

# Standard American

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Twenty Years Ago	Now
1NT = 16-18: two bids to play; three bids forcing	1NT = 15-17: transfers; 3♣ & 3♦ invitational
go to game on 26	go to game on 25 rarely 24
jump in the same suit as opener with an opener	limit
Jump to 2NT with an opener	limit
jumpshift = 18+	weak jump shift
strong two's	weak two's- five cards in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat
four card majors	five card majors

Principles Shown by these changes:

When weak, take up lots of bidding room  
When strong, go slowly

Want the lead up to the strong hand

Say your piece bids:

limit bids  
doubles with a minimum  
top/other cuebid with a minimum  
unusual notrump with a minimum.

Weak Two's

Descriptive

6-3-2-2 or 6-3-3-1 or a weak 6-4-2-1  
Not 6-5-1-1 or a strong (8 points or more) 6-4-3-2  
No Voids and usually 3 or less in the unbid majors.

Preemptive

Lead Directive

Should evaluate to less than 10 points with a fit with partner

**Fat Free Convention Card:** <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/ss4.pdf>

**Standard American Yellow Card, SAYC:** [http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/sayc\\_card.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/sayc_card.pdf)