

# Standard American Yellow Card

Bid	Points	Shape	Convention
<b>1♣</b>	13-21	4 <sup>-</sup> M,3 <sup>+</sup> ♣	
Pass	5 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
1 <i>x</i>	6-17	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
1NT	6-9hc	3 <sup>-</sup> M	
<b>2♣</b>	6-11	3 <sup>-</sup> M,4 <sup>+</sup> ♣	
2 <i>x</i>	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	Slam invite
2NT	10-12hc	Bal	
<b>3♣</b>	12-14	3 <sup>-</sup> M,4 <sup>+</sup> ♣	
<b>3NT</b>	<b>13-15hc</b>	<b>Bal</b>	
4♣	9 <sup>-</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup> ♣	
4NT	-	-	(Blackwood)
<b>1♦</b>	13-21	4 <sup>-</sup> M,4 <sup>+</sup> ♦	
Pass	5 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
1♥	6-17	4 <sup>+</sup> ♥	
1♠	6-17	4 <sup>+</sup> ♠	
1NT	6-9hc	3 <sup>-</sup> M	
<b>2♣</b>	10-17	3 <sup>-</sup> M,5 <sup>+</sup> ♣	
2♦	6-11	3 <sup>-</sup> M,4 <sup>+</sup> ♦	
2♥	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> ♥	Slam invite
2♠	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> ♠	Slam invite
2NT	10-12hc	Bal	
<b>3♣</b>	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> ♣	Slam invite
3♦	12-14	3 <sup>-</sup> M,4 <sup>+</sup> ♦	
<b>3NT</b>	<b>13-15hc</b>	<b>Bal</b>	
4♦	9 <sup>-</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup> ♦	
4NT	-	-	(Blackwood)
<b>1♥</b>	13-21	5 <sup>+</sup> ♥	
Pass	5 <sup>-</sup>	2 <sup>-</sup> ♥	
1♠	6-17	4 <sup>+</sup> ♠	
1NT	6-9	3 <sup>-</sup> ♠,2 <sup>-</sup> ♥	
<b>2♣</b>	10-17	4 <sup>+</sup> ♣	
2♦	10-17	4 <sup>+</sup> ♦	
2♥	6-10	3 <sup>+</sup> ♥	
2♠	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> ♠	Slam invite
<b>2NT</b>	<b>13<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>+</sup>♥</b>	<b>(Jacoby NT)</b>
<b>3♣</b>	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> ♣	Slam invite
3♦	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> ♦	Slam invite
3♥	10-12	3 <sup>+</sup> ♥	
3NT	15-17hc	Bal	Slam invite
4♥	9 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> ♥	
4NT	-	-	(Blackwood)
<b>1♠</b>	13-21	5 <sup>+</sup> ♠	
Pass	5 <sup>-</sup>	2 <sup>-</sup> ♠	
1NT	6-9	2 <sup>-</sup> ♠,3 <sup>-</sup> ♥	
2 <i>x</i>	10-17	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
2♠	6-17	3 <sup>+</sup> ♠	
<b>2NT</b>	<b>13<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>+</sup>♠</b>	<b>(Jacoby NT)</b>
3 <i>x</i>	18 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	Slam invite
3♠	10-12	3 <sup>+</sup> ♠	
3NT	15-17hc	2 <sup>+</sup> ♠	
4♠	9 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> ♠	
4NT	-	-	(Blackwood)
1NT	15-17hc	Bal	
Pass	7 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
<b>2♣</b>	-	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>M</i>	(Stayman)
2 <i>x</i>	8 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Transfer)
2NT	8-10hc	3 <sup>-</sup> M	
3 <i>x</i>	-	6 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	Slam invite
3NT	11-14hc	-	
4NT	15-16hc	-	Slam invite
6NT	17-18hc	-	
4♣	19 <sup>+</sup> hc	-	(Gerber)
<b>2♣</b>	22 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
2♦	7 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>y</i>	(relay)
2 <i>y</i>	8 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	
<b>2NT</b>	<b>8<sup>+</sup>hc</b>	<b>4<sup>+</sup><i>y</i></b>	
2NT	20-21hc	Bal	
Pass	3 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
<b>3♣</b>	-	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>M</i>	(Stayman)
3 <i>x</i>	5 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Transfer)
3NT	6-9hc	-	
4NT	9 <sup>+</sup> hc	-	Slam invite
6NT	10-13hc	-	
4♣	14 <sup>+</sup> hc	-	(Gerber)
3NT	25-27hc	Bal	

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Pass	12 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
2 <i>x</i>	5-11	6 <i>x</i>	
Pass	14 <sup>-</sup>	2 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
Cheapest <i>y</i>	15 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	
2NT	15 <sup>+</sup>	2 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	(Ogust)
3 <i>x</i>	-	3 <i>x</i>	
4 <i>x</i>	-	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
3 <i>x</i>	6-10	7 <i>x</i>	
4 <i>x</i>	6-10	8 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	

## Overcalls

“The opponents opened before either of us did. The opponents’ opening bid is in **Red**.”

<b>1<i>z</i></b>	<b>13-21</b>	<b>-</b>	
Pass	5 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
Double	13 <sup>+</sup>	Unbid suits	
Cheapest <i>x</i>	8-16	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
1NT	15-18hc	Bal	
Jump in <i>x</i>	7-10	6 <i>x</i>	
2NT	6-11	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> ,5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Unusual NT)
2 <i>z</i>	8-16	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> ,5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Michaels Cuebid)
3 <i>x</i>	6-10	7 <i>x</i>	
4 <i>x</i>	6-10	8 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
4NT	6-11	6 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> ,6 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Unusual NT)
<b>1NT</b>	<b>15-17hc</b>	<b>Bal</b>	
Pass	5 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
Double	10 <sup>+</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	(D.O.N.T.)
2 <i>x</i>	-	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> ,5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(D.O.N.T.)
3 <i>x</i>	6-10	7 <i>x</i>	
4 <i>x</i>	6-10	8 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
<b>2<i>z</i></b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>6<i>z</i></b>	
Pass	9 <sup>-</sup>	-	
Double	12 <sup>+</sup>	Bal,2 <sup>-</sup> <i>z</i>	
Cheapest <i>x</i>	7 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
Jump in <i>x</i>	8-10	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
4M	11 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> M	
5m	11 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> m	
Cheapest <i>x</i>	11-17	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
Pass	7 <sup>-</sup>	2 <sup>-</sup> <i>x</i>	
Cheapest <i>x</i>	8 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
Cheapest NT	8 <sup>-</sup> hc	Bal	
Jump in <i>x</i>	9 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
2NT	14-18hc	Bal	
Pass	3 <sup>-</sup>	5 <sup>-</sup> <i>z</i>	
<b>3♣</b>	6 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>M</i>	(Starman)
3 <i>z</i>	5 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	(Transfer)
3NT	6-9hc	-	
4NT	9 <sup>+</sup> hc	-	Slam invite
6NT	10-13hc	-	
4♣	14 <sup>+</sup> hc	-	(Gerber)
3 <i>z</i>	15 <sup>+</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
3NT	-	Stopper in <i>z</i>	
Cheapest <i>x</i>	-	3 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
Jump in <i>x</i>	14-17	6 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
3NT	15 <sup>+</sup> hc	7 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> , Stoppers	
4m	15 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> ,5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Leaping Michaels)
4M	16 <sup>+</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup> M	
4NT	12-17	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> , 5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Unusual NT)
<b>3<i>z</i></b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>7<i>z</i></b>	
Pass	12 <sup>-</sup>	-	
Double	14 <sup>+</sup>	Bal,2 <sup>-</sup> <i>z</i>	
Cheapest <i>x</i>	9 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
Jump in <i>x</i>	10 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
Cheapest <i>x</i>	12-17	6 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i>	
3NT	16-22hc	Bal	
4m	15 <sup>+</sup>	5 <sup>+</sup> <i>x</i> ,5 <sup>+</sup> <i>y</i>	(Leaping Michaels)
4M	16 <sup>+</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup> M	

<b>Key</b>	
<i>Italics</i>	Forcing for one round
<b>Bold</b>	Forcing to game
<b>Red</b>	Bid by opponents
M	Majors (♠, ♥)
m	Minors (♦, ♣)
NT	No Trump
Bal	No singletons or voids
6+	6 or more
5-	5 or fewer

<b>Hand Valuation Points</b>	
Ace	4 points
King	3 points
Queen	2 points
Jack	1 point
	26 points
	33 points
	37 points
	Void
	Singleton
	Doubleton
	Game
	Small Slam
	Grand Slam

<b>Gerber</b>	
“Since we’re looking for a slam in no-trump, how many aces do you have, partner? How many kings?”	
4♣	- -
4♦	- 0A OR 4A
4♥	- 1A
4♠	- 2A
4NT	- 3A
5♣	- -
5♦	- 0K OR 4K
5♥	- 1K
5♠	- 2K
5NT	- 3K

<b>Blackwood</b>	
“Since we’re looking for a slam in a specific suit, how many aces do you have, partner? How many kings?”	
4NT	- -
5♣	- 0A OR 4A
5♦	- 1A
5♥	- 2A
5♠	- 3A
5NT	- -
6♣	- 0K OR 4K
6♦	- 1K
6♥	- 2K
6♠	- 3K

<b>Jacoby No Trump</b>		
“I have opening strength and a four-card major, and my partner opened that major. We are definitely going to bid game, but can we get to a slam?”		
1M	13-21	5+M
2NT	13+	4+M
3x	-	Ace or void
3M	19-21	-
3NT	16-18	-
4M	13-15	-

<b>Ogust</b>		
“My partner pre-empted a suit, and I have a strong hand.”		
2x	5-11	6x
2NT	15+	2+x
3♣	5-7	1 of AKQx
3♦	5-7	2 of AKQx
3♥	8-11	1 of AKQx
3♠	8-11	2 of AKQx
3NT	8-11	3 of AKQx

<b>Scoring Points</b>	
♣,♦	20 points each
♥,♠	30 points each
NT	40 points for first
	30 each additional
100 points	Game (3NT, 4M, 5m)
2 Games	Rubber

<b>Unusual No Trump</b>		
“An opponent opened a suit, and I can overcall in two possible suits.”		
1♣	-	-
2NT	6-11	5+♥,5+♦
4NT	6-11	6+♥,6+♦
1♦	-	-
2NT	6-11	5+♥,5+♣
4NT	6-11	6+♥,6+♣
1♥	-	-
2NT	6-11	5+♦,5+♣
4NT	6-11	6+♦,6+♣
1♠	-	-
2NT	6-11	5+♦,5+♣
4NT	6-11	6+♦,6+♣

<b>Michaels Cuebid</b>		
“An opponent opened a suit, and I can overcall in two possible suits, including the highest unbid suit.”		
1♣	-	-
2♣	8-16	5+♠,5+x
1♦	-	-
2♦	8-16	5+♠,5+x
1♥	-	-
2♥	10-16	5+♠,5+x
1♠	-	-
2♠	10-16	5+♥,5+x

<b>Modified DONT: Disturb Opponents’ No Trump</b>		
“Opponents opened strong No Trump, and I have a long suit (Double) or two (bid the lowest of my two suits).”		
1NT	-	-
Double	10+	6+x
Pass	15+	Bal
2♣	-	- (relay)
2y	8+	6+y
2♣	-	5+M,5+♣
2♦	-	5+M,5+♦
2♥	-	5+♠,5+♥
2♠	9-	6+♠
2NT	-	5+♦,5+♣

<b>Leaping Michaels</b>		
“An opponent pre-empted, and I have a strong two-suited hand. A cuebid implies both majors. A non-cuebid implies the suit bid plus a major.”		
3♣	-	-
4♣	15+	5+♠,5+♥
4♦	15+	5+M,5+♦
2♦	-	-
3♦	-	-
4♣	15+	5+M,5+♣
4♦	15+	5+♠,5+♥
2♥	-	-
3♥	-	-
4♣	15+	5+♠,5+♣
4♦	15+	5+♠,5+♦
2♠	-	-
3♠	-	-
4♣	15+	5+♥,5+♣
4♦	15+	5+♥,5+♦

<b>Stayman</b>		
“I have at least one four-card major, and my partner opened No Trump. Do we have a fit?”		
1NT	15-17hc	-
2♣	-	4+M
2♦	-	3-♥,3-♠
2♥	-	4+♥
2♠	-	4+♠,3-♥
2NT	21-23hc	-
3♣	-	4+M
3♦	-	3-♥,3-♠
3♥	-	4+♥
2♠	-	4+♠,3-♥

<b>Jacoby Transfers</b>			
“I have a five-card major or six-card minor suit, and my partner opened No Trump.”			
1NT	15-17	-	
2♦	8+	5+♥	
2♥	-	-	(relay)
Pass	-	-	
2NT	8-10	Bal	
3x	11+	5+x	
3♥	14+	6+♥	Slam invite
3NT	11+	Bal	
4♥	13-	6+♥	
3♥	17+	4+♥	Slam invite
2♥	8+	5+♠,3-♥	
2♠	-	-	(relay)
Pass	-	-	
2NT	8-10	Bal	
3x	11+	5+x	
3♠	14+	6+♠	Slam invite
3NT	11+	Bal	
4♠	13-	6+♠	
3♠	17+	4+♠	
2♠	-	6+m	
3♣	-	-	(relay)
Pass	-	6+♣	
3♦	-	6+♦	
2NT	21-23	-	
3♦	4+	5+♥	
3♥	-	-	(relay)
Pass	4-	-	
3NT	5+	Bal	
4♥	5+	6+♥	
3♥	-	5+♠,3-♥	
3♠	-	-	(relay)
Pass	4-	-	
3NT	5+	Bal	
4♠	5+	6+♠	
3♠	-	6+m	
4♣	-	-	(relay)
Pass	-	6+♣	
4♦	-	6+♦	

<b>Opening Leads</b>	
“I am making the opening lead as a defender.”	
<b>In a suit contract</b>	
Lead a singleton that isn’t trump.	
Lead the top of a pair: AK, KQ, QJ, KJT9	
Don’t lead a lone honor: AJ3, K5	
Don’t lead a lower card when there is an ace in a suit: AJ3	
<b>In NT</b>	
Lead the top of a triplet : AKQ, KQJ, KJT9	
Lead fourth from the top of the longest suit: AQJ5, KQ982	
Lead a spade.	