

Port Macquarie Hastings Bridge Ass
STANDARD AMERICAN

Name

ABF#

Opening Bids

1♣/♦	12+pts 3+cards
1♥/♠	12+ pts 5 cards
1NT	16-18 Balanced
2♣	23+ pts
2♦	Weak 2's
2♥	Weak 2's
2♠	Weak 2's
2NT	21-22pts semi-bal
3NT	25+ balanced

Responses

To 1 ♣	Bid four card major
To 1 NT	Simple Stayman
Jump Shift raises	Weak
To 2 ♣	2♦ negative < 8 pts 2♥/♠ 5 card suit 8+ pts
To 2NT	Simple Stayman

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Competitive Bidding

Jump overcall	Weak
1NT overcall	16-18 immediate
Over Weak 2's	Suit-12-15 pts 5 card suit natural X-16+ unbalanced NT 16+ bal with cover

Play Conventions

Sequence leads	Overlead all
4+ with honour	4 th highest
4+ small	2 nd highest
3 small	MUD (suit) Top o'Nothing (NT)
Signals	High encourage
Discards	High encourage

Bidding Conventions

Blackwood
 Gerber