

FILLING OUT YOUR CONVENTION CARD by Maritha Pottenger

General Note: If you check something in red, it must be alerted. (It is an artificial bid and your opponents are entitled to know that.) Blue shows transfers and other artificial bids that also require announcements (e.g., “transfer”). If you check something in black, it is standard.

[RIGHT SIDE, top to bottom]

General Approach: Standard or Standard American

Forcing Opening: 2 Clubs (check box)

No Trump Opening: Fill in blanks with 15 to 17.

Check box for 2C Stayman

3C/3D: invitational (6-card suit)

Check box for 2D transfer to hearts (in blue)

3H: 5/5 majors, invitational

Check box for 2H transfer to spades (in blue)

3S: 5/5 major, forcing

Beside 2NT, fill in blanks as 20 to 21. Check blue box for Jacoby (transfers)

Beside 3NT, fill in blanks as 25 to 27

Systems ON over double, 2C (single-suit)

Major Opening

Check boxes for 5 cards

Double Raise: check box for INV (invitational)

After Overcall, check box for Weak

Check red boxes for 2NT (Jacoby 2NT) & Splinter

3NT: fill in blanks as 13 to 15

Minor Opening

Check boxes for 3 cards

Double Raise: check INV

After Overcall: check Weak (cue bid is LR)

INT/1C: fill in 6 to 10

2NT check INV (in red) and fill in 11 to 12

3NT: fill in 13-15

Two Clubs

Fill in range as 16 to 37.

Check box for 2D as Waiting For **2D**, **2H**, and **2S**: Fill in range as 5 to 10 and check: 2NT Force

Check: **New Minor Forcing**. Check: **Fourth Suit Forcing** (to Game).

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Special Doubles: Beside Negative, check box and write in 2S after word “thru.”

Check: **Support Doubles** thru 2H. Check: **Responsive Doubles** thru 2S.

No Trump Overcalls: Fill in range as 15 to 18. Check: Systems on

Balancing: fill in 10 to 14

Jump to 2NT: check box for 2 Lowest.

Simple Overcall: at 1 level: fill in 7 to 16

New Suit: NF, Constructive.

Jump Raise: Preemptive (cue-bid LR)

Jump Overcall: check box for Weak

Opening Preempts: check box for Light

Direct Cue Bid: check Michaels for both Minor and Major

Slam Conventions: check Gerber and write ONTO (Over No Trump Only) Check RKC 1430

Vs. Interference: check DOPI (5 level) and DEPO (6 level)

Defense vs. No Trump

2C: write single suit

2D: write majors (should be 5-5)

2H: write 5H +5 of a minor

2S: write 5S + 5 of a minor

DBL: Penalty

Over Opponent's Take-out Double

New Suit forcing at 1 level

Jump Shift: Weak.

Redouble implies no fit (10+ HCP)

2NT shows Limit Raise (or better)

Under **Leads**, circle A from AKx against suits.

Primary signal to partner's leads: check Attitude (or Count—depending on your agreements)