

GF = GAME FORCING

1NF = FORCING FOR 1 ROUND

M = MINOR

M = MAJOR

xfer = transfer

1♣ = (11)12-14 PC balanced / 15+ PC nat. / (11)12+ PC 4414 / 18PC+ any hand

1♦ = 11-17 PC 5+♦ / (11)12-17 PC 4441 / (11)12-14(15) PC 5♣, 4♦

1♥ = 11-17 PC

1♠ = 11-17 PC

1NT = (14)15-17, acceptable 5M or 6m, 5422 or 5431 distributions with singleton in minor?

2♣ = 10-14 PC, 5+♣, 4♥/♠ or 6+♣

2♦ = minimulti

2♥ = 5-10 PC, 5+♥ 5+♣/♦/♠ (acceptable 5/4 when green)

2♠ = 5-10 PC, 5+♠ 5+♣/♦ (acceptable 5/4 when green)

2NT = 5-10 PC, 5+♣/♦ (except P P P 2NT – then it is 20-22)

3♣/♦ = weak, even very weak when green

3♥/♠ = weak, even very weak when green

3NT = gambling - AKDxxxx in m

4♣/♦ = weak

4♥/♠ = to play

4NT = strong with both m

1♣ - 1♦ = 0-6 any hand; 7-11 with m (or both m); 16+ balanced hand (no 4M).

1♣ - 1NT = 7-11

1♣ - 2♣/2♦ = NAT GF, then 2♦/♥/♠ = 12-14 (seminatural, hand not suitable for NT) or natural strong hand 18+ and 5+♦/♥/♠ (if bid again in the next round)

1♣ - 3♣/3♦/3♥/♠ = NAT invitation

1♣ - 2♥ = minors min. 5/4, invitation

1♣ - 2♠ = xfer to NT, invitation

1♣ - 2NT = 11-12 PC, invitation

1♣ - 3♠ = xfer to 3NT

1♣ - 3NT = 13-15 balanced

1♣-1♦-1♥/♠ = 12-14 with shape 4432/4423 or 18+ with 5+♥/♠

1♣-1♦-1NT = 18-20

1♣-1♦-2NT = 21-22 (we play puppet stayman here)

1♣-1♦-2♣ = 15+ with 5♣+

1♣-1♦-2♦ = 23+ balanced (we play puppet stayman here) or any GF

1♣-1♥/♠-2♣ = 15+ with 5♣+

2♦ = GF

2♥/♠ = 5CM NF

2NT = 7-8 PC

1♦ - 2♣ - 2♥/2♠ = 15-17, 4CM reversed

1♦ - 2♦ = inverted minors 10+ PC, forcing to 3♦

1♦ - 2♥/♠ = 5+ GF

1♦ - 3♣ = NAT invitation

1♦ - 3♦ = weak

1♥/♠ - 1NT = 7-11 NF
1♥/♠ - 2♣ = GF can have ♥/♠ fit
1♥/♠ - 2♦ = GF, 5♦+
1♥/♠ - 2NT = 10-11 invitation with 3CM
1♥/1♠ - 3♣/♦ = invitation NAT
1♥/1♠ - 3♠/3BA = 13/15 splinter
1♥/1♠ - 4♣/4♦/4♥ (after 1♠) = 9-12 splinter

1NT - 2♣ = stayman, one or both M
1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ = NF (can be converted to 2♠ if opener has 2♥)
1NT - 2♣ - 2♥ - 2♠ = NF (shows hand 4144, opener can bid better minor)
1NT - 2♣ - 2M - 3♦ = strong suit agreement
1NT - 2♦ = xfer
1NT - 2♥ = xfer
1NT - 2♠ = xfer to ♣, then 2NT = max+fit; 3♣ = min
1NT - 2NT = invitation
1NT - 3♣ = xfer to ♦ (weak or strong)
1NT - 3♦ = invitation with ♦
1NT - 3♥/3♠ = minors and singleton in the suit (1345)

2♣ - 2♦ = relay, normally GF unless bid 3♣ in the next round
2♥/2♠ = 4CM
2BA = 13-14 and 6♣+ and no 4CM
3♣ = 11-12 and 6♣+ and no 4CM
2♣ - 2♥/♠ = nat NF
2♣ - 2♥/♠ - 3♦ = invitation with fit 3+
2♣ - 2BA = weak xfer to 3♣ or GF 5/5
2♣ - 3♣/♦/♥/♠ = invitation NF

2♦ - ?
2♥/♠ - P/C
2BA
3♣ = 9-10 ♥/♠
3♦ - 3♥ = ♠/ 3♠ = ♥
3♦/♥ = 5-8 ♥/♠
3♣ = GF on my suit
3♦ = invitation with fit in both M
3♥ = P/C
3♠ = invitation NAT
3BA = to play
4♣ = bid your suit with xfer
4♦ = bid your suit
4♥/♠ = to play

Some basic conventions:

Blackwood

5♣ = 0 or 3
5♦ = 1 or 4
5♥ = 2 no Q
5♠ = 2 and Q and 0 K
5NT = 2 and Q and 1K
6♣ = 2 and Q and 2K ...
6♦ = 2 and Q and 3K ...

Next available bid asks for the Queen, 2nd next asks for the Ks (we answer 0123).

DOPI/ROPI

X/XX = fit

Drury after 3/4 opening

Odwrotka (445566...). 1♣ - 1♥/♠ - 2♦ (odwrotka)

2♥ = 4M and weak hand
2♠ = 4M and strong hand
2NT = 5M and weak hand
3♣ = 5M and strong hand
3♦ = 6M and weak hand
3♥ = 6M and strong hand

XYZ (3-way checkback)

1♣/♦ - 1♥/♠
1♠/NT - ?
2♣ = xfer to 2♦ or invitation
2♦ = GF
2NT = xfer to 3♣

Lebensohl in 3 cases:

(1M) x (2M) 2nt
(2M) x (P) 2nt
1NT (2M) 2nt

Splinters:

9/12PC DIRECT

1♥ - 3NT/4♣/♦
1♠ - 4♣/♦/♥

13-15 INDIRECT

1♥ - 3♠ (3NT asks then 4♣/♦ and ♥=short ♠)
1♠ - 3BA (4♣ asks then 4♦/♥ and 4♠=short ♣)

16+ new suit and then jump (more likely after 2♣)

Defence against 1NT

DIRECT: (1NT) ?

X = 5+m and 4M (or strong hand)

2♣ = P/C

2♦ = bid your M

2♥ = to play

2♠ = to play

2♣ = both M

2♦ = 6+M

2♥ = 5♥ and 4m

2♠ = 5♠ and 4m

2NT = both minors

PROTECTIVE: (1NT) P (P) ?

X = 5+m and 4M (or strong hand)

2♣ = P/C

2♦ = bid your M

2♥ = to play

2♠ = to play

2♣ = both M

2♦ = 5+♦

2♥ = 5+♥

2♠ = 5+♠

2NT = both minors

Competitive bidding:

New suit forcing on 1 and 3 level

New suit NF on 2 level

Our 1NT doubled – we ignore the double and play system on

2NT after our 1♥/♠ = invitation with fit

Opponents suit always GF (can have fit or not)

Examples:

1♣ -(1♦)-x = both M

1♣ -(1♦)-1♥ = 4♥+ 1F

1♣ -(1♦)-1♠ = 4♠+ 1F

1♣ -(1♥)-x = no 4♠ (hand not suitable for 1NT)

1♣ -(1♥)-1♠ = 4♠+ 1F

1♣ -(1♥/♠)-2♣/2♦ = nat NF

1♥/♠ -(2♣)-2NT = invitation with fit

1♥/♠ -(2♣)-3♣ = GF (can have fit)