

SCOTTISH BRIDGE UNION BASIC CONVENTION CARD

<b>Basic System:</b>	<b>Acol, 4 card suits</b>
<b>Opening 1NT Range:</b>	<b>12 to 14</b>
<b>Responses:</b>	<b>Stayman, Transfers (all 4 suits)</b>

Opening Bids	Point Range	Minimum Length	Special Meaning and/or Responses
<b>1C</b>	10 to 21	4	1NT (8-10), 4 clubs, no major, 2 level jumps (0-6) 6 card suit, splinters
			Baron 2NT (16+, 4+ supp) & 3NT (13-15, 4+ supp), <b>3C (10-12), 4+ supp</b>
<b>1D</b>	10 to 21	4	1NT (7-9), 2 level (10+), no major, 2 level jumps above, splinters
			Baron 2NT (16+, 4+ supp) & 3NT (13-15, 4+ supp), <b>3D (10-12), 4+ supp</b>
<b>1H</b>	10 to 21	4	1NT (6-9), 2 level (10+), jump 2S as above, splinters
			Jacoby 2NT (gf raise, 4+) & 3NT (13-15, 4+, bal), Bergen raises
<b>1S</b>	10 to 21	5	1NT (6-9), 2 level (10+), splinters, with 3334 open 1C
			Jacoby 2NT (gf raise, 4+) & 3NT (13-15, 4+, bal), Bergen raises
<b>1NT</b>	12 to 14	balanced	Stayman ( could be invitational raise)
			Transfers in all suits (2S to C, 2NT to D, break to 2NT/3C with Hxx or any 4), after transfer 4C is RCKB and 4NT quantitative
			3-level response shows 6 card suit, gf, slam interest now 4 level bid is cue
<b>2C</b>	13 +	0	GF or 23+ pts bal 2D 4-7 pts or waiting          2H 0-3 pts
<b>2D</b>	5 to 10	6 (major)	Multi 2S shows raise to at least 3-level if H, invites 4H with upper range : 2H to play <b>2NT enquiry, then 3C/D= GOOD (8-10) weak 2 in H/S, 3NT is 19-20</b>
	19 to 20	balanced	2NT rebid, responses as per 2NT opener Dbl over all interference with strong, balanced hand
<b>2H/2S</b>	5 to 10	5 with 4+minor	<b>2NT enquiry, 3C/D= POOR (6-8) Lucas, 3H/S= GOOD Lucas with C/D</b>
			New suit constructive but non-forcing
<b>2NT</b>	21 to 22	balanced	Puppet Stayman
			Major suit transfers
			<b>3S minor suit Stayman, 3NT response denies 4 card minor</b>
<b>3 suit</b>	6 to 10	7+	Pre-empt (2 of top 3 in 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> & vul)
<b>3NT</b>	9 to 12	Solid minor	4C/5C Pass/convert
			<b>4D asks for singleton or void, 4H/S to play</b>
<b>4 suit</b>	7 to 13	7+	To play

Overcalls of Natural Opening Bids of One of a Suit

<b>Simple</b>	8 to 15, natural	<b>1NT (2nd position)</b>	15 to 17, balanced
<b>Jump</b>	Weak	<b>1NT (4th position)</b>	10 to 14, balanced
<b>Cue Bid</b>	Michaels	<b>2NT</b>	Unusual

Action over Other Opening Bids			
<b>Strong 1C</b>	Truscott (see supp)	<b>Weak 2's</b>	Double = takeout (+Lebensohl) 2NT = 16/19, balanced (less in 4 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>1NT</b>	Multi-Lucas 2C 5/4+ in M: 2D Multi : 2HS Lucas: 2N 5/5m		Cue is GF with other major + no stop 4C/D = 5m & 4M See supplementary section
<b>Weak 3's</b>	Double = t/o	<b>Multi 2D</b>	X = 13-16 or 20+ : 2NT = 17-20
	Cue m = M's		<b>2H/S = takeout of other major, 13-16</b>
	Cue M = M/m		Pass, then bid = strong hand
Action after Opponents Intervene with:-			
<b>Simple Overcall</b>	Negative double (to 4D), unassuming cue bids, Bergen responses to M opening		
<b>Jump Overcall</b>	Negative double (to 4D), unassuming cue bids, Bergen responses to M opening		
<b>Double</b>	Re-double shows 8+ (penalty orientated)		
	All suit raises are pre-emptive		
	2NT shows a good raise to the 3-level		
	<b>New suit is 1 round force</b>		
<b>Slam Conventions</b>	Roman Key Card Blackwood (14-30); after 5H/5S, 5N asks for lowest 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rnd control then new suit shows 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rnd control with Grand Slam interest		
	<b>DOPI after suit interference &amp; ROPI after dble</b>		
	5NT Grand Slam Force		
	4NT opener asks for specific A's (5C=0, 5N=2, 6C=AC)		
<b>Other Conventions</b>	Lebensohl (X of intervention/support = good 10+, penalty orientated)		
	Fourth Suit Forcing		
	Long suit trial bids (3+, looking for help)		
	Checkback after 1NT, 2NT rebids		
	Over 1NT doubled (XX is wk with 5 card suit (2C relay), 2any is 44 with suit above)		
	Directional Asking Bids		
	Splinters		
	Cue Bids (first bids should show first round control)		
1 <sup>st</sup> round jump shifts – 2-level weak (also after interference, unless disturbed)			
<b>Leads</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> best from long suits	AK, AKx, AKxx(opt'l), AJTx, KQ, KQx, KQTx, KT9x, QJT, QJx(opt'l), QJxx, QT9x, JT9, JT8, JTx, T98, T97, T9x*, Txx*, Txxx*, Hx, Hxx, Hxxx, Hxxxx, Hxxxxx, xx, xxx, xxxx, xxxxx (* lead small if p's suit)	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> top of poor suits		
	Generally top of sequence but some exceptions		
	Strong 10's, J highest		
Carding Methods			
<b>On Partner's Lead</b>	A & Q asks for reverse attitude		
	K asks for standard count		
	Otherwise standard count		
<b>On Declarer's Lead</b>	Standard count if helpful to partner		Occasional McKinney overtones
<b>Discards</b>	First = reverse attitude		Occasional McKinney overtones
	Other = standard count		

<b>UCB after Opps overcall</b>				<b>Dixon defence to Multi 2D</b>			
A lowest level cue bid shows 4+ card support, 10+ hcp, and asks about strength of opening.				2D	X	Bal 13-16 hcp or 20+ hcp	
With a min. opening, opener rebids suit (even if only 4 cards) at the lowest level.					2NT	Lebensohl responses, X again to show 20+ Bal 17-20 hcp	
Any other bid describes hand and is a 1 round force. 2NT is natural with stop.					2H/S	Tkout of other major, 12-16 hcp, 4+ major, NF	
Raises after overcall are preemptive - single is 6-9 hcp, double weaker and shaplier .					3 suit	12-16 hcp, 6 card suit, NF	
Other bids are forcing. Jump cue asks NT stop. Bergen after 1M opening					Game	To play	
					Pass	then bid shows str hand, 17+ hcp, not 100% F	
<b>UBC after our overcall</b>				2D P 2H/S	X	Bal 13-16 hcp or 20+ hcp	
A lowest level cue bid shows 3+ card support, 10+ hcp, and asks about strength of overcall.					2NT	Lebensohl responses, bypass 3C to show 20+ Bal 17-20 hcp	
With a min. overcall (< opening bid), opener rebids suit at the lowest level.					2S	Take out of H, at least 4 card S suit, NF	
Any other bid shows a feature and invites further competition.					3 suit	12-16 hcp, 6 card suit, NF	
Raises of overcall are preemptive. Other bids are constructive but not forcing.					Game	To play	
<b>Trial Bids</b>				<b>Lebensohl situations</b>			
After a minor suit raise, a new suit is cheapest honour feature aiming for 3NT.							
Without NT interest or with min. raise, responder returns to the minor suit				a		1NT	2any
After a major suit raise, a new suit bid asks for support (Hon or shortness).				b		P	2any
With support (but not min) or a max. raise, responder should bid game.						Leb	
				c		1HS	P
						P	Leb
<b>Jump Overcalls</b>				d		1HS	X
Weak	6-10 hcp, 6 card suit (like wk. 2 opener)			e		1HS	P
	Cue is only force					P	X
				f		1D	2HS
						X	P
<b>Openers 1NT is doubled</b>						P	Leb
Pass	Content (8+ hcp) or nowhere to go.						
	Other bids are weak, 0-7 hcp						
XX	<b>Wk, 5+card suit, opener must bid 2C and then pass</b>			<b>Lebensohl</b>			
2C,D,H	<b>Wk, 44 take out in bid suit and higher suit</b>			In any of the above situations:			
				a two bid is competitive, a double shows values for 2NT and is penalty orientated. 2NT requires opener to bid 3C and responder can pass if that is his suit or corrects if not, NF.			
				a three bid is natural and forcing to game			
				<b>a three bid in their suit, Stayman without stopper.</b>			
				3NT, values with stopper but denies major.			
				2NT, then 3 of their suit, Staymanic + stopper.			
				<b>2NT, then 3NT values but no stopper in their suit.</b>			
<b>Transfers</b>		Over 1NT. 2D trans to 2H, 2H trans to 2S. 2S trans to 3C and 2NT trans to 3D. 2NT over 2S and 3C over 2NT shows Ax, Kx or Qxx or better in the suit being transferred to.		<b>General Principles</b>			
				<b>Fast arrival in suit shows min hand</b>			
				<b>Jump in NT after FSF shows extra values</b>			
				<b>Support after FSF shows game forcing hand</b>			
<b>Lucas 2H,S</b>		5 card Major + 4+ card Minor, 6-10 pts, raises competitive, 2NT minor and range enquiry, 3C pass or convert to minor suit, over 2NT: 3C,D is 6-8 pts with minor, 3H,S is 8-10 pts with C,D					

<b>Bergen Raises</b>				<b>Defence to Weak Twos</b>				
I H/S	<b>3C</b>	<b>7-9 hcp, 4-card support</b>		Over 2H/2S	X	Take out, 13-15 hcp		
	<b>3D</b>	<b>10-poor 12 hcp, 4-card support</b>			2S	Non-forcing overcall		
	2H/S	5-9 hcp, 3+ card, support			2NT	16-18 hcp with stop in weak 2H/2S		
	3H	weak, 5+ support				(Puppet Stayman, Transfers, 3S - minors)		
	4H	weaker, long support			3 suit	Good 6 card suit, 13-16 hcp		
<b>System on in competition (but Acol 10- 12 2NT over X)</b>					3H/3S	<b>Game force, other major but no stop.</b>		
<b>Next suit bid after 3C/D before anchor is trial bid</b>					3NT	To play.		
<b>Jacoby 2NT over 1HS</b>					3S	Over 2H, good 6+ suit, invitational		
		Shows g.f. with 4+ support			4C/4D	6 card minor + 4 other major		
Responses	3 new suit	Singleton or void			4S/4H	Other major, to play		
	3 agr maj	16+ hcp			4NT	Both minors, 5+ in each.		
	3NT	14-15 hcp		2H/2S	X P	2S	To play, weak	
	4 new suit	5+ card suit				2NT	Lebensohl	
	4 agr maj	Min hand				3 suit	7-10 hcp, encouraging, but not forcing.	
Other game force supporting responses over 1HS						3H/3S	4 of other major but no stop.	
3NT	13-15 hcp, balanced, 4 card support					3NT	<b>No 4 card in other major suit + stop .</b>	
4 level	13-15 hcp, singleton (splinter), 4+ card support				Lebensohl	2H/2S X P 2NT P		
<b>Checkback over NT rebids</b>					in 4th & 6th	3C	Pass, or bid 3D, or 3H over 2S - weak, 0-6 hcp	
2/3 Clubs rebid shows 9+ pts and asks opener to (in order):							3H/3S game values, 4 of other major + stop.	
	show other 4 card major						3S, invitational over weak 2H bid.	
	rebid 5+ card major suit						3NT, values for 3NT, no 4 card major or stop.	
	show 3 card support for responders major						<b>(fast arrival shows NO stop)</b>	
	bid D with none of above and 15 hcp							
	bid NT with none of above and 16 hcp							
<b>RKCB</b>					<b>Multi 2D</b>			
	After 5C,D response:				2D 6 card heart or spade suit with 6-10 hcp or balanced 19 - 20 hcp			
	* 5 agreed suit assumes lower response, now new bid shows				2H/S to play, with 2S willing to play in at least 3H (if min H hand).			
	2nd rnd control and higher holding, after which 5NT asks for				2NT from responder enquires type.			
	Q trumps or extra unbid length, 6C shows - agreed suit denies				<b>3C/3D 8-10 hcp weak two in H/S. 3H/S 6-8 hcp weak two in H/S</b>			
	* Next suit up asks Q trumps, anchor denies, cue K or 5NT shows				3NT shows balanced 19-20 hcp.			
	* 5 unbid suit assumes lower response and ask to stop in 5NT				Over 2H/S (or 2NT) response, 2NT (or 3NT) by opener shows balanced 19-20 hcp.			
	* <b>5NT follow up asks for lowest outside 2nd rnd control</b>				<b>Now Puppet Stayman and transfers and Gerber.</b>			
	After 5H,S response				<b>Truscott</b>			
	* <b>5NT follow up asks for lowest outside 2nd rnd control</b>				1D	D and H	X	C and H
	<b>New suit is 2nd rnd cue and grand slam interest</b>				1H	H and S	1NT	D and S
					1S	S and C		
					2C	C and D	2D, 2H,	single 6 card suit.
					(At least 9 cards in the two suits)		2S	
<b>Multi- Lucas</b>					<b>Stayman</b>			
	2C= 5/4+ in majors	2D= multi	2H/S= Lucas		2C over 1NT asks for 4 card major. 2D denies major.			
	After 2C, 2D asks 5 suit, 2HS to play, 2N asks 4+ suit and range				<b>If responder then bids 2NT it shows 11-12 pts but may NOT</b>			
	Pts range 11-15. Over 2N, 3C,D is 4h,s min, 3H,S is 4h,s max.				<b>contain a four card major suit.</b>			