

## Bijan's FuN\* Defence against Mini or weak NT

Mini NT is a 1NT opening with typical range of 8-11 hcp. Traditional conventions such as DON'T, Cappelletti or Asptro are not very effective against Mini NT. Following is a convention, based on Bijan's Mini NT opening, allowing us to overcall and describes our hand accurately to our partner.

### Bidding sequences over opponent's Mini or Weak NT openings

- X shows a balanced or semi balanced hand with 11-14hcp
- **2C** is relay to 2D
- 2D shows an opening hand with 4+-4+ in majors
- 2H/2S shows less than opening hand with good 5 or 6+ cards
- 2NT 18-19 balanced
- **3C** relay to 3D; I have a massive hand, GF, don't stop until game or slam is bid
- 3D **Strong** opening hand with D
- 3H **Strong** opening hand with H
- 3S **Strong** opening hand with S
- 3NT to play (usually 17+ without 4 card major, or long suit with source of tricks)
- 4C Game in C or S (same color), pick one
- 4D Game in D or H (same color), pick one
- 4H Game in H or S, pick a major partner
- 4S Game in S or D, pick one (S stronger suit)
- 5C Game in minor, pick a minor
- 5H good chance of slam in majors, with a bit of help pick one or sign off at 5H or 5S
- 6C slam in minors, pick one
- 6H slam in majors, pick on
- After **2C-2D** overcaller bids are:
  - Pass with weak 6+ D
  - 3C opening hand in C
  - 2H opening hand in H (or 4-4-4-1 with good quality 4 card H)
  - 2S opening hand in S (or 4-4-4-1 with good quality 4 card S)
  - 2NT 15-17 balanced (Stayman and transfers apply after this)
  - 3D opening hand in D
  - 4H Game in C or H, pick one
  - 4S Game in S or D, pick one (D stronger suit)
- After **3C-3D** relay, responder bids are:
  - 3H/3S/4C/4D single suit GF
  - 5C slam in C and S (same color)
  - 5D slam in D and H (same color)
  - 5H slam in H and C
  - 5S slam in S and D

## Response to partner's X (11-14 hcp):

We typically treat this as partner has opened a weak NT and use any convention by partnership agreement.

If opponents redouble for playing 1NT XX, any bid by us shows at least 4 card suit. Any change of suit to be passed.

\* FuN stands for **Fend your NT**. No other 4 letter words should be used as substitute.