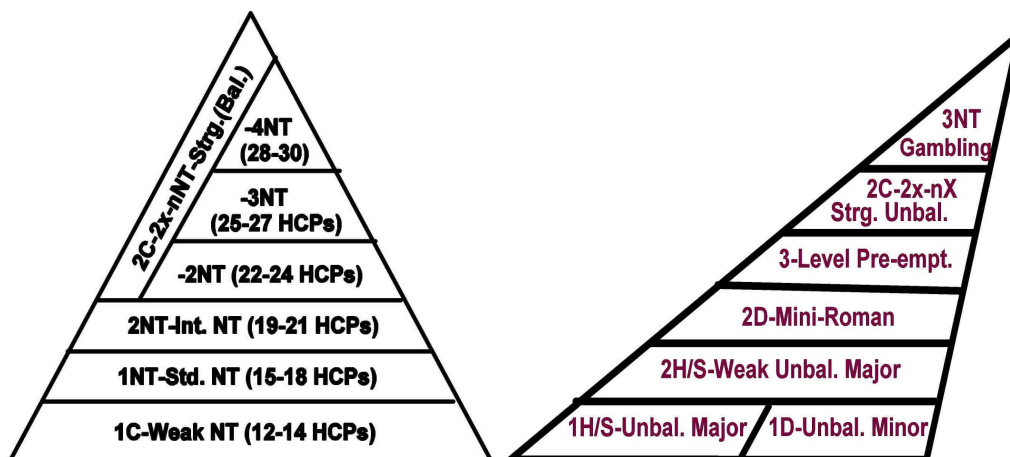


The Balanced-Unbalanced Openings System



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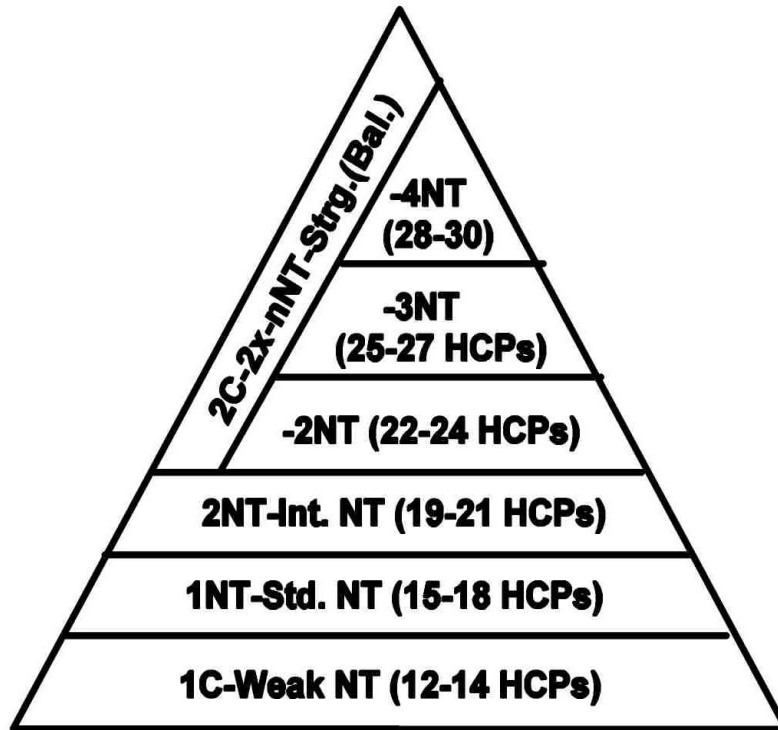
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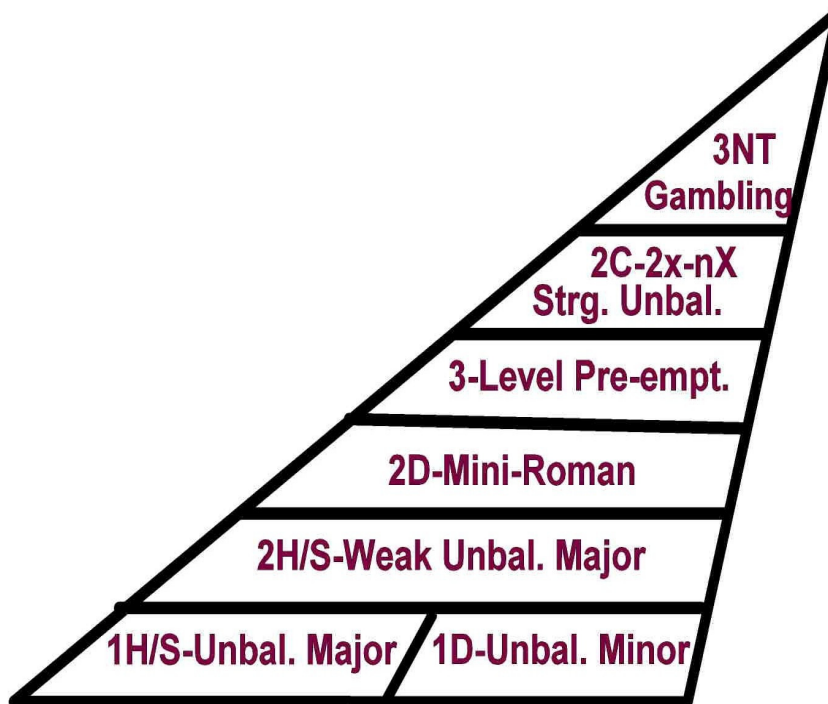
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The Balanced-UnBalanced Openings System

Introduction

What is It and Why?

Since nearly one-half of the hands that a bridge player is dealt are **balanced** --- one of three distributions: 4-3-3-3, 5-3-3-2 or 4-4-3-2, the Balanced-Unbalanced Openings System is designed to provide a consistent set of openings and responses for these balanced holdings over the entire range of opening points. A set of existing **unbalanced** openings (not balanced, containing a void singleton or two doubletons) and responses are proposed for the other thirty-six distributions, although a pair may pick-and-choose unbalanced openings that they prefer.

Becoming proficient at the opening and responses of the three balanced distributions is a distinct advantage over a multitude of widely different openings that do not describe the opener's distribution for partner. Since all balanced distributions are opened with a Balanced Open, the possibility that any of the unbalanced open is balanced is removed, and thus, provides more precise information for partner.

The Balanced Openings

These Openings include four openings that permit the Opener to describe balanced distribution holdings of 12-30 Points within 3-4 Point ranges. The Table below summarizes the openings.

| Balanced Openings Summary | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------|--------|--|-----|---|
| | | Opening BID | Points | Response Comments | | |
| 47.6% Balanced Distributions (3 of 39) 4-3-3-3 5-3-3-2 4-4-3-2 | | 1C | 12-14 | Standard NT Responses: Cs-Puppet Stayman Ds/Hs-Major Transfer Ss-Minor Stayman | | |
| | | 1NT | 15-18 | | | |
| | | 2NT | 19-21 | | | |
| | | 2C | 22-30 | Opener's 2 nd Bid | | After Steps Response |
| | | | | 22-24 | 2NT | |
| | | | | 25-27 | 3NT | |
| | | | | 28-30 | 4NT | |
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Note: Responses are ON with interference over all Balanced Openings, using Stolen Double or Overcall.

The Balanced-UnBalanced Openings

The UnBalanced Openings

These openings may be chosen to cover the point ranges and thirty-six distributions not established for the Balanced Openings. The Table below shows an opening set that, with the exception of the 1D-Unspecified Minor Opening, are standard, well-known openings.

| UnBalanced Openings Summary | | | |
|--|----------------|--------|--|
| 52.4% UnBalanced Distributions (36 of 39) | Opening BID | Points | Standard Responses (Except 1D) |
| | 1D | 13-21 | Unspecified 5+ Minor |
| | 1H/S | 13-21 | 5+ Major |
| | 2C | 22+ | Strong Unbalanced Opener's 2 nd Bid Shows Suit After Steps Response (3-Pt Steps: 0-2,3-5,6-8) |
| | 2D | 11-16 | Mini-Roman |
| | 2H/S | 5-11 | Weak Major |
| | 3C/D/H/S | 8-11 | Pre-empt |
| | 3NT | 15-18 | Gambling |

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Point Count Calculations

Refer to the following Tables for Opening and Responses Point Counts calculations.

| | Opening Points Calculations | |
|--|--|--------|
| | Holding | Points |
| Goren High-Card Points (HCPs) | A | +4 |
| | K | +3 |
| | Q | +2 |
| | J | +1 |
| | 10 | +½ |
| Distribution Points Adjustments | 4-3-3-3 Distribution | -1 |
| | Suit Length (N) of each Suit of N>4 | +N-4 |

| | Responding Points Calculations | | |
|--|--|------------|------|
| | Holding | Points vs. | |
| | | NT | Suit |
| Initial Response to Opener | Same As Opening Calculations Table | | |
| Adjust After Responder's 1 st Call & If Partner Fails to Show 4+ in Suit | Void | -5 | +3 |
| | Singleton | -3 | +2 |
| | Kx | -2 | 0 |
| | Qxx | -1 | 0 |
| | Jxx | 0 | 0 |

Balanced Openings

Balanced Openings

1C-Weak Balanced ("NT") Opening

| Answers to 1C Weak (12-14) "NT" Balanced Open | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 ♣ * | Level | Responder's Call | Points | Distribution & Comments | |
| Major Holding | Basic | 1D/H | 0-11+ | 5+ Card Major (Jacoby Transfer) | |
| Possible Minor or NT | | 1S | 10+ | 5-4 or Better in Minors (Minor Stayman) | |
| Weak Escape | | 1NT | <10 | 6+ C/D (Minor Transfer) | |
| | | PASS | | | With Interference |
| | | 1NT | | | No Interference |
| Possible Major or NT | | 2C | 10+ | 3-/4-Card Major (Puppet Stayman-Refer to the 1NT Table using increased Points) | |
| Major Select | | 2D | | 5-5 or Better in Majors | |
| | 2H | 5 Ss & 4 Hs | | | |
| | 2S | 5 Hs & 4 Ss | | | |
| Close-Out | 3NT | 13-16 | No Major (<3) | | |

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* Double of the Opponent's 1C Open in the immediate Seat is considered a "Stolen Open", and all Responses are ON, including, over interference.

Balanced Openings

1NT-Balanced Standard NT Opening

| Answers to 1NT (15-18) Balanced Open | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------|--|
| 1NT | Level | Responder's CALL | HCPs | Distribution & Comments |
| Major Holding | Basic | 2D/H# | Any | 5+ H/S (Jacoby Transfer) |
| Weak | | PASS | <8 | No Valid Response |
| Possible Major/NT | | 2C | 8+ | Puppet Stayman 3-/4-Card Major |
| Possible Minor or NT | | 2S | | 5-4 or Better in Minors (Minor Stayman) |
| Minor Holding | | 2NT/3C | 10+ | 6+ C/D (Minor Transfer) |
| Major Select | Adv. | 3D | 8+ | 5-5 in Majors (Major Choice) |
| | | 3H | | 5S-4H |
| | | 3S | | 5H-4S |

| Answers to 2C (Puppet Stayman) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------|---|
| | Opener's BID | Points | Distribution & Comments |
| Puppet Stayman Responses | 2D | 15-18 | Responder then bids- Holding a 4-Card Major: 1) with a 4-Card Major, bid the opposite Major, 2) with both Majors, bid 3D. Otherwise, 2NT with 8-9 or 3NT with 10-15 Points. |
| | 2H/S (2M) | | 5-Card Major (M) |
| | 2NT | 15-16 | No 4-Card Major |
| | 3C/D (3m) | 16-18 | 5-Card Solid Minor (m) (3NT Invitational) |
| | 3NT | 17-18 | No 4-Card Major |
| | NOTE: Raise to Game instead of bidding 3M or 2NT when Opener holds 17-18 Points, or Responder holds 10-15 Points. | | |

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2NT-Balanced Intermediate NT Opening

| 2NT | Answers to 2NT (19-21) Balanced Open | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------|---|
| | Level | Responder's CALL | Points | Distribution & Comments |
| Major Holding | Basic | 3D/H# | Any | 5+ H/S (Jacoby Transfer) |
| "Bust" | | PASS | <5 | No Valid Response |
| Possible Major/NT | | 3C | 5+ | Puppet Stayman 3-/4- Card Major |
| Possible Minor or NT | | 3S | | 5-4 or Better in Minors (Minor Stayman) |
| Minor Holding | Adv. | 3NT/4C | 7+ | 6+ C/D (Minor Transfer) |
| Major Select | | 4D | 5+ | 5-5 in Majors (Major Choice) |
| | | 4H | | 5S-4H |
| | | 4S | 7+ | 5H-4S |

| | Answers to 3C (Puppet Stayman) | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| | Opener's CALL | Points | Distribution & Comments |
| Puppet Stayman Responses | 3D | 19-21 | With a 4-Card Major. Responder then bids: 1) with a 4-Card Major, the opposite Major, 2) with both 4-Card Majors, 4D. Otherwise, bid 3NT with 6-11 Points or 4C, Gerber, with 12+. |
| | 3H/S (3M) | | 5-Card Major (M) |
| | 4C/D (4m) | | 5-Card Solid Minor (m) 5m Invitational |
| | 3NT | | No 4-Card Major |
| | Note: If Responder holds 6+ Points | Raise to Game in NT or Major. Consider Minor Game or SLAM Investigation. | |

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2C-Strong Balance (& UnBalanced) Openings

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Answers to 2C (Strong Balanced or Unbalanced Open)

| | Responder's BID | HCPs | Steps & Comments |
|-------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|
| Steps | 2D | 0-2 or 9+ | Step 1 |
| | 2H | 3-5 | Step 2 |
| | 2S | 6-8 | Step 3 |

Balanced Opening

2nd Bid of 2C Opener With Balanced Holding

| | Opener's Bid | Pair's Points | Responder's Actions |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Balanced (NT) | 2NT | 22-24+ | Balanced Responses or PASS |
| | 3NT | 25-27 | |
| | 4NT | 28-30+ | |

UnBalanced Opening

2nd Bid of 2C Opener With Unbalanced Holding

| | Opener's Bid | Pair's Points | Responder's Actions |
|------------|--------------|---------------|--|
| Unbalanced | nX of Suit X | 22-24+ | If Responder Answered Step 1, and Holds 9+HCPs, Investigate Slam. Otherwise, PASS. |
| | 3NT or 4M | 25-27 | |
| | Game or Slam | 28-30+ | |

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Discussion of Balanced Openings Response Selection

The choice of the response to the Balanced Opening must be evaluated using a logical priority basis. Remember that the Balanced Opener is showing Points by opening:

Balanced Open Points

- 1C12-14
- 1NT.....15-18
- 2 NT19-21
- 2C..2x..2NT.....22-24
- 2C..2x..3NT.....25-27

And, the Balanced Opener holds one of the following three distributions:

Distribution

- 4-3-3-3
- 4-4-3-2-
- 5-3-3-2

Note: Since Opener may hold one 5-card Suit, a Major or Minor, the response sequence must communicate that situation.

The following response decisions should be evaluated in the specified priority order, based on the Responder's holding:

1. With a 5+ card Major bid *Jacoby Transfe* (bid Diamonds or Hearts)r.
2. With a 3- or 4-card Major , and sufficient Points, bid *Puppet Stayman* (bid Clubs)
3. With a 5-4, or better, holding in the Minors, and with sufficient Points, bid *Minor Stayman* (bid Spades).
4. With a 6+ card Minor holding, and sufficient Points, use the *Minor Transfers* (bid NT or Clubs).

Notes: a) Responder's use of 1. or 2. will find all 8+ card Major fits by partnership, or a Contract in NT. To use the 3. or 4. responseb, the Responder will hold 2-2, or less, in the Majors, which will be rare.

b) All responses are ON with interference.

UnBalanced Openings

UnBalanced Openings

1D-UnBalanced-Unspecified Minor Opening

| Answers to 1D (Unbalanced Minor) Open | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------|--|
| 1 ♦ * | Responder's Call | Points | Distribution & Comments |
| Weak | PASS | <6 | Minimal Points |
| | 1NT | 6-9 | |
| Show Major | 1M | 8-9 | 4+ Card Major |
| | 2M | 10+ | 5-Card Major |
| | 2D | | 5-5 in Majors |
| | 3M | | 6+ Card Major |
| Suggest NT | 2NT | 10-11 | No 4+ Card Major and No 3-3 Minors Support |
| | 3NT | 12-14 | |
| Show Minor | 2C | 10+ | 3-3 or Better in the Minors |
| | 3C | 6-9 | |
| | 3D | 10+ | 5+ Card Diamond suit |

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Notes: 1) Responses are ON with interference.

2) Opener's 2nd Minor Bid specifies Suit with length.

* Double of the Opponent's 1D Open in the immediate Seat is considered a "Stolen Open", and all Responses are ON, including, over interference.

The 1D-Unbalanced replaces the traditional 1C/D Openings, but provides information, in addition to a) denial of a 5-card Major, and b) 1-level opening points, and c) a 3- or 4-card Minor: d) at least, one unspecified 5-card Minor, and e) an unbalanced distribution. The responses to the 1DUnbalanced Minor Open attempt to identify a Major of NT fit as the first priority.

UnBalanced Openings

1H/S-Unbalanced Major Opening

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| Answers to 1M (Unbalanced Major) Open | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------|--|
| | Responder's Call | Points | Distribution & Comments |
| Weak | PASS | <6 | No Valid Response |
| | 1NT | 6-9 | 0-2 Card Major Support |
| | 2M | 6-9 | 3-Card Major Support (M) |
| Invitational | 2C (1 st Seat) 2D (1 st Seat) | 10-11 | Two-Way Drury (Over 3 rd Seat Major Open) |
| | | | 3-Card Major Support |
| | | | 4-Card Major Support |
| | 2X | 10+ | 5+ Card Other Major X |
| | 3M | 10-11 | Over 1 st /2 nd /4 th Seat Open |
| | | 12-14 | Over 3 rd Seat Open |
| Game Force | 2NT | 13+ | 4+ Card Major Support (Jacoby 2NT) |
| | 3NT | 12-14 | No Major Support |
| Show Minor | 2C/D (2 nd - 4 th Seat) | 10-11 | 4+ Minor, No Major |
| | 3C/D | 12-15+ | No Major, Strong Minor |

| | Opener's Call | Distribution & Comments |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Opener's Response to Jacoby 2NT | PASS | Weak-Desire to play at 2NT |
| | 3C/D/m | Singleton or Void in Suit Bid (m: Major not opened) |
| | 3NT | Very Strong: 16+ HCPs |
| | 4C | Weak-Desire to play in Opener's Suit |
| | 4D | Asks for Bid of Singleton or 4M |
| | 4H/S | Self-Sufficient Bid in Other Major |
| | 4M | Minimum Opening: 12-14 HCPs (M: Major opened) |

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Note: Jacoby 2NT Responses are OFF with interference.

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2D-Mini-Roman Unbalanced Opening

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| Answers to 2D (Mini-Roman, 11-16 HCPs) Open | | | |
|---|-------------|--|--|
| Responder's BID | HCPs | Comments | |
| 2H | 0-10 | 4-Card Hs/ No 5+ Card Suit | |
| 2/3X | 0-10 | 5+ Card Suit, X, or Cheapest 4-card Suit | |
| 2NT | 11+ | Game Interest - Request to Bid Short Suit | |
| Note: If Initial Response is Opener's short Suit, Partner bids up-the-line to find a combined 8-Card Suit match. | | | |

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2H/S-Weak Unbalanced Major Opening

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| Answers to 2M (Major-H or S) Weak Unbalanced Major Open | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------|---|
| Responder's Call to Weak Major Open | Responder's Call | Points | Comments |
| | PASS | < 13 | No Game |
| | 3M | 13-14 | 2+ Cards in Major, M, Invite Major Game |
| | 4M | 15-16 | 2-3 of Major, M, Raise to Major Game |
| | 4C | 15+ | Gerber, 3+ of Major, M, Investigate Major Slam |
| | 2NT | 13+ | Ogust-Possible Game or Slam |

| Response to Opener's 2NT Ogust Bid | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Opener's Response | Opener's Holding | | Comments |
| | | Points | Top 3 M Honors | |
| Ogust Response | 3C | 5-8 | 1 | Responder Uses Info to Possibly Bid 3NT or 4M or SLAM |
| | 3D | | 2 | |
| | 3H | 9-11 | 1 | |
| | 3S | | 2 | |
| | 3NT | 9+ | 3 | |

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3C/DH/S-Pre-emptive Unbalanced Openings

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| Answers to 3-Level Unbalanced (Pre-emptive) Opens | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|---|
| Initial Response | Responder's BID | HCPs | Comments |
| | 4H/S | 11-15 | Over Major Open with 2- Card Support & 3 Quick Tricks |
| | 4NT | 15+ | Two Aces in Off Suits & Slam Interest |
| | 3NT | 16+ | Rare - No More Than Four Losers |

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3NT-Gambling Unbalanced Opening

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 3NT Opener With 7+ Minor and Some Side-Suit Stoppers | Gambling 3NT (Solid 7+ Card Minor Suit) | |
| | Responder's Call | Comments |
| | PASS | Play at 3NT |
| | 4C | Weak---Select Minor |
| | 4D | If Singleton, Major(M), Bid 4M, Minor, Bid Opposite. If None, Bid 4NT. |
| | 4M | Desire to Play in Major |
| | 4NT | Asking Steps: 1-3 Aces |
| | 5C | Minor Game (May Correct to 5D) |
| | 5D | Natural-Have Honor in Clubss |
| | 5NT | Grand Slam Force |
| | 6C | Desire to Play Minor Slam |
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Openings Summary

Openings Summary

| OPEN | Adjusted POINTS | DESCRIPTION | Alert or Announce | Alert/Info Description | RESPONSES |
|-----------|------------------|--|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1C | 12-14 | Balanced-Weak NT | Alert | 5-Card Major OK One Doubleton OK | Balanced (Special) |
| 1D | 13-21 | Unbalanced-Minor (5+ card Minor,) | Alert | Unbalanced Undefined 5+ Minor, No 5+ card Major, Ds could be short) | Special |
| 1H/S | 13-21 | Unbalanced-Major (5+ card Major) | | Unbalanced 5+ Major | Standard |
| 1NT | 15-18 | Balanced-Standard NT | Announce | Standard Balanced NT | Balanced |
| 2C | 22+ or 9+ Tricks | Balanced-Strong NT or Unbalanced Suit-Strong | | Strong Balanced "NT" or Strong Unbalanced Suit | Steps & Balanced or Natural |
| 2D | 11-16 HCPs | Unbalanced-Mini-Roman (3-Suited Open) | Alert | Mini-Roman (5-4-4-0 or 4-4-4-1) | Standard |
| 2H/S | 7-11 HCPs | Unbalanced-Weak Major (6-Card Major) | | Weak Major (1 of Top 3) | Ogust |
| 2NT | 19-21 | Balanced-Intermediate NT | | Intermediate Balanced NT | Balanced |
| 3C/D /H/S | 9-11 HCPs | Unbalanced-Preempt (7+ Card Suit) | | Pre-emptive (2 of Top 3) | Natural |
| 3NT | 15-18 Adjusted | Unbalanced-Gambling (7+ Card Minor Suit) | Alert | Gambling NT | Standard |

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Interference Defense

Step Responses with DoPI & RoPI

| Step # | 4C: RKC Gerber 1430 | | 4NT: RKC Blackwood 1430 | | Weak Two - 2NT: Oguist | | Strong 2C: HCPs Steps | | Step Interferenc Type | | Step # |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | Call | Meaning | Call | Meaning | Call | Meaning | Call | Meaning | Overcall (DoPI) | Double (RoPI) | |
| 1 | 4D Key Cards | 1 or 4 Key Cards | 5C Key Cards | 1 or 4 Key Cards | 3C HCPs 1 of Top 3 | 7-8 HCPs 1 of Top 3 | 2D HCPs 9+ | 0-2 or 9+ | Double | Re- double | 1 |
| 2 | 4H Key Cards | 0 or 3 Key Cards | 5D Key Cards | 0 or 3 Key Cards | 3D HCPs 2 of Top 3 | 7-8 HCPs 2 of Top 3 | 2H HCPs 3-5 | 3-5 HCPs | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 3 | 4S Key Cards w/o Queen | 2 or 5 Key Cards w/o Queen | 5H Key Cards w/o Queen | 2 or 5 Key Cards w/o Queen | 3H HCPs 1 of Top 3 | 9-11 HCPs 1 of Top 3 | 2S HCPs 6-8 | 6-8 HCPs | 1 st Bid In Sequence | | 3 |
| 4 | 4N Key Cards with Queen | 2 or 5 Key Cards with Queen | 5S Key Cards with Queen | 2 or 5 Key Cards with Queen | 3S HCPs 2 of Top 3 | 9-11 HCPs 2 of Top 3 | | | 2 nd Bid In Sequence | | 4 |
| 5 | | | | | 3N HCPs x | AKQxx x | | | 3 rd Bid In Sequence | | 5 |

Appendix

Defensive Methods

Carding & Signaling

| Carding Signals Summary | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Leads | Summary: | Shows... |
| Ace | | AKQ10, AKJ9, AQJ10 (Unblock Signal). Rarely against Suit Contract, shows Ax. |
| King | | Top of Sequence- KQJ, KQ10, maybe KQx. |
| Queen | | Top of Sequence- QJ10, QJ9, maybe QJx. Also, from Suits headed by KQ109. |
| Jack | | Top of Sequence- Maybe J10x (Denies Higher Honor). |
| Ten | | Two or Zero Higher Honors. |
| Nine | | Combinations headed by A109, K109, Q109. Possible, but rarely, a top Card. |
| High | | Encourages Suit on 1 st Lead or Discard of Suit. |
| Low | | Discourages Suit on 1 st Lead or Discard of Suit. |

1-Level Suit-Opener Defenses

| Opening | Michael's | | Unusual 2NT | |
|---------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| | Overcall | Holding | Overcall | Holding |
| 1C | 2C | 5 Hearts & 5 Spades | 2NT | 5 Hearts & 5 of Unbind Minor |
| 1D | 2D | | | |
| 1H | 2H | 5 Ss & 5-card Minor | | 5 Clubs & 5 Diamonds |
| 1S | 2S | 5 Hs & 5-card Minor | | |

Michael's Cue Bid:

Michael's cue bid describes a two-suited hand that is either weak or strong but not intermediate. A bid of 2C, over an opening bid of 1C, or 2D over 1D, shows hearts and spades. A bid of 2H, over 1H, or 2S over 1S, shows the other major and either minor. Both suits generally should be at least 5 cards long. A bid of 2NT by Responder asks the cue-bidder to bid the minor. A second bid by the cue-bidder (other than in response to 2NT) shows that the cue bid was strong (17 points or more).

Unusual Two No-Trump:

A direct overcall of 2NT, of an opening bid of one in a minor suit, shows a hand of weak to medium strength (depending on vulnerability), and at least 5 cards in both majors. If a major was opened, the 2NT overcall shows 5 cards, each, in a minor and the other major.

Appendix

Defense of Opponent's 1NT Open - Cappelletti

| Cappelletti (1NT Defense) Immediate Seat Overcall | | | |
|---|---|-------------------|---|
| Overcaller's Call | Overcall Meaning (13+ Points) | Partner's Respose | |
| | | Call | Comments |
| Double | Penalty | Pass | No Partner Action |
| 2C | Hold a 6+ Card Suit | ReDouble | When Doubled & With support in all suits. |
| | | Pass | With 6+ solid Club suit. |
| | | 2D | Relay Bid-Permit Partner to Bid Long Suit |
| | | 2H/S | Bid 5+ Card Major |
| | | 2NT | 11+ HCPs and support in all four Suits |
| 2D | Hold 5-5 in Majors (or Better) | 2H/S | Bid Best Major |
| | | 2NT | Request Bid of Minor |
| | | 3C | 6+ Solid Club Suit |
| | | 3H/S | Major Limit Raise 10-11 Points |
| 2H | Hold 5-4+ in Hearts & a Minor (or Better) | Pass | Hearts O.K. |
| | | 2NT | <u>Request Minor Suid Bid</u> |
| | | 3H | Major Limit Raise 10-11 Points |
| | | New Suit | Natural – Non Forcing |
| 2S | Hold 5-4+ in Spades & a Minor (Better) | Pass | Spades O.K. |
| | | 2NT | <u>Request Minor Suid Bid</u> |
| | | 3S | Major Limit Raise 10-11 Points |
| | | New Suit | Natural – Non Forcing |
| 2NT | Hold 5-5 in Minors | 3C/D | Bid Better Minor |
| | | 3H/S | Bid 6+ Major |
| With interference after the OverCall, a Pass is O.K. | | | |

Appendix

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Opening Hand Distribution Probabilities

| Distribution | Total Hands | Probability | Bal. |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 13,0,0,0 | 4 | 6.30E-12 | NO |
| 12,1,0,0 | 2028 | 3.19E-09 | NO |
| 11,2,0,0 | 73008 | 1.15E-07 | NO |
| 11,1,1,0 | 158184 | 2.49E-07 | NO |
| 10,3,0,0 | 981552 | 1.55E-06 | NO |
| 10,2,1,0 | 6960096 | 1.10E-05 | NO |
| 10,1,1,1 | 2513368 | 3.96E-06 | NO |
| 9,4,0,0 | 6134700 | 9.66E-06 | NO |
| 9,3,1,0 | 63800880 | 0.000100 | NO |
| 9,2,2,0 | 52200720 | 8.22E-05 | NO |
| 9,2,1,1 | 113101560 | 0.000178 | NO |
| 8,5,0,0 | 19876428 | 3.13E-05 | NO |
| 8,4,1,0 | 287103960 | 0.000452 | NO |
| 8,3,2,0 | 689049504 | 0.001085 | NO |
| 8,3,1,1 | 746470296 | 0.001176 | NO |
| 8,2,2,1 | 1221496848 | 0.001924 | NO |
| 7,6,0,0 | 35335872 | 5.56E-05 | NO |
| 7,5,1,0 | 689049504 | 0.001085 | NO |
| 7,4,2,0 | 2296831680 | 0.003617 | NO |
| 7,4,1,1 | 2488234320 | 0.003918 | NO |
| 7,3,3,0 | 1684343232 | 0.002652 | NO |
| 7,3,2,1 | 11943524736 | 0.018808 | NO |
| 7,2,2,2 | 3257324928 | 0.005130 | NO |
| 6,6,1,0 | 459366336 | 0.000723 | NO |
| 6,5,2,0 | 4134297024 | 0.006511 | NO |
| 6,5,1,1 | 4478821776 | 0.007053 | NO |
| 6,4,3,0 | 8421716160 | 0.013262 | NO |
| 6,4,2,1 | 29858811840 | 0.047021 | NO |
| 6,3,3,1 | 21896462016 | 0.034482 | NO |
| 6,3,2,2 | 35830574208 | 0.056425 | NO |
| 5,5,3,0 | 5684658408 | 0.008952 | NO |
| 5,5,2,1 | 20154697992 | 0.031739 | NO |
| 5,4,4,0 | 7895358900 | 0.012433 | NO |
| 5,4,3,1 | 82111732560 | 0.129307 | NO |
| 5,4,2,2 | 67182326640 | 0.105797 | NO |
| 5,3,3,2 | 98534079072 | 0.1551680 | YES |
| 4,4,4,1 | 19007345500 | 0.029932 | NO |
| 4,4,3,2 | 136852887600 | 0.215512 | YES |
| 4,3,3,3 | 66905856160 | 0.105361 | YES |
| Total: | 635013559600 | 1 | |

Appendix

Opening Hand Point Count Probabilities

| Honor Count | Occurrences | Probability | Cumulative | Avg Honors |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 37 | 4 | 0.00000000001 | 6.30E-12 | 13 |
| 36 | 60 | 0.00000000009 | 1.01E-10 | 12.4 |
| 35 | 624 | 0.00000000098 | 1.08E-09 | 12.0769 |
| 34 | 4,484 | 0.00000000706 | 8.14E-09 | 11.4585 |
| 33 | 22,360 | 0.00000003521 | 4.34E-08 | 11.2161 |
| 32 | 109,156 | 0.00000017190 | 2.15E-07 | 10.6851 |
| 31 | 388,196 | 0.00000061132 | 8.27E-07 | 10.4401 |
| 30 | 1,396,068 | 0.00000219849 | 3.03E-06 | 10.0376 |
| 29 | 4,236,588 | 0.00000667165 | 9.70E-06 | 9.7116 |
| 28 | 11,790,760 | 0.00001856770 | 2.83E-05 | 9.4187 |
| 27 | 31,157,940 | 0.00004906660 | 7.73E-05 | 9.0614 |
| 26 | 74,095,248 | 0.00011668300 | 0.000194 | 8.7857 |
| 25 | 167,819,892 | 0.00026427800 | 0.000458 | 8.467 |
| 24 | 354,993,864 | 0.00055903400 | 0.001017 | 8.1655 |
| 23 | 710,603,628 | 0.00111904000 | 0.002136 | 7.8697 |
| 22 | 1,333,800,036 | 0.00210043000 | 0.004237 | 7.5769 |
| 21 | 2,399,507,844 | 0.00377867000 | 0.008015 | 7.2797 |
| 20 | 4,086,538,404 | 0.00643536000 | 0.014451 | 6.9817 |
| 19 | 6,579,838,440 | 0.01036170000 | 0.024813 | 6.7023 |
| 18 | 10,192,504,020 | 0.01605080000 | 0.040863 | 6.3982 |
| 17 | 14,997,082,848 | 0.02361690000 | 0.064480 | 6.1113 |
| 16 | 21,024,781,756 | 0.03310920000 | 0.097590 | 5.8196 |
| 15 | 28,090,962,724 | 0.04423680000 | 0.141826 | 5.5275 |
| 14 | 36,153,374,224 | 0.05693320000 | 0.198760 | 5.2273 |
| 13 | 43,906,944,752 | 0.06914330000 | 0.267903 | 4.9381 |
| 12 | 50,971,682,080 | 0.08026870000 | 0.348172 | 4.645 |
| 11 | 56,799,933,520 | 0.08944680000 | 0.437618 | 4.3279 |
| 10 | 59,723,754,816 | 0.09405110000 | 0.531669 | 4.0415 |
| 9 | 59,413,313,872 | 0.09356230000 | 0.625232 | 3.7356 |
| 8 | 56,466,608,128 | 0.08892190000 | 0.714154 | 3.4192 |
| 7 | 50,979,441,968 | 0.08028090000 | 0.794435 | 3.0811 |
| 6 | 41,619,399,184 | 0.06554100000 | 0.859975 | 2.8059 |
| 5 | 32,933,031,040 | 0.05186190000 | 0.911837 | 2.462 |
| 4 | 24,419,055,136 | 0.03845440000 | 0.950292 | 2.0525 |
| 3 | 15,636,342,960 | 0.02462360000 | 0.974915 | 1.7448 |
| 2 | 8,611,542,576 | 0.01356120000 | 0.988477 | 1.4186 |
| 1 | 5,006,710,800 | 0.00788442000 | 0.996361 | 1 |
| 0 | 2,310,789,600 | 0.00363896000 | 1 | 0 |

635,013,599,600

Balanced-Unbalanced Openings

User Notes

Balanced-UnBalanced Openings Convention Card

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| NAMES | | # | |
| GENERAL APPROACH Balanced/Unbalanced (ver 1.1) | | | |
| TWO OVER ONE: Game Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| VERY LIGHT: Openings <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Overcalls <input type="checkbox"/> Preempts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| FORCING OPENING: 1♣ <input type="checkbox"/> 2♣ <input type="checkbox"/> Natural 2 Bids <input type="checkbox"/> Other 1♠, 2♠ <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS | | | |
| 1NT 15 to 18 | | 3♣ Transfer to ♠ <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2NT 19 to 21 | | 3♣ Puppet Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 1♠: 12 to 14 <input type="checkbox"/> ----> | | 1♠♥ Jacoby Trf <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 5-card Major <input type="checkbox"/> | | 1♠ Minor Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| System on over All <input type="checkbox"/> | | 1NT 0 to 9 HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2♣ Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2♣ Puppet Stay. <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2♦ Transfer to ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2NT/3♣ Trf to ♠/♦ <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3♦ 5-5 in Majors <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2♥ Transfer to ♠ <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 2♠ Minor Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 2NT Transfer to ♠ <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| | | 2NT 19 to 21 | |
| | | 3♣ Puppet Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | Jacoby <input type="checkbox"/> Texas <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | 3♣ Minor Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | 3NT/4♣ Trf to ♠/♦ <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | 3NT 15 to 17 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | Gambling NT (7+) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| MAJOR OPENING | | MINOR OPENING | |
| Expected Min. Length 4 5 | | Expected Min. Length 0 2 Conv. | |
| 1st/2nd Unbalanced (w/raising 2000) <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 1♣ Weak NT (see NT) <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3rd/4th <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 1♠ Unbal. 5+ Minor <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Double Raise: Force <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 1♠ Responses: | |
| After Overcall: Force <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weak | | 1♥: 4+, 6-9 HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Conv. Raise: 2NT <input type="checkbox"/> 3NT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Splitter <input type="checkbox"/> | | 1NT: 0-9 HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other: <u>Bergen Raises</u> | | 2♣: 3-3 Minors, 10+ HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 1NT: Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-forcing <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2♦: 5+♠, 10+ Pts. <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2NT: Forcing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> 13 to 16 | | 2♥: 5+, 10+ HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3NT: 12 to 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Jacoby 2NT <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3♣: 3-3 Minors, 6-9 HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Drury <input type="checkbox"/> : Reverse <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3♦: 6+, 10+ HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other: <u>Raise: Help Asking/2NT-Short</u> | | 3♥: 6+, 10+ HCPs <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | 2NT Inv <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 to 12 | |
| | | 3NT 13 to 15 | |
| | | | |
| 2♣ 22+ to ___ HCP | | DESCRIBE | |
| Strong <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | | Or 8.5 Quick Tricks | |
| 2♣ Resp: Neg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 2/3/4NT-3pt | |
| | | RESPONSES/REBIDS | |
| | | Steps 2♣=0-2/W/Waiting(9+) | |
| | | 2♥=3-5 2♦=6-8 | |
| | | After Steps: Best Suit or 2NT(22-24) 3NT(25-27) | |
| 2♦ 11 to 16 HCP | | Mini-Roman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Str <input type="checkbox"/> | | 4NT(28-30) w NT resp. | |
| 2♥ 7NV to 11 HCP Weak Major | | 2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Natural: Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/> | | OGUST | |
| 2♠ 7NV to 11 HCP Weak Major | | OGUST | |
| Natural: Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: ___ 2-Way NMF ___ | | | |
| Weak Jump Shifts not in Comp <input type="checkbox"/> ___ 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round ___ Game ___ | | | |