is keycard gerber

Transfer at 2 level followed by any jump other than 4♣ is splinter

Transfer at 2 level (jacoby) followed by 4NT = quantitative
Transfer at 4 level (texas) followed by 4NT = keycard

After transfer or stayman responses

5♣ exclusion keycard

5♦ exclusion keycard

5♥ exclusion keycard

5♠ exclusion keycard

Responses to 2NT opening:

3♣ stayman

3♦ transfer to hearts

If followed by 4 ♥ rebid = mild slam try)

3♥ transfer to spades

If followed by 4 ♠ rebid = mild slam try)

3♠ transfer to 3NT

When Responder bids after 3NT:

4♣ shows one suiter clubs hand (bid aces or blackwood, **cannot** play 4NT natural here)

4♦ shows one suiter diamonds hand (bid aces or blackwood, **cannot** play 4NT natural here)

4♥ shows minor 2 suiter and singleton heart

Followed by 4NT, is Keycard in ♣ (although may be planning to play in diamonds)

4♠ shows minor 2 suiter and singleton spade

Followed by 4NT, is Keycard in ♣ (although may be planning to play diamonds)

3NT to play

4♣ gerber (# aces)

4♦ transfer to hearts

Followed by 4NT is keycard blackwood

4♥ transfer to spades

Followed by 4NT is keycard blackwood

4NT quantitative

5♣, 5♦ natural

5NT bid 4 card suits up the line

6NT to play



Smolen

Stayman followed by **Smolen**:

1NT, p, 2♣, p

2♦, p, 3♥ shows 4 hearts and 5 spades

3♠ shows 5 hearts and 4 spades

4♦ transfer to 4 hearts

4♥ transfer to 4 spades

Or 2NT (or opening 2♣ and then rebid of 2NT)

2NT, p, 3♣, p

3♦, p, 3♥ shows 4 hearts and 5 spades

3♠ shows 5 hearts and 4 spades

4 bids are natural

4NT quantitative

Ace Asking

Keycard Blackwood

5♣ 0 or 3 keycards

5♦ 1 or 4 keycards

Bid step bid (not trump) asks for queen

Reply = Next step denies queen

Bid at 6 level shows queen and king of that suit

5♥ 2 keycards, no queen of trump

5♣ 2 keycards with queen of trump

5NT = 2 aces and void

6♣ 1 ace and unspecified, working void

Gerber Ace Asking

4♦ 0 or 4 aces

4♥ 1 ace

4♣ 2 aces

4NT 3 aces

5♣ asks for kings

5♦ 0 or 4 kings

5♥ 1 kings

5♣ 2 kings

5NT 3 kings

Interference over blackwood (ROPE,DOPE)

X= odd number of keycards and 0 is considered an odd number

Pass = even

Over X of blackwood

XX = odd

Pass = even

Interference bidding over opponents 1NT opening:

x=clubs (or can play one minor if agreed)

2♣=♥♦ (majors at least 10 cards in 2 suits)

2♦ = ♥

2♥ = ♠

2♠ = 4 spades and a 6 card minor

2NT = ♣♦

3♣ natural

3♦ natural

3♥ natural

3♠ natural

3NT,4NT,5NT =minors

More detailed explanations:

X = clubs (all seats or if discussed = one minor)

2♣ = majors (ten+ cards in majors, 5/5 or 6/4)

Responses

Bid 2♥ or 2♠ if you have 4 in the suit

Bid 2♦ with all hands holding less than 4 in major

This caters to partner holding 6-4 in major suits,
partner will bid longer of majors, if 5/5 will bid hearts

Exceptions: Bid 2♥ with 3♥ and 1♠

Bid 2♠ with 3♠ and 1♥

2♦ transfer to hearts

2♥ transfer to spades

This allows overcaller to bid 2 suits, for example hearts and clubs, bid 2♦ to transfer to ♥ then bid 3♣ naturally to show the two suits (minimum of 10 cards in 2 suits)

II. Bidding over 2 suit interference overcalls

When opponents bid 2 suits,

x by partner indicates willingness to penalize at least one of the suits, this enables opener to double if they can

Therefore when no initial double and then followed by balancing X is negative double

Example:

1♣, 2NT (hearts and diamonds), p, 3♥

P, p, X (is negative double)

Example holding for this negative double bid:

♣ K xxx

♦ K x

♥ xxx

♠ Q 10 xx

Bidding after partner opens 1 major and opponents bid unusual no trump (for minors):

When partner opens 1♥

And opponents bid 2NT for minors,

3♣ shows limit or better in ♥

3♦ shows limit or better in spades

3♥ shows weak (or 2 level) heart raise

3♠ shows at least 5 spades and is forcing

When partner opens **1♠**

And opponents bid 2NT for minors,

3♣ shows limit or better in ♥

3♦ shows limit or better in spades

3♥ shows at least 5 hearts and is forcing to game

3♠ shows weak (or 2 level) spade raise

Defense against Multi

X=. 13-15 NT or 16+ any hand

2M= NAT

2N= 16-18

3m= NAT

If you pass and then reopen with a double that shows a T/O with a shortness.

2D-P-2M-X shows a T/O double of that suit

Otherwise you need to pass 1 round and then X.

For ex:

2D-P-2H-P

2S-P-P-X= T/O of spades

Lebebsohl is on (I like to have 2N after X as pick a minor or weak in D or C) which means that 3C could be wide range.