

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening) |
| Aggressive at 1 level (may be 4 cards); generally sound at 2 level Responses: (1x) 1M (P): 3x = Mixed raise (6-9); 2M/3M/4M = Pre; 2NT = 9+, 4+ supp; Transfer advances, otherwise new suit = F; Fit jumps (1x) 2m (P): 3x = Spl; 3m/4m/5m = Pre; 2NT = Nat; Transfer advances, otherwise new suit = F; Fit jumps |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| 2nd/4th live: 1NT = 15-18 Reopening: 1NT = 11-14; 2NT = 19-21 Responses: (1m) 1NT: System on (1M) 1NT: 2♣ = ♦; 2M-1 = Asks for 4oM Rubensohl (X = T/O if overcall is natural) |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| Weak, 5-10 (aggressive NV; wide-ranging opposite PH) Responses: 2NT = Asks for feature; Cue = Asks for suit quality (1m) 2NT = ♥+om (1M) 2NT = ♦+oM (1x) P (1y) 2NT = Two-suited in unbid suits |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| (1m) 2m = ♥+♠ (1M) 2M = ♣+oM (1x) P (1y) 2x/y = Natural |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH) |
| Vs strong NT opened in 3rd NV or vs weak NT by unpassed hand: X = Penalty; 2♣ = 4♥+any; 2♦ = 4♠+any; 2M = Nat; 2NT = ♣+♦ Vs strong NT not opened in 3rd NV or vs weak NT by passed hand: X = ♠+any; 2♣ = ♥+♣; 2♦ = ♥+♦; 2M = Nat; 2NT = ♣+♦ |
| VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| Weak 2: X = T/O (Responses: 2NT = Lebensohl; 3m = NF, 9-11) 2NT = 15-18; 3♠ = Asks for stopper; (2♦) 4♣ = ♣+M; (2♦) 4♦ = ♥+♠; (2M) 4m = m+oM Weak 3: X = T/O; 3NT = Nat; (3♦) 4♣ = ♣+M; (3♦) 4♦ = ♥+♠; (3M) 4m = m+oM |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣ |
| (1♣) or (1♣) P (1♦): 1♠/1NT/2m = Art (2♣) or (2♣) P (2♦): X = Majors; 2NT = Minors |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| 1M (X): 1NT/2♣ = Trf; 2M-1 = 8+, 3(4) supp; 2NT = 8+, 4+ supp; Fit jumps |

| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE | | | |
| | Lead | In Partner's Suit | |
| Suit | 3rd/Low | } Attitude if supported | |
| NT | 4th/2nd from bad 3+ suit | } 3rd/Low if unsupported | |
| Subseq | Attitude | Attitude | |
| A/Q asks for attitude (Hi = Disc); K asks for unblock or count (Hi = E) vs NT | | | |
| LEADS | | | |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT | |
| Ace | AK(+); Ax(+) | AK(+); Ax(+) | |
| King | AKx(+); KQ(+); Kx | Asks for unblock or count | |
| Queen | AKQ(+); QJ(+); Qx | (A)KQ(+); QJ(+); Qx | |
| Jack | (K)J10(+); Jx | (A/K)J10(+); J10(+); Jx | |
| 10 | (H)109(+); 10x | (H)109(+); 10x | |
| 9 | KJ9(x); 9x | 9x | |
| Hi-X | Xx | Xx; xXx(+) | |
| Lo-X | HxX(x); xxX(x); xxxX | HxX; HxxX(+) | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | Hi = Disc | Hi = Even | Hi = Disc |
| Suit 2 | Hi = Even | Suit preference | Hi = Even |
| 3 | Suit preference | | Suit preference |
| 1 | Hi = Even | Smith (see below) | Hi = Disc |
| NT 2 | Hi = Disc (A/Q lead) | Hi = Even | Hi = Even |
| 3 | Suit preference | Suit preference | Suit preference |
| Signals (including Trumps): Smith: Hi = Encourages continuation on both sides Suit preference in trumps | | | |
| DOUBLES | | | |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) | | | |
| 12+ direct; Equal level conversion Responses: (1x) X (1M) X = Pen; (1x) X (1M) 2M = 5+M Scrambling 2NT | | | |
| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS | | | |
| 1♣ (1♦) X = 4+♥; 1m (1♥) X = 4+♠ Support double shows 3(4)-card support (any strength) | | | |

| W B F CONVENTION CARD | |
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| CATEGORY: | Red |
| NCBO: | England |
| PLAYERS: | Michael Alishaw – Stephen Kennedy |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY | |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE | |
| Vul/4th: 1♣ = F, 10+ natural/balanced/strong; 1♦ = 4+♦ NV: 1♣ = F, 14+ natural/balanced/strong; 1♦ = 1+♦ (nat/bal/4414) 5-card majors (semi-forcing 1NT); light openings NV/3rd 1NT opening: 14-16 Vul/4th; 9-11 NV 1st/2nd; 9-14 NV 3rd 2/1 response: FG except direct rebid Vul; F2M NV | |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE | |
| 1st/2nd: Multi 2♦ (weak 2M) NV 1st: 2♥ = 3-8, 4+♥4+♠ 2NT = Both minors; Gambling 3NT Rubensohl (X = T/O if overcall is natural) Transfers in competition after we open 1x (1NT) 2♣ = Majors Good-Bad 2NT | |
| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES | |
| (1NT) X (2m) P = F 1x (X) XX (2x-1) P = F | |
| IMPORTANT NOTES | |
| 1♦ opening may have 4♦5+♣ 1M opening may be 4-card suit in 3rd | |
| PSYCHICS: Rare | |

| OPENING | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG.DBL THRU | | | | |
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| | | | | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| 1♣ | ✓ | 0 | 4♥ | Vul/4th: 10+ nat / 11-13 bal / 17+ bal / FG any NV: 14+ nat / 15+ bal / 17+ any | 1♦ = 0-5 any or 6+ without 4M; 1M = 6+, nat; 1NT = Inv | 1♣ 1♦ 1NT = 17-19; 1♣ 1M 1NT = Min bal 1♣ 1M 1NT: 2♣ = Pup 2♦; 2♦ = Relay | |
| 1♦ | ✓ | 1(4) | 4♥ | NF, 10+ with 5+♦, unless 4♦5♣ or 4♦(441) or 12-14 bal/4414 Always unbalanced (4+♦) if Vul | Vul: 1NT = 5-11; 2♣ = FG, nat NV: 1NT = 5-11; 2♣ = 5+♦; 2♦ = FG, bal/5+♣ | | 2♣ = NF; Fit jumps |
| 1♥ | | 5(4) | 4♦ | Vul/4th: NF, 10+ NV: 9-16 May be 4-card suit in 3rd | 2♣ = F, nat/bal (2+♣); 2NT = Inv+, 4+♥; 3♦ = Inv, 3♥; 3♥ = Pre; 4m = Spl | | 2♣ = 8-10, 3+♥; 2♦ = NF; Fit jumps |
| 1♠ | | 5(4) | 4♥ | Vul/4th: NF, 10+ NV: 9-16 May be 4-card suit in 3rd | 1NT = 5-11; 2♣ = F, nat/bal (2+♣); 2NT = Inv+, 4+♠; 3♦ = Inv, 3♠; 3♠ = Pre; 4x = Spl | | 2♣ = 8-10, 3+♠; 2R = NF; Fit jumps |
| 1NT | | | 4♦ | Vul/4th: 14-16 (may have 6m) NV 1st/2nd: 9-11 NV 3rd: 9-14 (may have 6m or singleton) | 2♣ = Stayman; 2♦/♥/♠/NT = Transfer; 3♣ = Puppet Stayman; 3♦ = FG, ♣+♦; 3M = Spl; 4♠/♦ = Pup 4♥/♠ | | |
| 2♣ | | 6(5) | 4♥ | 10-15 (may be 5♣4M NV) | Vul/4th: 2R = Trf; 2NT = Inv; 3♣ = Pre NV: 2♦ = Relay; 2M = Inv; 3♣ = Pre | | |
| 2♦ | ✓ | 5 | | 1st/2nd: Weak 2M 3rd: 5+♦ (wide-ranging) | 2M/3M = P/C; 2NT = Relay | | |
| 2♥ | ✓ | | | Vul 1st/2nd: 10-15, 6+♥ NV 2nd: 8-12, 6+♥ NV 1st: 3-8, 4+♥4+♠ | 2NT = Relay; 2♠/3♣/3♦ = F, nat; 3♥ = Pre 2NT = Relay; 3♣ = Pup 3♦; 3♦ = Asks for better M | | |
| 2♠ | | 6 | | Vul 1st/2nd: 10-15, 6+♠ NV 1st/2nd: 8-12, 6+♠ | 2NT = Relay; 3♣/♦/♥ = F, nat; 3♠ = Pre | | |
| 2NT | ✓ | 5-5 | | 8-12, 5+♣5+♦ (NV 1st: 3-8) | 3m/4m = Pre; 3M = F, nat | | |
| 3♣ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3♦ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3♥ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3♠ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3NT | ✓ | 7 | | Gambling | 4♣/5♣ = P/C; 4♦ = Asks for shortage; 4M = To play | 3NT 4♦: 4NT = No shortage; 5m = Spl in om | |
| 4♣ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 4♦ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | 4NT = RKCB-1430: 5NT = 2 + void; 6x = 1 or 3 + void | |
| 4♥ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | Interference over RKCB: ROPI; DOPI (over 5m); DEPO (over 5♥ or higher) | |
| 4♠ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | Splinters; Exclusion RKCB: 0314 responses | |
| 4NT | ✓ | | | Asks for specific aces | 5♣ = 0 aces; 5♦/♥/♠/6♣ = That ace; 5NT = 2 aces | Cue bids show first or second round controls | |
| 5♣ | | 8 | | Pre-emptive | | Lightner double | |
| 5♦ | | 8 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 5♥ | | 8 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 5♠ | | 8 | | Pre-emptive | | | |