

## CHECKBACK CLUB (over 1N)

1m - p - 1H - p

1NT - p - ?

- 2C is the only forcing 2-level bid
- 2 of a different suit shows 5 of the major, 4 of the second suit, and 6-9 points, so opener just corrects to the best fit and that's drop
- 2 of the original major is a drop bid
- 2NT shows 10 to a bad 12, and is an invite to 3nt.

1m - p - 1M - p

1NT - p - 2C - p

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- 2D: Does not have 3 of "M", does not have 4 of the other M
- 2M: Has 3 of "M"
- 2OM: Has 4 of the other M, does NOT have 3 of M.

1m - p - 1M - p

1NT - p - 2C - p

2D - p - ?

- 2OM - 5(M)-4(OM), 10-12 points
- 2M - 6(M), 10 to 11 points
- 2NT: 10 to 11 points
- 3C: 4-5(M), 5(C), 7-9
- 3D: 5(M), 4(D), forcing to game
- 3OM: 5(M), 4(OM), forcing to game

Note: to bid 2C, responder has to have at least an invitational hand. That frees up every other bid. We already covered above how the other 2-level bids are weak and non-forcing.

Now for the distributional bids:

1m - p - 1M - p

1NT - p - ?

- 3C: Weak with 5-6 clubs
- 3D: 5/5 or 5/6 in D and M, forcing to game
- 3OM: 5/5 or 5/6 in M and OM, forcing to game
- 3M: 6 or 7 in M, forcing to game

So in general, with responder holding a stronger hand (game forcing), over 1nt (which limits the opener's hand) you:

1. Stick to NT if you're balanced
2. If you're wildly two suited (5-5 or more) you jump to the second suit
3. If you're wildly single suited (6 or more) you jump in your original suit
4. If you're moderately two suited (5-4), you bid 2C and then bid your second suit at the three level.

If you're holding a weak hand (5-9), over 1NT:

1. 3C if you have a long club suit (retreat from NT, drop bid)
2. 2-level bid of any other suit (retreat from NT, drop bid)
3. Or pass if you think 1NT is the right spot.

And if you're holding an intermediate hand (10-11) over 1nt, you either:

1. bid 2nt if you're balanced, or
2. bid 2C and then bid your second suit at the two level if appropriate/possible, otherwise
3. give an invitational bid (2nt or 3 of your suit if opener showed support).

## CHECKBACK CLUB (over 2N)

1m - p - 1M - p

2NT - p - ?

- 3C: forcing, asking for 3-card support (always bid 3C if 5-4 in majors, NOT 3OM)
- 3D: not forcing, shows 5M, 4D. Opener corrects or drops
- 3M: drop bid
- 3OM: forcing, 4-4 in majors, checking for 4-4 fit in OM (note, after 1H response, 3S here is NOT a reverse)
- 4C: Gerber
- 4D, 4M: not used
- 4OM is a splinter with 5cd support for m

1m - p - 1M - p

2NT - p - 3C - p

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- 3D: do not have 3 card M, **MAY have 4 card OM**, forcing
- 3M: have 3 card support for M
- 3OM: checkback for 4-4 fit in OM

1m - p - 1M - p

2NT - p - 3C - p

3D - p - ?

- 3OM: shows 5-4 in majors, looking for 4-4 fit in OM
- 3M: 6-cd suit
- 3NT: neither of the above
- 4m: 5cd support, slamming
- 4om: 6om/5M minimum distribution, slamming
- 4M, 4OM - not used. Instead bid 3, then continue with non-closeout bids

Special case, responder did not bid a major:

1C - p - 1D - p

2NT - p - 3C - p

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- 3D: 4-4 in majors
- 3H: 4cd hearts, denies 4cd spades
- 3S: 4cd spades, denies 4cd hearts
- 3N: no 4cd majors