## HKUST Bridge Team

Natural: 5-card major \& prepared club

## Opening 18

- 13-21 HCPs; or
- $2+$ cards $\boldsymbol{p}$

Responses:

- $1 \bullet / 1 \vee / 1 \uparrow \quad 6+$ HCPs \& 4+ cards in bided suit
- 1NT 6-9 HCPs, no 4+ cards Major
- 2*

10-12 HCPs, Invitation, 5+ cards \& \& no 4+ cards Major; or 6-9 HCPs, 6+ cards \&

- $2 \bullet / 2 \bullet / 2 \star \quad$ Jump Shift: $13+$ HCPs, Game Forcing, $5+$ cards in bided suit
- 2NT 10-11 HCPs, balanced hand, invite to 3NT
- 3ヶ 13+ HCPs, Game Forcing, 5+ cards \& \& no 4+ cards Major


## Subsequent Auctions:

- New suit
- $1 *-1 * / 1 \bullet / 1 \boldsymbol{*}-1 \mathrm{NT}$

4+ cards in bided suit

- $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-1 \mathbf{v}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{NT}$

12-15 HCPs, balanced hand

- $1 \boldsymbol{*}-1 \mathrm{vT}-3 \boldsymbol{1 0} 12 \mathrm{HCPs}$, forcing with $5+$ cards $\downarrow$ (similar for $\boldsymbol{\uparrow}$ )
- $1 *-1 \vee / 1 \uparrow / 1$ NT-2 $\quad 16-18$ HCPs, reverse, at least 5-4 in $\boldsymbol{*}-$, if not 4-4-4-1
- $1 \boldsymbol{*}-1 \mathbf{~} / 1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \boldsymbol{- 1 8} \mathrm{HCPs}$, reverse, at least 5-4 in $\boldsymbol{\bullet}-\boldsymbol{\bullet}$, if not 4-4-4-1
- $1 \oplus-1 \backsim / 1 \uparrow-2 N T \quad 19-21 \mathrm{HCPs}$, balanced hand, or singleton in responder suit, may have 4 cards in responder suit

- $1 \uparrow-1$ Splinter: $16+$ HCPs or 16 HCP good suit quality

Game Forcing \& 4 cards support
\& singleton or void in bided suit

- $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-1 \boldsymbol{\bullet} \quad$ Splinter: Game Forcing \& 4 cards support
$\&$ singleton or void in bided suit
- New suit after Splinter Cue-bids, no wastage in splinter suit, Slam Trial
- $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-1 \cup(1 \boldsymbol{\uparrow})-4(4 \boldsymbol{\uparrow}) \quad 18-20 \mathrm{HCPs}$, Game Forcing \& 4 cards support but no singleton or void


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## Opening 1 *

- 13-21 HCPs; or
- 4+ cards


## Responses:

- 1v/1 $\quad 6+$ HCPs \& 4+ cards in bided suit
- 1NT
- 2*
- 2 .
- $2 \boldsymbol{v} / 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 3 \boldsymbol{*}$
- 2NT
- 3-

6-9 HCPs, no 4+ cards Major
$10+$ HCPs, $5+$ cards $\approx$, forcing to 2 NT , promise 1 more bid
6-9 HCPs, Invitation with singleton \& 4+ cards \& no 4+ cards Major
Jump Shift: 13+ HCPs, Game Forcing, 5+ cards in bided suit
10-11 HCPs, balanced hand, invite to 3NT
$13+$ HCPs, Game Forcing, 4+ cards $\&$ no 4+ cards Major

## Subsequent Auctions:

- New suit
- 1 - 1 / $1 \uparrow-1 N T$
- 1 - 1 - $1 \mathrm{NT}-3$
- $1 \oplus-1 \oplus / 1 N T-2 \downarrow$
- $1 *-1 N T-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$
- $1 \bullet-1 \vee / 1 \uparrow / 1 N T-3 \star$
- $1 \bullet-1 \vee / 1 \uparrow-2 N T$

4+ cards in bided suit
12-15 HCPs, balanced hand
$10-12$ HCPs, Forcing with $5+$ cards $\bullet$ (similar for $\uparrow$ )
16-18 HCPs, reverse, at least 5-4 in - $\boldsymbol{\text { , if not }} 4-4-4-1$
16-18 HCPs, reverse, at least 5-4 in - $\boldsymbol{\uparrow}$, if not 4-4-4-1
16-18 HCPs, at least 5-4 in - $\boldsymbol{\star}$, if not 4-4-4-1
19-21 HCPs, balanced hand, or singleton in responder suit, may have 4 cards in responder suit


- $1-1-14 \approx$ Splinter: $16+$ HCPs, or 16 HCPs with good suit quality, Game Forcing \& 4 cards support
\& singleton or void in bided suit
- $1-1 \uparrow-4 \boldsymbol{*} \quad$ Splinter: Game Forcing \& 4 cards support
\& singleton or void in bided suit
- New suit after Splinter Cue-bids, no wastage in splinter suit, Slam Trial
- $1 \bullet-1 \bullet(1 \oplus)-4(4 \boldsymbol{A}) \quad$ Stop bid, Game Forcing \& 4 cards support but no singleton or void


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## Opening 14

- either
a) 13-21 HCPs; or
b) 11-12 HCPs with $3+$ controls \& no wastage in shortness; or
- 5+ cards


## Responses:

- $1 \uparrow$ 6+ HCPs \& 4+ cards a
- 1NT 6-9 HCPs
- 2* $10+$ HCPs, promise 1 more bid, either $5+$ cards * OR
no 4+ cards $\uparrow$ nor $5+$ cards side suit, relay with $0+$ cards $\boldsymbol{\bullet}$
Remark: (need alert) relay only when support in $\downarrow$ and $10+$ HCPs
- 2 $10+$ HCPs, $5+$ cards $\downarrow$, promise 1 more bid
- $2 \downarrow$ 6-9 HCPs with 3+ cards support in $\downarrow$
- $2 \uparrow / 3 \bullet / 3$ Jump Shift: $13+$ HCPs, Game Forcing, $5+$ cards in bided suit
- 3 $10-11$ HCPs with $4+$ cards support with honour in $\boldsymbol{\bullet}$, invitation to $4 \vee$
- 2NT 10-11 HCPs, balanced hand, invite to 3NT
- $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 4 \approx / 4$ Double Jump Shift: Splinter: $4+$ cards $\downarrow$ support \& 13+ HCPs plus singleton or void in bided suit, Slam Trial
- $4 \downarrow$ Stop bid, 10- HCPs with $4+$ cards $\downarrow$ support, shaped with shortness


## Subsequent Auctions:

- New suit
- 1 - $2 \boldsymbol{*} /-2 \downarrow$
- $1 \bullet-1 N T-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$
- $1 \boldsymbol{- 1 N T}-3 \vee$
- Single raise (raise in partner

4+ cards
13-15 HCPs, $6+$ cards $\downarrow$
16-18 HCPs, reverse, at least 5-4 in $\boldsymbol{\vee}$ - $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$
16-18 HCPs, Forcing with 6+ cards $\downarrow$
with $3+$ cards support, $4+$ cards if support
e.g. 1 - 2 - 3

5-3-3-2 and min. e.g. $1 \bullet-2 *-2 N T$
16-18 HCPs, at least $4+$ cards in bided suit
Invitation; e.g. 1 - 1 - $-3 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$
Splinter: Game Forcing with 4+ cards $\uparrow$ support \& singleton or void in bided suit, Slam Trial
Cue-bids, no wastage in splinter suit, Slam Trial

## Opening 14

- either
a) 13-21 HCPs; or
b) 11-12 HCPs with $3+$ controls \& no wastage in shortness; or
- 5+ cards


## Responses:

- 1NT 6-9 HCPs
- 2ヵ
$10+$ HCPs, promise 1 more bid, either 3+ cards \& OR
- $2 \bullet 12 \quad 10+$ HCPs, $5+$ cards in bided suit, forcing to 2 NT , promise 1 more bid
- 2 $\uparrow$ 6-9 HCPs with $3+$ cards support in
- $3 \boldsymbol{\star} / 3 \bullet / 3 \quad$ Jump Shift: $13+$ HCPs, Game Forcing, $5+$ cards in bided suit
- $3 \boldsymbol{a} 10-11$ HCPs with $4+$ cards support in $\uparrow$, invitation to $4 \boldsymbol{a}$
- 2NT 10-11 HCPs, balanced hand, invite to 3NT
- $4 \star / 4 \bullet / 4 \bullet$ Double Jump Shift: Splinter: $4+$ cards $\uparrow$ support \& 13+ HCPs plus singleton or void in bided suit, Slam Trial
- $4 \boldsymbol{a}$

Stop bid, 10- HCPs with $4+$ cards $\uparrow$ support, shaped with shortness

## Subsequent Auctions:

- New suit
- 1A-1NT-3a
- Single raise
- Lowest available NT
- Jump shift
- Double raise
- $1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \boldsymbol{- 4 *} / 4$ -
- New suit after Splinter

4+ cards
16-18 HCPs, Forcing with 6+ cards
$13-15 \mathrm{HCPs}$, with $3+$ cards support, $4+$ cards if support :
5-3-3-2 and min.
16-18 HCPs, at least $4+$ cards in bided suit; e.g. 1 $\downarrow$-1NT-3
Invitation
Splinter: Game Forcing with 4+ cards $\boldsymbol{v}$ support \& singleton or void in bided suit, Slam Trial
Cue-bids, no wastage in splinter suit, Slam Trial

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## Opening 1NT

## Conditions：

－15－18 HCPs
－balanced hand（means no singleton）
－may have 5 cards Major，5－3－3－2
－may have 6 cards minor．6－3－2－2

## Responses：

－2＊7＋HCPs，Major Stayman，have 4 cards Major
－ $2 \star / 2 \downarrow \quad 0+$ HCPs，Forcing，Jacoby transfers，5＋cards $\downarrow / \uparrow$ respectively
－2＾16＋HCPs，Minor Stayman，5－4 Minor，Game Forcing，Slam Trial
－2NT 7－8 HCPs，Invitation to 3NT
－ $3 \boldsymbol{*} / 3$ 9－15 HCPs，with $6+$ cards in good quality e．g．at least 3 consecutive honours
－3NT 9＋HCPs，Closing bid
－ $4 \approx 15+$ HCPs，Roman Gerber
－4NT $15-17 \mathrm{HCPs}$ ，invite to 6 NT
－ $5 \mathrm{NT} 18+$ HCPs，invite to 6 NT or 7 NT

## Subsequent Auctions：

－Major Stayman：

1NT－2＊－2NT

1NT－2＊－2－2NT
1NT－2 $\boldsymbol{\bullet}-2$－ 3 ／ $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$
1NT－2 $\boldsymbol{\bullet}-2$－ $2 \boldsymbol{*}-3 \boldsymbol{*}$
1NT－2＊－2 $/ 2 \boldsymbol{A}-2 N T$
1NT－2＊－2 $\boldsymbol{*} / 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-3 \mathrm{NT}$
1NT－2•－2•／2－ 3 －
1NT－2＊－2v－3ヘ／4＊／4＊
1NT－2＊－2 $\boldsymbol{\wedge}-4 \boldsymbol{*} / 4 * / 4$ •
1NT－2 -2 ／2 $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$－ 4 NT
1NT－2＊－2レ／2ヘ－5NT
－Minor Stayman
1NT－2 $-2 N T \quad$ No 4＋cards minors
1NT－2 $-3 \oplus / 3$ 4＋cards in bided suit
1NT－2 $-3 *-3 \bullet / 3 \boldsymbol{\sim} \quad$ fit in $\boldsymbol{*}$ ，cue bid in bided suit
1NT－2 $\boldsymbol{\wedge}-3-13 \boldsymbol{*} / 4 \boldsymbol{*}$ fit in $\bullet$ ，cue bid in bided suit

Max with 4－4 in Majors
$7-8$ HCPs，Stop with 5－4 in Majors， $5+$ cards in bided suit
With only 4 cards in Major
9＋HCPs，Game Forcing with 5－4 in Majors，5＋cards in bided suit
$5+$ cards \＆， 4 cards in partner major
7－8 HCPs，no 4 cards in partner major
9－14 HCPs，no 4 cards in partner major
$5+$ cards $\bullet, 4$ cards in partner major
Splinter ON after Major Stayman，
Splinter ON after Major Stayman，
$15+$ HCPs，no 4 cards in partner major，Roman Gerber
$18+$ HCPs，Invite to 6 NT or 7 NT

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- Major Transfers

| 1NT-2 - 2 - 3 NT | 9 HCPs, Invitation for 3NT/4 with exactly 5 cards $\downarrow$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1NT-2 - 2 - 3 - | Invitation for $4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}$ with $6+$ cards $\downarrow$ (similar for $\boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ ) |
| 1NT-2 - 2 - 3 - 3 NT | 7-8 HCPs, $2+$ cards $\downarrow$ (similar for $\boldsymbol{\uparrow}$ ) |
| 1NT-2 - 2 - 3 - 3 NT-4 | 7-8 HCPs, $6+$ cards $\downarrow$ (similar for $\uparrow$ ) |
| 1NT-2 - 2 - 3 - 4 - | $7-8 \mathrm{HCPs}, 3+$ cards $\downarrow$ (similar for $\downarrow$ ) |
| 1NT-2 - 2 - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Showing at least 5-5 Majors, Invitational |
| 1NT-2 - 2 - $-3 \boldsymbol{*}$ | $9+$ HCPs, Showing at least 5-5 Majors, Game Forcing (5-4 majors, use Stayman) |
| 1NT-2 - 2 - 3 * $/ 3$ | $4+$ cards $2^{\text {nd }}$ suit |
| 1NT-2*-2v-4*/4* | $9+$ HCPs, $6+$ cards $\downarrow$ and cue bid in bided suit; |

- Super Transfers - bid new suit when transfers, showing max. with support (4+ cards or

3 cards with honour) and cue bids in bided suit
a) $1 \mathrm{NT} 2 \bullet-2 \wedge / 3 \bullet / 3 \bullet$
then responder if no slam interest, could sign off by $3 \boldsymbol{v}$ or $4 \vee$ if slam interest, then cue-bids
b) 1 NT- $2 \bullet-3 \bullet / 3 \bullet / 3 \bullet$
then responder if no slam interest, could sign off by $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ or $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ if slam interest, then cue-bids

## When 1NT is being interfered

1. by double (in most conventions, double shows one suiter)

- Pass 0-6 HCPs
- New suit non-forcing
$2 \boldsymbol{\star} / 2 \bullet / 2 \downarrow / 2 \uparrow \quad 7-8 \mathrm{HCPs}, 5+$ cards in bided suit
2NT 7-8 HCPs, balanced hand
- ReDouble 9+ HCPs, promise 3NT
- After ReDouble, double to interfere bid by balancing position is penalty
- After ReDouble, double to interfere bid immediately by the following position is take-out; pass is waiting for penalty by balancing position

2. by DONT/Brozel/Capp/... (showing two suiters)

- Pass
- Double
- New Suit 7+ HCPs, 5+ cards in bided suit


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## Overcalling 1NT

- 15-18 HCPs, balanced hand, just like opening 1NT


## Responses:

- No Stayman nor Transfers ( (1 $\downarrow$ )-1NT-(Pass)-2 means $\downarrow$ support and Stayman)
- Cue-bid opponent suit is One-round-force, take-out like Stayman, promise can stand at least 2-level Major


## Opening 2:

- with at least 8 winning tricks AND $6+$ controls
- either a) strong with at least 5-5 two suiters;
e.g. AKxxx

AKxxx
or
b) one solid suiter hand, any distribution, e.g. AKQxxxx or AKJ10xxxx

- control asking bid
- forcing to 3 level Major

Responses:

- 2. 0-1 control Note: K = 1 control
$A=2$ control
- 2 - 2 controls
- 2a 3 controls,
- and so on...


## Subsequent Auctions:

- Support with 3 cards
- Bid new suit with 5+ cards
- Jump to game with excellent trumps support (like 5+ cards)
- $2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-2 \boldsymbol{-}(2 \boldsymbol{\wedge})-3 \boldsymbol{\bullet}(3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}) \quad$ is weaker than $\quad 2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-2 \boldsymbol{-}(2 \boldsymbol{\wedge})-4 \boldsymbol{( 4 \wedge})$


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## Opening 2

- either a) 6-12 HCPs \& 6+ cards $\downarrow$ (i.e. normal weak $2 \downarrow$ opening); or
b) $22+\mathrm{HCPs}$, balanced hand

Responses:

- 2v Non-forcing
- $2 \boldsymbol{A} \quad 5+$ cards $\uparrow$, forcing one round
- 2NT Blue-Asking

Subsequent Auctions:

- 2 -2NT- $3 *$ weak HCPs, weak suit quality (no two of AKQ)

3. weak HCPs, strong suit quality (two of AKQ)

3 strong HCPs, weak suit quality
3^ strong HCPs, strong suit quality
3NT strong HCPs, suit headed by AKQ

- $2 \boldsymbol{-}-3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} \rightarrow+$ cards support in
- $2 \bullet-2 \bullet / 3 \bullet 2^{\text {nd }}$ suit with $4+$ cards (most likely 5 cards) plus weak $2 \bullet$ hand
- $2-2 \mathrm{~N}$-2 24 HCPs , balanced hand, subsequent development is the exactly same as 2 NT opening
- $2-2 \mathrm{-}$ NT $25-26$ HCPs, balanced hand
- $2 \bullet-4 \bullet$ Stop bid


## Opening 2v

- Flannery
- 11-15 HCPs, $5+$ cards $\vee$ AND 4 cards


## Responses:

- 2a
- 2NT
- 3NT

Stop bid
$10+$ HCPs; ask singleton, have $\downarrow$ support
$10+$ HCPs, no $\downarrow$ support

Subsequent Auctions:

3- 11-12 HCPs, 2-2 in $\& \&$, invitation
3^ 14-15 HCPs, 2-2 in $\bullet \& *$, invitation
3NT 14-15 HCPs, 2-2 in $» \& \star$, with honours in BOTH $\approx \&$
$4 * / 4 *$ void on $\boldsymbol{*} / *$

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## Opening 24

- 8-11 HCPs
- 6+ cards

Responses:

- 2NT 13+ HCPs, Blue-Asking
- $3 \boldsymbol{\bullet} / 3 \bullet / 3 \bullet \quad 5+$ cards $\downarrow$, forcing one round
- $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} 13+$ HCPs (except $2 \boldsymbol{A}-(\mathrm{X})-3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ pre-emptive)

Subsequent Auctions:

- 2A-2NT- 3* weak HCPs, weak suit quality (no two of AKQ)

3. weak HCPs, strong suit quality (two of AKQ)

3 strong HCPs, weak suit quality
3^ strong HCPs, strong suit quality
3NT strong HCPs, suit headed by AKQ

- $2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-3 \boldsymbol{-}$ 3+ cards support in $\downarrow$


## Opening 2NT

- 20-21 HCPs
- balanced hand (means no singleton)
- may have 5 cards Major
- may have 6 cards minor


## Responses:

- 3ヵ
- 3NT
- 4ヵ
- 4NT
- 5NT
- $3 \bullet / 3 \vee \quad$ Jacoby transfers, $5+$ cards $\downarrow / \uparrow$ respectively
- 3a Minor Stayman, Game Forcing, Slam Trial

Major Stayman

Closing bid
Roman Gerber
invite to 6NT
invite to 6 NT or 7 NT

## Subsequent Auctions:

- They are more or less the same as the subsequent auctions after Stayman/Transfers oppose to 1NT opening


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## Opening 3a/3

- 8-11 HCPs
- $7+$ cards with good suit quality

Responses:

- $3 \boldsymbol{\sim} 13+$ HCPs, Forcing one round, Game Forcing, $5+$ cards in bided suit

Subsequent Auctions:

- raise in Majors 3+ cards support in $\downarrow$ / $\boldsymbol{A}$
- 3NT no support in Majors


## Opening 3-/3

- 8-11 HCPs
- 7+ cards
- should have good suit quality

Responses:

- 3-level unbided Major $13+$ HCPs, $5+$ cards, forcing one round

Subsequent Auctions:

- raise in Majors
- 3NT no support in Majors


## Opening 3NT (for reference only!!)

- Kenta 3NT
- AKQxxxx in Major

K

- Gambling 3NT
- AKQxxxx in Minor, max 1 more K in other side suit
- Defence: Play Ace as soon as possible


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## Competitive Bidding

## If opponent double (for takeout),

- redouble showing $10+\mathrm{HCPs}$, not guaranteeing fit or misfit
- jump raise is pre-emptive (e.g. $1 \vee-\mathrm{X}-3 \vee)$
- jump shift is pre-emptive with $6+$ cards (e.g. $1 \bullet-\mathrm{X}-3 \bullet / \downarrow$ )
- after redouble, double opponent suit should be penalty


## If opponent overcall in 1-level,

- any 2-level bid is forcing, $10+$ HCPs \& 5+ cards, guarantee at least one more bid (e.g. 1 -(1 $\boldsymbol{\bullet})-2 *$ )
- negative doubles always show 4 cards in other Major (but not a must) (e.g. $1 \bullet-(1 \uparrow)$-X)
- 6-9 HCPs, 4 card major or $10+$ HCPs, balanced hand
- 1NT does not guarantee stoppers in opponent suit, only showing 6-9 HCPs
- $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet} / 1 \bullet-(1 \boldsymbol{\bullet})-1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ is forcing, showing $5+$ cards $\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 6+$ HCPs, (if opponent do not overcall, 4+ cards $\boldsymbol{\uparrow}$ )


## If opponent overcall in 2-level, or pre-empt in 2-level,

- any 2-level bid is non-forcing, 7-10 HCPs \& 5+ cards in bided suit (e.g. $1 \uparrow$-(2D)-2 $/ 2 \uparrow$ )
- any 3-level bid is forcing, $11+$ HCPs \& 5+ cards (e.g. $1 \uparrow-(2 \bullet)-3 \downarrow$ )
- stronger hand please use negative doubles first (e.g. $1 \star-(2 *)-\mathrm{X}, 1 \star-(2 \mathrm{H})-\mathrm{X})$
- 7-10 HCPs, unbided $4+$ cards major, or $10+$ HCPs, Game Forcing


## If your partner overcall with 1 *,

- $4+$ cards in bided suit (e.g. ( $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}$ )- $1 \star$ )
- good suit quality and most likely $10+\mathrm{HCPs}$
- double when $13+$ HCPs, with $3+$ cards in unbided suit (even have 4 cards )


## If your partner overcall with 1 Major,

- $10+$ HCPs, $4+$ cards in bided suit (e.g. $(1 \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\bullet} / 1 \bullet)-1 \boldsymbol{\bullet})$
- take-out double when holding more than opening hand with 3+ cards in unbided suit


## If your partner overcall at 2-level,

- 5+ cards in bided suit
- $10+\mathrm{HCPs}$
- double when holding more than opening hand with $3+$ cards in unbided suit
- double weak 2 opening 16+ HCPs, Forcing
- (1 $\boldsymbol{\wedge})$-Pass-(2か)-New suit

13 HCPs

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## Remarks

- Responder new suit is always one round forcing if partner has not limited bid NT
$1 \vee-1-2-3 \quad$ is forcing
$1-1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \boldsymbol{*} \quad$ is not forcing since partner has limited bid 1NT
- Opener new suit is non-forcing

1-1 - 2 could be passed out

- $4^{\text {th }}$ suit is Game Forcing, bid NT if you have stoppers in that suit
$1 \rightarrow-2-3 \boldsymbol{*} \quad$ is Game Forcing, bid $3 N T$ if stoppers in $\boldsymbol{\star}$
- Jump shift shows Game Forcing, most likely 6+ cards semi-solid in bided suit; If only 5 cards, then should have support in partner opening bided suit
- Reverse bid is always one round forcing
- If Stayman is being doubled (lead-directing), pass showing no 4+ cards Major
- If Transfers is being doubled (lead-directing), pass showing no support in partner suit; redoubles showing guards (or values) in opponent suit; bid as usual showing support in partner suit e.g. 1NT-2 -(X) No $\uparrow$ e.g. 1NT-2 -(X)-XX Have $\downarrow$


## Leads

- Top of sequence
- Top of internal sequence (i.e. T from QT9xx / KT9xx, J from KJTxx / AJTxx, etc.)
- Lowest from 3 cards with Honor (Note : Axx, Kxx)
- Top of nothing
- $4^{\text {th }}$ best from long suit
- Lowest from 3 small cards when count is important (e.g. partner bided suit)


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## Cardings

- Standard cardings, Hi implies encourage \& Low implies discourage
- Playing sequence, Hi-Low implies even no. of cards in that suit, Low-Hi implies odd no. of cards vice versa for playing trump
Roman Blackwood (use RKCB when agreed suit, see below)
- 5 \&
- 5
- 5
- 5 a
- 6-level suit

0 or 3 Aces
1 or 4 Aces
2 matching Aces (same colour or same rank)
2 non-matching Aces (none of above)
2 Aces \& void in bided suit

Roman Gerber (only when oppose to 1NT/2NT openings)

- 4

0 or 3 Aces

- 4 1 or 4 Aces
- $4 \boldsymbol{a}$

2 matching Aces (same colour or same rank)

- 4NT

2 non-matching Aces (none of above)

## Disco Cue-bids

- Directly cue-bids in opponent bided suit
- e.g. $(1 \star / 1 \bullet / 1 \bullet)-2 \bullet / 2 \bullet / 2 \star$ implies $19+$ HCPs


## Brozel (when vs strong 1NT Opening (15-18))

- Good suit quality
- Non-Vul : 10+ HCPs
- Vul : 13+ HCPs
- double 1 suiter, partner is forced to bid $2 *$
- 2* $\boldsymbol{*}+\boldsymbol{\bullet}$, at least 5-4
- $2 \bullet \bullet+\boldsymbol{*}$, at least 5-4
- $2 \boldsymbol{v} \quad+\boldsymbol{\oplus}$, at least 5-4
- 2 $\rightarrow+1$ Minor, at least 5-4
- 2NT two Minors, at least 5-4, unusual 2NT


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## Roman Key-Card Blackwood (RKCB)

- Used only when agreed suit (directly raise or Splinter) or transfer+cuebids.
- Otherwise, still use Roman Blackwood.

There are totally 5 key-cards in every hand, four Aces + trump King.

Responses to RKCB 4NT,
5\% 0 or 3 key-cards
5. 1 or 4 key-cards

5 2 or 5 key-cards without trump Queen
54. 2 or 5 key-cards with trump Queen

Normally, you should better have at least 2 key-cards when you are going to use RKCB.

After $5 \% / 5$ response, if your partner is going to stop at 5 level, you should raise to 6 level if you are holding extra values, i.e. $3 / 4$ key-cards.

| e.g. | 4 NT | $5 \AA$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $5 \uparrow$ (stop bid) | $6 \uparrow$ (if 3 key-cards instead) |

If partner wants to ask whether you have got the trump Queen after you responded $5 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 5 \boldsymbol{\star}$, he could relay by raising 1 rank suit. Then the lowest available suit response denying the trump Queen while the second lowest available suit response guaranteeing the trump Queen.

| e.g. | if $\boldsymbol{\sim}$ is agreed suit, | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \mathrm{NT} \\ & 5{ }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \boldsymbol{q}^{1} \\ & 5 \boldsymbol{v}^{3} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }^{1}$ if this bid ${ }^{2}$ is used to ${ }^{3}$ denying t | not b <br> wheth <br> Quee | stood ave go |
| e.g. | if $\downarrow$ is agreed suit, | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4NT } \\ & 5 \boldsymbol{v}^{4} \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | ${ }^{4}$ this one d if your pr going to |  | p bid you h other trum |

After RKCB, 5 NT is used to ask the lowest rank side King. ( only bid 5NT when having ALL key cards and want to have grand slam trial) Same after the trump Queen asking. Rebid agreed suit if no side King or the rank of the King is higher than the rank of agreed suit

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e.g. if }\downarrow\mathrm{ is agreed suit,
4NT \(\quad 5\)
\(5 N T\)
    5 guaranteeing \ K and denying & K
e.g. if is agreed suit, 4NT 5*
    5* 2
    5NT 6\mp@subsup{\boldsymbol{v}}{}{7}
    * guaranteeing trump Queen
    7}\mathrm{ guaranteeing }\downarrow\textrm{K}\mathrm{ and denying & K & K at the same time
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## HKUST Bridge Team

Natural: 5 -card major \& prepared club

After responding the lowest rank side King, if you want to know if your partner also has King of another suit, you can bid that particular suit.

| e.g. if $\uparrow$ is agreed suit, | 4 NT | $5 \&$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 NT | $6 \&$ |  |
| $6 \star^{8}$ |  |  |
|  | 8 ask if you have $\bullet$ King |  |

response $6 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ if no $\bullet$ King, otherwise response $7 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$

