



Bobby Knows Bridge - G-canape system

G-canape is a German bidding system based on a 16+ club opening, with very light 1D, 1H and 1S openings in Canape fashion. There are several variations, some involving three card major openings. The system was played successfully in the 1990 world championship.

Ludewig-Bitschene variation

This is a wild variation including the 3 card suit canapes and specialized two bids, may not be legal in most tournaments

1♣ = 16+, natural responses

1♦ = 0-7, 1♥ rebid forcing may be 19+ balanced then 1♠ = 0-4, others 5-7, 2♥ rebid natural, very strong

1M = 8+, 4+ suit

1NT = 8+, balanced

2♣ = 8+, diamonds

2♦ = 8+, clubs

2M = 5332 8-10

2N = minors, 3-8 HCP

Openers 1NT rebid = 16-18, maybe more after positive

1♦ = 9-15, no three card major, hence usually diamonds or both minors

Responses

1N = 10+, then 2M = 9-12 canape, and 3♣ = further relay
new suit not forcing after double

1M = 3 or 4 card suit with 5 card side suit, 9-15, may be lighter in third seat, or 4441 with 12-15 HCP, usually rebid in no trump, do not canape with both majors

Responses

step bid (2♣ over 1♠) = 6-9 usually, may be less to improve contract. Partner passes if canape suit

1NT = 10+ relay, further relays. Opener rebids his canape suit with 10-12, redouble in competition replaces 1NT

2M, 3M = inverted with 5 card support

Double = value showing at low level

1NT=13-15, stayman and transfers

2♣ =10-15, 6 card major, or 55 in minors double in competition competitive

2♦ =10-15 with long diamonds or weak two in a major

2M=10-15 5+ suit,4+ clubs

2NT asks, 3♣ rebid minimum, then 3♦ asks shortness

2N= 7-12 5 diamonds and 5+ major, 3♥ response is pass or correct

Overcalls of 1 of a minor are possible G canape also, with similar response structure (1NT asks for side suit), canape with both majors also. 1♦ overcall also canape, with 4 card suit

Rohowsky-Nippgen variation

This variation seems to be fully legal, with some mild use of canape. A good sound alternative to Borson or Cobalt

>1♣ =16+ responses same as in Ludwig-Bitschene methods

1♦ =10-15, 3+ suit, no 4 card major, could have 5 card major.2♣ rebid ambiguous length

Responses

♥ =negative relay,6-9

1N=positive relay 10+

Weak jump shifts

1M=4+ suit, may have longer side suit, 10-15 HCP, also could be 4441

Responses

1N=10+, then canape to minors, possible jump canape with 4-6 max

2x=usually natural, one round force, then raise of x=4+ support

Negative doubles have no precise shape requirements

Weak jump shifts

Limit raises

1NT=14-16, 10-12 at favourable vulnerability

2♣ = 10-15, clubs only

2♦ = major suit weak two bid

2M= bid suit and minor, weak

2NT=both minors, weak

3NT=gambling

