

System Summary Form

Directions for completion: Select all of the text within a box, delete it and replace it with text that describes your methods. See System Summary Form Guidelines for further information.

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We play the following methods that may require advance preparation:

1C = 15-20 balanced or 15+ with clubs (usually 5+ but could be a 4441 with any non-club suit short)

Responses are

1D=0+ pts, 4+ hearts

1H=0+ pts, 4+ spades

1S=0+ pts, no 4-card major, no single-suited slam try

1NT=5 spades, 4 hearts, marginal invite across from 15-17 bal (say 5-8)

2C=Both majors 5-5 or better, game possible across from 15-17 bal with fitting cards (say 3-7, weaker end has a K or A in a long suit)

2D=Game forcing 3-suiter without a 5-card major

2H=Slammish club single-suiter

2S=Slammish diamond single-suiter

2NT=both minors very weak, no game interest across from 18-20 bal

1D=11+ pts, 4+ diamonds, not balanced, forcing for one round. May have 5 clubs and 4 diamonds. Minimums are never 5422.

Special responses:

1M: 0+ pts, 4+ in the major, forcing 1 round

1NT: artificial game force, no 5-card major

2C: Weak, no 4-card major, no 3-card diamond support

2H: 5 spades, 4+ hearts, less than invitational across from a minimum (say 6-9)

2S: Limit raise in diamonds

2D=10-13 both majors. Usually 5-4 or better either way; rarely 4=4=1=4.

2M=10-13. 6+ in the major, or 5 with a 4-card minor and shortness somewhere.

Our general bidding style is:

1NT opening is 12-14, includes all 5422s in the range unless both long suits are majors.

1-level suit openings are unlimited and forcing for one round. 1C and 1D are described above. 1M is 14+ w/ 5+, 2/1 responses are GF promising 5+ in the suit, 2NT natural and game forcing, and 3C and 3D showing game-forcing raises; opener's 2C rebid is Gazilli.

2-level suit openings are intermediate strength. 2D and 2M are described above; 2C is 10-13, 6+ clubs or 5 with a 4-card major and shortness somewhere.

3-level preempts frequently have 6-card suits when nonvulnerable.

Our defensive signaling philosophy is:

Upside down count and attitude. Reverse smith vs NT. Trump suit preference.

We give attitude to partner's leads. We give count rarely - only when it seems necessary. We give suit preference when it seems useful. We often follow suit randomly.

Discards are upside-down attitude.

Our leads are:

Vs. NT:4th best. K asks for unblock or count, A asks for attitude. Other leads standard.
Vs. suits, 3rd from even, low from odd. A from AK except at 5-level or higher.