

Watson Bridge Index

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Lebensohl with Penalty Doubles

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W	N	E	S
	1NT	dbl	P asks partner to redouble if West passes
			Rdbl asks North to bid 2♣-Pass or correct to 2♦
			2♣ Stayman
			2♦ Transfer to hearts
			All systems are on as if East passed

W	N	E	S
	1NT	2♣	P asks partner to double with nothing in clubs
			Dbl Stayman
			All systems are on as if East passed

Texas transfers are on if interference is between 2♣ and 3♣ inclusive

If interference is 3♦ or higher, Texas transfers are OFF

There is never any transfer at the three-level when partner opens 1NT.

Doubles of the partscores, 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠, are penalty.

Doubles of a three-level contract, 3♣, 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ are negative (takeout).

Doubles of a game are penalty.

Lebensohl

With interference of 2♦ and above.

Systems are off.

The Two-level is natural and to play

The Three-level is natural and game forcing

The cuebid is game-forcing Stayman with a four-card major

2NT is a relay to 3♣

3NT is to play

4NT is quantitative

The cuebid with the relay is still Stayman but with a stopper

3NT after the relay is still to play but with a stopper.

4NT after the relay is still Quantitative but with a stopper.

The Two-Level is to Play and natural, and the Three-Level is GF and natural.

W	N	E	S	
	1NT	2♦	2♥	Natural, to play, 0-7
			2♠	Natural, to play, 0-7
			3♣	Natural, GF, four-plus clubs
			3♦	GF Stayman without a stopper (1 or 2 4-card maj)
			3♥	Natural, GF, five-plus hearts
			3♠	Natural, GF, five-plus spades
			3NT	Enough for 3NT with no stopper and no major

If the suit is not available at the two-level, bidding the suit after the relay is to play.

If the suit is available at the two-level, bidding the suit after the relay is invitational.

W	N	E	S	
	1NT	2♦	2NT	Relay to 3♣
P	3♣	P	P	Weak with clubs
			3♦	GF Stayman with a stopper
			3♥	Invitational with 5+ hearts
			3♠	Invitational with 5+ spades
			3NT	Enough for 3NT with a stopper, no major

W	N	E	S	
	1NT	2♠	3♣	Natural, GF, four-plus clubs
			3♦	Natural, GF, four-plus diamonds
			3♥	Natural, GF, five-plus hearts
			3♠	GF Stayman with four hearts, no stopper
			3NT	Enough for 3NT, no stopper, no major

W	N	E	S	
	1NT	2♠	2NT	Relay to 3♣
P	3♣	P	P	to play-weak with clubs
			3♦	to play-weak with diamonds
			3♥	to play-weak with 5+ hearts
			3♠	GF Stayman with a stopper
			3NT	Enough for 3NT with a stopper, no major