

# 4-Card Transfer-Oriented Canapé Symmetric Relay System

Known also as TOSR

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## 5.1 OPENING

**REQUIREMENT: 10-14 HCP, 4+/4+ Minors, may be three-suited**

The 1 relay structure is truly symmetric, and also uses a forcing 1 No Trump response similar to the 1 and 1 openings. 2 is the GF relay, and 2 is a general invitational relay. After shape is shown following the 2 response, there is a strength ask, which parallels that of the 1 structure, but the range is 10-14 instead of 8+.

### RESPONSES SUMMARY

- Pass: To play with Spades.
- 1 NT: Asks for 5-card suit, 0-10, may be sign-off in 2 or 2.
- 2 : **GAME FORCE RELAY**
- 2 : Game-invitational relay.
- 2 : Constructive, non-forcing.
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- 2 NT: Preemptive with both Minors.
- 3 : Preemptive.
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- 3 : Splinter, game or better.
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- 3 NT: To play.
- 4 : Preemptive.
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### After 1 -1NT

Opener is expected to bid a 5-card suit. Exceptionally this might be 2 or 2 in a 0-5-4-4 or 5-0-4-4 hand. Only 1-4-4-4 or 4-1-4-4 hands are to be passed.

Further bidding is not constructive.

### After 1 -2

- 2 : Three-suiter with both Minors (see 1 opening structure section 2.4 for three-suited continuations).
- 2 : Reverser: 5+, 4
- 2 : 5/5
- 2 NT: High shortage, 5+, 4, etc.

### After 1 -2

- 2 : 4-5 card suit, F1
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- 2 NT: No Major, Clubs better than Diamonds, minimum.

- 3  $\square$ : No Major, Diamonds better than Clubs, minimum.
- 3 : 5-5 in Minors (or conc. 5-4), maximum.
- 3M: Maximum, 6+ cards in corresponding Minor.
- 3 NT: Maximum, 5-4-3-1 or 5-4-2-2, with strength in Majors.

### **After Interference**

If the relay bids or double of the relay bids are possible, it is still a relay. XX indicates willingness to defend and penalize. Pass over X shows a weak hand. 1 NT is natural, constructive and non-forcing. After all higher bids, we revert to natural meanings except 2 NT is a bad bid at the 3-level (Lebensohl). Two-level Major bids are natural and non-forcing, but may be invitational. Doubles of suits are takeout or GF in a suit biddable at the 2-level, and double of 1 NT is for blood.