

System card for Young Chelsea Individuals

- Acol, with 1NT opening - 12-14. 1NT rebid – 15-17 with natural continuations (no checkback).
- 4 card majors
- Responses to 1NT: 2♣ Stayman, 2♦/♥/♠/NT transfers to ♥/♠/♣/♦ respectively.
3 suit = natural slam try
- Weak 2s in ♦, ♥ and ♠, 2NT response asks for feature if non-minimum
- Strong openings
 - 2NT = 20-22 balanced, then 3♣ Stayman, 3♦/♥ transfers to ♥/♠
 - 2♣ = game force or 23-24 balanced
- Standard Blackwood
- Fourth suit forcing to game
- Double is for takeout through 3♠
- Defence to 1NT opening is natural
- Overcalls: unusual 2NT, Michaels and weak jump overcalls
- Carding
 - Leads: 4th highest from good suit, 2nd highest from poor suit, MUD, standard honour leads (A from AK, K from KQ)
 - Discards: 1st is standard attitude
 - Signals: standard count

Variations

- If both you and your partner agree, you may instead play Standard American – ie:
 - 1NT opening - 15-17. 1NT rebid – 12-14 with natural continuations (no checkback).
 - 5 card Majors, 3 card minors
 - Everything else as above

Other than that, **please don't vary the system**: the idea is to be able to start playing each board with a new partner without having to discuss anything. If you are used to playing a different style from your partner, please try to muddle through – remember it's only one board!

ENJOY YOURSELF, AND BE NICE TO YOUR PARTNERS!