

Supplementary notes for Graeme Stout & Jeff Miller

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Note 1: SWISS raises after 1♥/1♠ openings (on after DBL and 1♠ overcall):

Responses to 1♥ (responses to 1♠ are 1 step higher):

2♠ = 8-10 or 16+ splinter in any suit, with 4 card support.

(Then, 2NT by opener asks for singleton.)

2NT = 8-10⁻ with 4 card support

3♣ = 10⁺-15 with 4 card support

3♦ = 16+ with 4 card support

3♥ = 0-7 with 4 card support

Note 2: Forcing 1NT response to 1♥/1♠ openings:

Responder has either:

- (a) Weak raise with 2-3 card support
- (b) Invitational raise with 3 card support
- (c) Weak suit of own
- (d) Equivalent of a natural 2NT response

Opener rebids a second 4-card suit, major with 6, or else 2♣

With the above hands, responder will then:

- (a) Pass or return to original major
- (b) Bid 3 of major
- (c) Pass or bid new suit (discouraging)
- (d) Bid 2NT, invitational.

Note 3: Responses after 1NT opening, 1NT/2NT overcall, 1♣-1♦-1NT, etc

2♣ = Stayman. After a major suit response to Stayman, the cheapest bid in the other major is an artificial slam try agreeing the first-bid major.

2♦/♥ = Transfers. NT bidder super accepts:

3♥/3♠ = 14-15 & 4 card support

new suit = concentration values, 14-15 & 4 card support

2♠ = one or both minors, weak or strong.

Opener rebids 2NT/3♣ with ♦/♣ preference.

Responder then bids 3♥/3♠ with slam interest in ♣/♦.

2NT = invitational

3♣/♦ = natural & invitational (broken minor)

3♥/3♠ = slam invitational

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Lebensohl after interference over the 1NT bid:

2 suit = natural, nonforcing
 2NT = relay to 3♣, then:
 3 of a suit below overcall = to play
 3 of a suit above overcall = forcing

 cue = Stayman with a stopper in overcalled suit
 3NT = to play, with stopper in overcalled suit
 cue = Stayman without a stopper
 3 suit = natural & highly invitational

Note 4: Structure after 1♣ Opening

Initial responses:

1♦ = 0-7 HCP
 1♥, 1♠, 2♣, 2♦ = 8+ natural (5+ in suit bid)
 2♥, 2♠, 3♣, 3♦ = 8+ 4441 with singleton in suit bid
 3♥, 3♠ = 7 card suit, 2/3 top honours, no outside A or K.
 1NT = 8-10 or 14-15 balanced
 2NT = 11-13 or 16+balanced

Opener's rebids after 1♣-pass-1♦:

1♥ = 19+, any distribution.
 All others natural 16-18, *except* see NT ranges

Responder's rebids after 1♣-pass-1♦-pass-1♥:

1♠ = 0-4, any distribution.
 1NT = 5-7 balanced
 2♣, 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ = 5-7 natural (5+ in suit bid)
 3♣, 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ = 5-7 4441 with singleton in suit bid

Opener's rebids after 1♣-pass-1♦-pass-1♥-pass-1♠:

2♣ = game forcing, any distribution.
 (Here, 2♦ by responder shows a complete bust.)
 All others natural; see NT ranges.

Game forcing sequences:

1♣ followed by any positive response *except* 1NT
 1♣-1♦-1♥ followed by any positive response *except* 1NT

NT ranges:

16-18: 1♣-1♦-1NT
 19-20: 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠-1NT
 21-22: 1♣-1♦-2NT
 23-24: 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠-2NT
 25-26: 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠-2♣-2♦-2NT
 27-28: 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠-2♣-2♦-3NT

Note 5: Escaping from 1NT DOUBLED

After 1NT - X - ?:

Bid = lower of two touching suits

XX = single suited hand (relay to 2♣ for pass or correct)

Pass = forces RDBL, to play or to show two nontouching suits, including ♣♠

After 1NT - pass - pass - X - pass - pass - ?:

Bid = lower of any two suits, touching or not

XX = single suited hand (relay to 2♣ for pass or correct)

Note 6: Suction defence to ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Applies over artificial strong 1♣ & 2♣ openings & their artificial negative 1♦ & 2♦ responses:

Jump suit bid = natural & preemptive

X = ♦ & ♠

NT = ♣ & ♥

Nonjump suit bid = either 1-suited in the suit above the bid, or 2-suited with neither the bid suit nor the suit above it.

Responses are "pass or correct" at all levels.

Note 7: Rolling cues

When we have agreed a suit and are cue bidding, NT bids and below-game bids of the trump suit are *waiting* bids, inviting partner to show a control. Bypassing a waiting bid implies controls in all bypassed suits (i.e., no need to wait). Example:

1♣ - 1♠

2♠ - 3♦

Responder promises 1st round control of ♣, because he could wait with 2NT if he did not have it.

Note 8: Responding to our 1♣ after ambiguous interference

After our 1♣ opening and any interference that is ambiguous as to the suit(s) shown (e.g., suction), responder's bid of the cheapest suit that may be shown is an artificial positive (8+) denying a 5-card suit. To show 5+ of that suit, responder jump-bids it.