

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: NCBO: CBAI PLAYERS: Denise Walsh and Leah Finnegan EVENT: Lady Milne Trials 2026
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5CM, short C (2+), 2/1 GF
15-17 NT
RKC 1430 (Note 13)
3 Weak 2's
NMF (Note 12)
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Lebensohl (sans) (Note 1)
Stenberg (Note 3)
3 Weak 2's
Inverted Minors (Note 5)
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♦	2+ 10-19 or rule of 20	New suit 6+ pts, show fit, 1NT 6-9 pts, 2NT = 10-12 Bal inv, Inverted minor (Note 4)	Distributional and Strength, Show stops over inverted minor, NMF (Note 12)	
1♦		4	4♦	4+ 10-19 or rule of 20	New suit 6+ pts, show fit, 1NT 6-9 HCP, 2NT = 10-12 Bal Inv, Inverted minor, 2C Nat GF, (Note 4)	Distributional and Strength, Show stops over inverted minor, NMF (Note 12)	
1♥		5	4♦		1NT 6-12 HCP, 2C=GF 2+C, 2D Nat GF, 2H 3♥+ 8-10 HCP, 2S = 10/11+3♥, 2NT INV+ 4♥+ enquiry, 3m = Rev Bergin (Note 2) 3H Pre empt, 3S mini spl, 4X Spl, 4H to play (Note 2)	1M 2NT Stenberg INV+ 4+ support (Note 3)	
1♠		5	4♦	5+ 10-19 or rule of 20	1NT 6-12 HCP, 2C=GF 2+C, 2D/2H Nat GF, 2S 3♠ 8-10 HCP, 2NT INV+ 4♠+ enquiry, 3m = Rev Bergin (Note 2), 3H = 10/11+3♠, 3S = pre empt, 3NT= mini spl, 4X Spl, 4S to play (Note 2)	1M-2NT Stenberg INV+ 4+ support (Note 3)	
INT				15-17	2♣ Stayman, 4 way Transfers, 3x Nat good 6+ suit slam try, 4♦/4♥ transfer-6+ suit, 4nt quantitative (Note 9)	Super-accept (note 9), Smolen	
2♣				20+ / 4 loser hand	2♦ relay, 2♥/2♥ Nat and forcing	Rebids Nat, 2NT – Bal – Stayman and transfers (note 10)	
2♦		5		5+ card suit 5-11	Any raise to play, 2NT Ogust (note 11), new suit Nat F	Ogust (Note 11)	
2♥		5		5+ card suit 5-11	Any raise to play, 2NT Ogust (note 11), new suit Nat F	Ogust (Note 11)	
2♠		5		5+ card suit 5-11	Any raise to play, 2NT Ogust (note 11), new suit Nat F	Ogust (Note 11)	
2NT				20-22	Puppet Stayman, transfers, Gerber (Note 10)		
3x		6		Pre empt	3NT to play, 3 new suit F, any raise to play		
3NT				Long solid minor	4/5/6♣ pass or correct, 4♦/♥/♠ asking for control		
4x		7		Pre empt			
4NT							
5x		8		Pre empt		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						RKC 1430 (Note 13)	
						Italian cue bids	
						4 th suit forcing	
						Gerber	
						DOPI ROPI	

Note 1 - Lebensohl (sans)

Lebensohl vs Weak 2's

2NT = artificial relay to 3c

Subsequent:

- Cue bid opps suit = GF, likely has unbid major (denies stop)
- 3NT = No stop
- 4C/D = Invitational but not GF – better than 3C/D
- 3 level bid = To play

Direct 3 level bid = invitational, 4+ suit, (8-11HCP)

Direct cue bid = Game forcing, shows stop and likely OM

Direct 3NT = Stop in opps suit, no 4H (sans)

Direct 4 level cue bid of major = at least 5/5 in minors and slam interest

4NT = extreme minors, no slam interest

Lebensohl vs 1NT

New suit at 2 level = Natural and NF

X = TO (unless 2c = stolen bid i.e. stayman)

2NT = relay to 3C

Subsequent

- New suit at 3 level = To play
- Cue bid opps suit = likely has unbid major (or at least one major if cueing a minor) denies stop
- 3NT = denies 4 of other major and denies stop (SANS)

Direct 3 level overcall = Invitational

Direct cue bid = shows stop and promises 4 cards in unbid major

3NT directly = shows stop and denies 4 cards in other major

If 2D shows single suited hand, DBL = stayman

Lebensohl over a Reverse

2NT = <8HCP

New suit at 2 level is nat and to play

New suit at 3 level = GF

Note 2: Responses to 1♥ or 1♠ opening

1♠ - 3♠ = Preemptive

1NT= 6-11(12), S/F

3♣= 10/11, 4 card support (Reverse Bergin)

3♦ = 6-9, 4 card support (Reverse Bergin)

2NT= Stenberg, 4+ Supp, Invitational Plus (Note 3)

1♠ - 3♥ = 3 card support and 10/11HCP

1M – 2C/2D= GF, 2C=2+, 2D=5+

1S – 2H = GF

1H – 2S = 3 card support and 10/11HCP

1S-3NT = Mini Splinter 9-11

1H-3S = Mini Splinter 9-11

1♠ - 4♣/4♦/4♥ = Splinter 11-14

1♥ - 4♣/4♦/4♠ = Splinter 11-14

1M - 4M = Natural

Note 3: Stenberg:

1H - 2NT Stenberg INV+ with 4+ supp

3C (11-14 HCP)

3D asks

- 3H short club
- 3S short diam
- 3NT short OM
- 4X cue bid no shortage

3H INV after 3♣ response 8 losers (the only way to stop out of game)

4H to play 7 or fewer losers

3D Max 15+ no shortage: asking for responders shortage

3H (C SPL) , 3S (D SPL) , 3NT (SPL other major)

4c /4d void min or max now 4NT is RKC 1430

4H void other major min now 4NT is RKC 1430

4S void other major and max now 4NT is RKC 1430

4NT RKC 1430

Note 4: Responses to 1D or 1C opening

1D – 2C = GF, 2+ Clubs

1C – 2D = 0-6 and 6D

1m – 2NT = balanced inv, 10-12

Inverted Minors

1m-2m = 10+, denies 4-card Major, bid stops up the line

1m-3m = 6-9HCP

Inverted Minors do not continue after overcalls and doubles

Note 5: Signals + discards

Discards = Odd/even Odd is encouraging, Even is discouraging in that suit (normal suit preference where possible on the even card)

Standard count (High->low = even), upside down attitude (low = enc)

Note 6: Unusual No Trump and Michaels Unusual No Trump (usually at least 5/5 - can be 5/4) 1M – <u>2NT</u> = both minors 1C – <u>2NT</u> = Diamonds and Hearts 1D – <u>2NT</u> = Clubs and hearts Michaels Cue-bids 1m – <u>2m</u> = Both majors 1M – <u>2M</u> = other major and unspecified minor Subsequent: - Response in any known suit it to play - The fourth suit is natural, NF, generally 6 card suit (unless splinter) - Cue-bid of opening suit shows a good hand and agrees one of the known suits, Forcing - Double jump is splinter - 3NT is to play - 2NT = enquiry		Note 9: Responses to 1NT 2C = Non-Promissory Stayman - Smolen 2D = transfer to hearts; 2H = Transfer to spades 2S = Transfer to clubs; 2NT = Transfer to diamonds S.A = 4 card support, max no trump points and feature in suit; 2NT = Flat 3C/D/H/S – natural, 6 card suit, slam interest 4D = 6+ hearts 4H = 6+ spades 4NT = Quantitative Note 10: System over 2NT (Direct and via 2C) Responses to 3♣ Puppet Stayman 3♦ = Has a 4 CM - 3H = 4 card ♠ suit - 3♠ = 4 card ♥ suit 3♥/♠ = 5 card suit Over strong 2NT Opening or 2♣ followed by 2NT rebid 3♣ = Puppet Stayman / Stayman 3♦/3♥ = Transfer 3♠ = minors 3NT = Nat 4D = 4/4 in Majors 4C = Nat
Note 7: Capelletti Over weak NT: Double - 16+ points 2C - one suited hand 6+ cards in a suit 2D - both majors at least 5,4 2H - hearts and a minor, 5+ hearts 4+ clubs/diamonds 2S - spades and a minor, 5+ spades, 4+ clubs/diamonds 2NT- both minors, at least 5,4	Over strong NT Double - one suited hand 6+ cards in a suit 2C - both minors at least 5, 4 2D - both majors at least 5, 4 2H - hearts and a minor, 5+ hearts 4+ clubs/diamonds 2S - spades and a minor, 5+ spades, 4+ clubs/diamonds	Note 11: Responses to weak 2's Ogust 2NT = 14 with a fit or 16 without Subsequent 3C - Weak Hand and Weak Suit, 6-8 HCP 3D - Weak Hand and Strong Suit, 6-8 HCP 3H - Strong Hand and Weak Suit, 8-10 HCP 3S - Strong Hand and Strong Suit, 8-10 HCP 3NT - Top 3 honours, 9-10 HCPS Any level response in suit bid = Law of total tricks
Note 8: Defence to Pre-empts Defence to 4 level suit openings 4♣/4♦/4♥ Opening: - Double = takeout 4NT = 5/5 in two suits (partner bids better of hearts and other minor, for conversion) 4♠ Opening: Double = penalty 4NT = TO		Note 12: New Minor Forcing eg) 1m -1M -1NT- 2(unbid m) is NMF - Shows either 5 of first bid major or 4 of unbid major (or both) Responses: 2(bid major) = 3 card support 2(unbid major) = 4 card suit in unbid major **NMF is off over interference
Note 13: High level bidding Italian Cue-bids Cue bid below game = 1st or 2nd round control; Repeat of cue-bid = 1st round control DOPI X = No ace; Pass = 1 ace5X (cheapest bid) = 2 aces; Second cheapest bid = 3 aces; Third cheapest bid = 4 aces Roman Key card – 1430 Gerber - over NT : 4C - asking for aces Responses: 4D = 0 or 4; 4H = 1; 4S = 2; 4NT = 3		