**ACBL Card 3Z06**

**Popular Conventions Card**

by Richard Pavlicek

Play duplicate bridge the easy way!

The convention card at the right is filled out according to the standard system taught by Richard Pavlicek, plus Jacoby & Texas transfers, limit major raises & splinters, 1 NT forcing, 2/1 game force (usually), new minor & 4th suit forcing, weak jump shifts, inverted minors, reverse Drury, Michaels cue-bid, and Landy.

If you and your partner have other agreements, enter them in the appropriate place. Print legibly, since the purpose of the card is for your opponents to understand your system. If any existing text conflicts with your agreements, white it out before editing.

You have my permission to make as many copies of this sheet as desired. For best results, prepare a master copy for each of your regular partners, then copies can be made as needed to avoid wear and tear on the original.

To detach the card from this sheet, make one cut exactly 8 inches from the right side to produce a standard-sized card 8 inches × 8.5 inches.

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### Names

### General Approach

Natural, 5-card majors as taught by Richard Pavlicek

Strong forcing opening: 2 ♠

### Notrump Opening Bids

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### Major Openings

5+ cards

- Double raise* = forcing
- 1 NT = 6-12 (forcing)
- 2 NT = 13+ (unlimited)
- 3 NT = F raise, splinters
- 2-over-1 GF (usually)
- Reverse Drury

### Minor Openings

3+ cards

- Double raise* = weak
- Single raise* = 10+
- *also in competition
- 1 NT = 6 to 10
- 2 NT = 13 to 16
- 3 NT = 17 to 18

### Psychics

Rare (almost never)

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### Other Conventional Calls

- Splinter raises of majors only (must be jump to 3 ♠ or higher, and in competition must be a jump cue)
- Weak jump shift responses
- New minor forcing
- Fourth suit forcing

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### Tables

#### Special Doubles

- Negative double → 4 ♦

#### Direct NT Overcalls

- 1 NT = 15 to 18 HCP (respond as to opening)
- 2 NT jump = unusual for two lower unbid suits

#### Simple Overcall

- Typically 8-17 HCP
- Simple response = 8-11
- Jump resp. invitational

#### Jump Overcall

- Weak (same as opening)
- Respond as to opening

#### Opening Preempts

- Light, usually based on rule of 2-3-4

#### vs. Enemy Preempts

- Takeout double → 4 ♦
- Double of 4 ♦ or 4 ♣ = optional (15+ HCP)

#### Direct Cue-bid

- Michaels

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### Direct NT Overcalls

- Double = 14+ HCP
- 2 ♠ = majors (Landy)
- 2 NT = minors
- Other = natural

### Over Opp’s T/O Dbl

- New suit = nonforcing
- Redouble = 10+ HCP (or 11+ support points)

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