

# **4NT Opening showing a Strong Minor Suit**

**Rating: Minimum 2 boards per segment/round**

## **General Description of System:**

An opening 4 NT bid shows a strong opening of 5 in a minor. The bid is forcing and is used in conjunction with natural 5 of a minor preempts, which show lesser hands.

## **Defense:**

Direct:

Double = Major suit takeout  
5 of a suit = Natural  
5NT = Slam worthy, two suited hand

Delayed:

Double = Three suit takeout  
5 of a suit = Two suit takeout including a minor  
5NT = Slam worthy, two suited hand including a minor

All initial actions, except natural overcalls, suggest enough defensive strength to defeat a five level contract and create a forcing auction. Subsequent suit bids are natural and forcing; subsequent doubles are penalty; and cue bids promise controls. Where an initial bid shows an indeterminate two suited hand, subsequent bids are Pass or correct.