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SCOTTISH BRIDGE UNION BASIC CONVENTION CARD						
Basic System:		Acol, 4 card suits				
Opening 1NT Range:		12 to 14				
Responses:		Stayman, Transfers (all 4 suits)				
Openin g Bids	Point Range	Minimum Length	Special Meaning and/or Responses			
1C	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), 3C (10-12), 4+ supp			
1D	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), 3D (10-12), 4+ supp			
1H	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			
1S	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			
1NT	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			
2C	13 +	0	GF or 23+ pts bal 2D 4-7 pts or waiting 2H 0-3 pts			
2D	5 to 10	6 (major)	Multi			
			2S shows raise to at least 3-level if H, invites 4H with upper range : 2H to play			
	19 to 20	balanced	2NT enquiry, then 3C/D= GOOD (8-10) weak 2 in H/S, 3NT is 19-20			
			2NT rebid, responses as per 2NT opener			
2H/2S	5 to 10	5 with 4+minor	Dbl over all interference with strong, balanced hand			
2NT	21 to 22	balanced	2NT enquiry, 3C/D= POOR (6-8) Lucas, 3H/S= GOOD Lucas with C/D			
			New suit constructive but non-forcing			
			Puppet Stayman			
3 suit	6 to 10	7+	Major suit transfers			
			3S minor suit Stayman, 3NT response denies 4 card minor			
3NT	9 to 12	Solid minor	Pre-empt (2 of top 3 in 1 st /2 nd & vul)			
4 suit	7 to 13	7+	4C/5C Pass/convert			
			4D asks for singleton or void, 4H/S to play			
Overcalls of Natural Opening Bids of One of a Suit						
Simple	8 to 15, natural		1NT (2nd position)		15 to 17, balanced	
Jump	Weak		1NT (4th position)		10 to 14, balanced	
Cue Bid	Michaels		2NT		Unusual	

Action over Other Opening Bids					
Strong 1C	Truscott (see supp)		Weak 2's	Double = takeout (+Lebensohl)	
				2NT = 16/19, balanced (less in 4 th)	
1NT	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	
Weak 3's	Double = t/o		Multi 2D	X = 13-16 or 20+ : 2NT = 17-20	
	Cue m = M's			2H/S = takeout of other major, 13-16	
	Cue M = M/m			Pass, then bid = strong hand	
Action after Opponents Intervene with:-					
Simple Overcall		Negative double (to 4D), unassuming cue bids, Bergen responses to M opening			
Jump Overcall		Negative double (to 4D), unassuming cue bids, Bergen responses to M opening			
Double	Re-double shows 8+ (penalty orientated)				
	All suit raises are pre-emptive				
	2NT shows a good raise to the 3-level				
	New suit is 1 round force				
Slam Conventions	Roman Key Card Blackwood (14-30); after 5H/5S, 5N asks for lowest 2 nd Rnd control then new suit shows 2 nd Rnd control with Grand Slam interest				
	DOPI after suit interference & ROPI after dble				
	5NT Grand Slam Force				
	4NT opener asks for specific A's (5C=0, 5N=2, 6C=AC)				
Other Conventions	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 st round jump shifts – 2-level weak (also after interference, unless disturbed)					
Leads	4 th 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 nd top of poor suits				
	Generally top of sequence but some exceptions				
	Strong 10's, J highest				
Carding Methods					
On Partner's Lead	A & Q asks for reverse attitude				
	K asks for standard count				
	Otherwise standard count				
On Declarer's Lead	Standard count if helpful to partner			Occasional McKinney overtones	
Discards	First = reverse attitude			Occasional McKinney overtones	
	Other = standard count				

UCB after Opps overcall				Dixon defence to Multi 2D			
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	
UBC after our overcall				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	
Trial Bids				Lebensohl situations			
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 Leb
After a major suit raise, a new suit bid asks for support (Hon or shortness).				b		P	2any X P
With support (but not min) or a max. raise, responder should bid game.						Leb	
				c		1HS	P 2HS X
Jump Overcalls						P	Leb
Weak	6-10 hcp, 6 card suit (like wk. 2 opener)			d		1HS	X 2HS Leb
	Cue is only force			e		1HS	P 2HS P
						P	X P Leb
Openers 1NT is doubled				f		1D	2HS P P
Pass	Content (8+ hcp) or nowhere to go.					X	P Leb
	Other bids are weak, 0-7 hcp			Lebensohl			
XX	Wk, 5+card suit, opener must bid 2C and then pass			In any of the above situations:			
2C,D,H	Wk, 44 take out in bid suit and higher suit			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			
Transfers				a three bid in their suit, Stayman without stopper.			
	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.			3NT, values with stopper but denies major.			
				2NT, then 3 of their suit, Staymanic + stopper.			
				2NT, then 3NT values but no stopper in their suit.			
Lucas 2H,S				General Principles			
	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			Fast arrival in suit shows min hand			
				Jump in NT after FSF shows extra values			
				Support after FSF shows game forcing hand			

Bergen Raises								Defence to Weak Twos									
I H/S	3C	7-9 hcp, 4-card support						Over 2H/2S	X	Take out, 13-15 hcp							
	3D	10-poor12 hcp, 4-card support							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							
System on in competition (but Acol 10- 12 2NT over X)									3H/3S	Game force, other major but no stop.							
Next suit bid after 3C/D before anchor is trial bid									3NT	To play.							
									3S	Over 2H, good 6+ suit, invitational							
Jacoby 2NT over 1HS				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	No 4 card in other major suit + stop .					
4 level	13-15 hcp, singleton (splinter), 4+ card support							Lebensohl			2H/2S	X	P	2NT	P		
								in 4th & 6th	3C	Pass,or bid 3D, or 3H over 2S - weak, 0-6 hcp							
											3H/3S	game values, 4 of other major + stop.					
Checkback over NT rebids											3S, invitational over weak 2H bid.						
2/3 Clubs rebid shows 9+ pts and asks opener to (in order):											3NT, values for 3NT, no 4 card major or stop.						
	show other 4 card major										(fast arrival shows NO stop)						
	rebid 5+ card major suit																
	show 3 card support for responders major																
	bid D with none of above and 15 hcp																
	bid NT with none of above and 16 hcp																
RKCB				After 5C,D response:							Multi 2D						
	* 5 agreed suit assumes lower response, now new bid shows										2D 6 card heart or spade suit with 6-10 hcp or balanced 19 - 20 hcp						
	2nd rnd control and higher holding, after which 5NT asks for										2H/S to play, with 2S willing to play in at least 3H (if min H hand).						
	Q trumps or extra unbid length, 6C shows - agreed suit denies										2NT from responder enquires type.						
	* Next suit up asks Q trumps, anchor denies, cue K or 5NT shows										3C/3D 8-10 hcp weak two in H/S. 3H/S 6-8 hcp weak two in H/S						
	* 5 unbid suit assumes lower response and ask to stop in 5NT										3NT shows balanced 19-20 hcp.						
	* 5NT follow up asks for lowest outside 2nd rnd control										Over 2H/S (or 2NT) response, 2NT (or 3NT) by opener shows balanced 19-20 hcp.						
	After 5H,S response										Now Puppet Stayman and transfers and Gerber.						
	* 5NT follow up asks for lowest outside 2nd rnd control																
	New suit is 2nd rnd cue and grand slam interest																
Multi- Lucas				2C= 5/4+ in majors	2D= multi	2H/S= Lucas	2N= 5/5 minors				Truscott			Over a Strong 1C opening, shows 10-14 pts			
	After 2C, 2D asks 5 suit, 2HS to play, 2N asks 4+ suit and range									1D	D and H		X	C and H			
	Pts range 11-15. Over 2N, 3C,D is 4h,s min, 3H,S is 4h,s max.									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				
Stayman				2C over 1NT asks for 4 card major. 2D denies major.							If responder then bids 2NT it shows 11-12 pts but may NOT contain a four card major suit.						