Cappallettí modified Defense Against Strong NT

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Direct Seat

Opener	Intervenor	Responder	Advancer
1NT	?		

Rule of 8

Start with 6^{orMore} HighCardPoints (Pass with 5_{orFewer} HighCardPoints)

Add the number of cards in the two Longest suits
subtract The Losing Trick Count
If the Total = 2 or more

add the HighCardPoints

If that Total = 8 or more

then the intervener should overcall

otherwise Defend (Pass)





$$6^{\text{orMore}}$$
 High Card Points \checkmark
 $5 \spadesuit s + 5 \heartsuit s = 10$

$$10 - 7 = 3$$

Balancing Seat

Opener	Intervenor	Responder	Advancer
1 N T	Pass	Pass	?

Rule of 2

The HighCardPoints are equaly divided.

Our side has c20 combined High Card Points

Opener is balanced

Responder is balanced

Shortness icreases the probability of a FIT for our side

Bid if you have 2 or More Shortness Points Void, Singleton or even 2 Doubletons

otherwise Defend (Pass)



13 HighCardPoints balanced

Partner has 7 HighCardPoints

All of your Finesses will LOSE

Defend (Pass)



7 HighCardPoints unbalanced

Partner has 13 HighCardPoints

All of your Finesses will WIN



Bids

Opener	Intervenor	Responder	Advancer
1 N T	?		

opener

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1NT = Strong Range includes 15
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intervenor

= 15^{orMore} HighCardPoints, balanced Penalty SystemsOn

2. I = 6 orMore OR 4 orMore Major, 4 orMore minor Relay to 2 Forcing
Diamonds OR a Major and a minor

2 **= 5**4 or Better **M**ajors **Both Majors**

2♥ = (5)^{orMore} ♥ *Natural*

 $2 \spadesuit = \bigcirc^{\text{orMore}} \spadesuit Natural$

 $2N_T = (5)5^{orBetter} m_{inors}$

3♣ = **6** orMore**♣**

Opener Intervenor Responder Advancer

1NT X Pass ?

opener

1NT = Strong Range includes 15

intervenor

= 15^{orMore} HighCardPoints, balanced Penalty SystemsOn

responder

Pass

advancer

Pass usually

2♣ = weak, 4 Major Forcing RARE

2♦ = weak, 6 orMore ♥ Transferto ♥

2♥ = weak, ⑥orMore ♠ Transferto ♠

2♠ = weak, ⑥orMore ♣ Transferto ♣

2NT = weak, 6orMore ♦ Transferto ♦

Opener Intervenor Responder Advancer

1NT 2 Pass ?

opener

1NT = Strong Range includes 15

intervenor

2♣ [] = ⑥orMore♦ OR ④orMore Major, ④orMore minor Relayto2♦ Forcing

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advancer

2♦ 📕 = Accept Relay

Artificial, keeping the bidding open

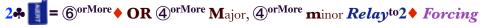


Opener	Intervenor	Responder	Advancer
1 N T	2 ♣	$oldsymbol{B}\mathrm{id}$?

opener

1NT = Strong Range includes 15

intervenor



responder **B**id

advancer

Pass

Other = 7 orMore Suit ToPlay



opener

1NT = Strong Range includes 15

intervenor

responder

Pass



opener

Pass

intervenor

$$P_{ass} = 6^{orMore} \rightarrow ToPlay$$

5



opener

1NT = Strong Range includes 15

intervenor

responder **P**ass

advancer

 $P_{ass} = 7^{orMore} \rightarrow ToPlay$

2♥ = *Preference ToPlay* **♦72 ♥875 ♦ KJ74 ♣ KQJ5**

2♠ = *Preference ToPlay* ♠875 ♥72 ♦KQJ5 ♣KJ74

 $3 = 7^{\text{orMore}} ToPlay$

3♥ = *Preference invitational*

 $3 \spadesuit = Preference invitational$

4♥ = Preference ToPlay ♦K4 ♥KJ3 ♦9642 ♣J765

4♠ = *Preference ToPlay* ♠KJ3 ♥K4 ♦J**7**65 ♣9642

Opener Intervenor Responder Advancer

1NT 2NT Pass ?

opener

1NT = Strong Range includes 15

2NT = 55 orBetter minors

responder **P**ass

advancer

3♣ = Preference ToPlay

3♦ = Preference ToPlay

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You	LHO	Partner	RHO
Pass	1 N T	Pass	Pass
?			

You **P**ass LHO **1NT = Strong** Range includes 15 Partner **P**ass **RHO** \mathbf{P} ass You $\mathbf{P}_{ass} = \mathbf{b}$ alanced = ①_{orFewer}♠ *Forcing* **Shortness in Spades** = ①_{orFewer}♥ *Forcing* Shortness in Hearts = 54 orBetter Majors 2♥ **I** = **⑤**40rBetter ♥&aminor, **①**orFewer **o**ther**m**inor Hearts & a minor = 540rBetter &&aminor, OorFewer otherminor Spades & a minor 2NT = 55 orBetter minors



NT = Strong Range includes 15
intervenor

= 15° More High Card Points, balanced Penalty Systems On

2♣ = ⑤ prMore Suit
one suited hand

2♦ = ⑤ ④ or Better Majors
two suited hand

2♦ = ⑤ ④ or Better ♦ & aminor
two suited hand

2♠ = ⑤ ④ or Better ♦ & aminor
two suited hand

= 550 orBetter minors