

## INTERMEDIATE LESSON 4: STUDENT NOTES

### Combating interference over our 1NT

#### Lebensohl

Lebensohl is a bidding convention used when the opponents interfere over 1NT. After partner opens 1NT and the next opponent bids a suit up to 2♠, a 2NT bid is an artificial relay bid asking partner to bid 3♣. Responder then clarifies his hand with his second bid.

The suggestions below are a simplified version to introduce you to this convention.

#### 1NT - (2 of a suit overcall) - now what ?

<b>Pass</b>	= No 5+ card suit to show and/or few HCP
<b>X</b>	= Take-out with accent on the majors ( <i>subsequent doubles are penalties</i> )
<b>2-level bid</b>	= 6-9 HCP, 5+ suit, non forcing
<b>2NT</b>	= Lebensohl transfer to 3♣ After 3♣ by Opener, pass or bid your suit (see examples 2, 3, 4). If your suit is a lower rank suit to the opposition's it is not forcing. If your suit is a higher rank suit to the opposition's it is invitational.
<b>3-level bid</b>	= GF with a 5+ suit (see example 1)
<b>3 of the opposition's suit</b>	= Game values and looking for a hold in their suit
<b>3NT</b>	= Game values, with a stop in their suit

#### Example hands and bidding

1. South	Bidding			
♠ KQ742	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
♥ A6	1NT	2♥	3♠ *	Pass
♦ AQ5	4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣ 743				
	* 3♠ = GF showing 5 spades			

  

2. South	Bidding			
♠ 74	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
♥ K62	1NT	2♦	2NT *	Pass
♦ 83	3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣ KQ8752				
	* 2NT = Lebensohl. Pass of 3♣ = to play			

3. South	Bidding			
♠ 74 ♥ KJ8752 ♦ 83 ♣ AQ6	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
	1NT	2♦	2NT *	Pass
	3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
	Pass	Pass		
* 2NT = Lebensohl. Bid of 3♥ = invitational. Opener passes with a minimum hand and bids to 4♥ with a maximum				

4. South	Bidding			
♠ 74 ♥ KJ8752 ♦ 83 ♣ AQ6	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
	1NT	2♠	2NT *	Pass
	3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
	Pass	Pass		
* 2NT = Lebensohl. This hand is the same as Hand 3, but the bidding is slightly different. 3♥ by South is a lower rank to the opposition's suit so they are only competing. It is not invitational or forcing				

5. North	South	Bidding			
♠ KQ96 ♥ 97 ♦ K83 ♣ AQ64	♠ 742 ♥ KQ86 ♦ AJT7 ♣ 95	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
		1NT	2♥	Pass	Pass
		X	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opener's reopening double is showing shortage in hearts, a maximum hand and has tolerance of the unbid suits. South chooses to convert this to a penalty.					

## 1NT - (2 of an artificial suit overcall) - now what ?

<b>Pass</b>	= No 5+ card suit to show and/or few HCP
<b>X</b>	= Either clubs or intending to penalise a major. Subsequent doubles are penalties
<b>2-level bid</b>	= 6-9 HCP, 5+ suit, non forcing
<b>2NT</b>	= Lebensohl transfer to 3♣ Subsequent bids the same as per above.
<b>3-level bid</b>	= GF with a 5+ suit
<b>3NT</b>	= Game values, with a stop in their implied suit/s

6. North	South	Bidding			
♠ KQ96 ♥ J74 ♦ AQ64 ♣ 83	♠ 74 ♥ KQ86 ♦ 952 ♣ AJT7	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
		1NT	2♣ *	X	2♠
		X	Pass	Pass	Pass
* 2♣ = both majors. Subsequent doubles by you or your partner = penalty					

7. South	Bidding			
♠ 74	North	East	South	West
♥ 83	1NT	2♥	2NT *	Pass
♦ KJ8752	3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass
♣ K76	* 2NT = <i>Lebensohl</i> 3♦ = To play			

8. North	South	Bidding			
♠ K6	♠ A9754	North	East	South	West
♥ AQ84	♥ 73	1NT	2♥	3♠	Pass
♦ K73	♦ AQJ5	3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣ Q987	♣ A6	3♠ = GF with 5 spades			