

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
NATURAL
SHAPE OF SUIT FORCING BY NON-PASSED HAND
Unassuming Cue Bid
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-17 HCP
Responses – Stayman & Transfers to Majors
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
WEAK – 5 – 11 6 card suit
Reopen: INTERMEDIATE
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
2C- any 6 card suit
2D-at least 5-4 in both majors
2H-5+ hearts and 5+in a minor
2S-5+ spades and 5+ in a minor
2NT-5-5+ in minors
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
TAKEOUT DOUBLE
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Natural
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
REDBL = 10+ no fit
New suit – Non-Forcing

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th /2 nd from bad suits	Same	
NT	Same	Same	
Subseq			
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx	AKx	
King	Kqx		
Queen	Qjx	Weak	
Jack	(H)J10x	Same	
10	(H)109x	Same	
9	Shortage	Same	
Hi-X	Even No	Same	
Lo-X	Odd No	Same	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Count	Count	Revolving
Suit 2			
3			
1			
NT 2			
3			
Signals (including Trumps):			
Revolving discards			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
SHAPE SUITABLE OR TOO STRONG FOR AN OVERCALL			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY:
NCBO: NORTHERN IRELAND
PLAYERS: Craig Smylie and Ryan Lightowler
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5-CARD MAJORS - BETTER MINOR
INT OPENING 15-17
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
4 TH SUIT FORCING
CAPPELLETTI
UNASSUMING CUE BIDS
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: RARELY

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3		11+ or shape	1 level 6+, 2 level 9+		
1♦		3		As above	As above		
1♥		5		As above	As above		
1♠		5		As Above	As above		
INT				15 - 17	2♣ STAYMAN TRANSFERS		
2♣	YES			ACOL GF OR 23/24 Balanced	2♦ NEGATIVE		
2♦		6		5 – 11 pts	2NT – Forcing enquiry, New Suit – non-forcing	3♣ - bad/bad, 3♦ - bad/good, 3♥- good/bad 3♠ - good/good	
2♥		6		5 – 11 pts	As above	As above	
2♠		6		5 – 11 pts	As above	As above	
2NT				20-22 BALANCED	3C = STAYMAN		
3♣		7		NORMAL PRE-EMPT			
3♦		7		“			
3♥		7		“			
3♠		7		“			
3NT				7+ SOLID MINOR <K OUTSIDE			
4♣							
4♦							
4♥							
4♠							
4NT							
5♣						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦						4NT RKC BLACKWOOD (1430)	
5♥							
5♠							