

# 4-Card Transfer-Oriented Canapé Symmetric Relay System

Known also as TOSR

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## Appendices

### *Appendix 3 - The Overcall Structure*

#### **Current style by Dan/Josh:**

Over (1 ) by the enemy, Michaels Cue-bid is used.

Over (1any), Unusual 2 NT (5-5) is used, and 3-bids are WJOs.

SOs are not 4 cards (as a rule), so responses are like in standard systems: mixed raise jump cue, limit cue, new suit constructive NF, fit-jumps.

Lower limit of overcalls, instead of 6 (8) are dependent on vulnerability situation: 6 green, 8 white/amber, 10 red.

2 NT is the strong response to a cue or RJO. 3 to the lowest shown suit are partitioned into min, min/non-min, or even min/non-min/max.

Higher bids show maximum and descriptive.

RJOs and the cue guarantee a canapé shape. The only exception is a RJO to 2 for the Majors, which may be 5-5 only if weak or sub-weak.

#### **No-Trump Overcall**

This takeout double has the same HCP requirements for all other normal limited actions. Responses are all to play, except the cue-bid, which is any invite+ hand.

In competition, 2 NT is G/B (except when it cannot be, when it is Scramble), and double is responsive.

Over a penalty double of a NTO, responder can: XX (two places to play, including Spades), pass (two places to play, not including 4 Spades [or Hearts, if they bid Spades]), or bid a suit (definite preference). After responder's pass, overcaller should bid a suit with 5+ cards, or XX to show no long suit.

#### **Power Double**

The double of a 1-suit opening shows any 15+ (17+ in Third or Fourth Seat) hand that will not have a horrible rebid problem.

Responses utilize the Herbert relay (step 1) as the all-purpose 0-4 (0-3) hand or shapeless 5-8 (4-6), including 1NT after (1 )-X. Other non-jumps show 5-8 (4-6) with a 5+ card suit, jump-shifts are GF with a 5+ suit, and the cue-bid is for all shapeless GF hands.

Partner rebids over the Herbert relay naturally:

1. a simple suit is NF, 1NT is NF;
2. a jump-rebid in a suit is invitational;
3. a cue-bid is any GF;
4. and a 2 $\heartsuit$  rebid (or 2 $\spadesuit$  after [1 $\heartsuit$ ]-X) by Partner shows a 15+ (17+) HCP takeout double.