

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level ; Reopening)
Simple – usually sound at 2 level, less so at favourable
Vulnerability or at 1 level, usually decent suit
Responses - Change of suit natural and forcing
Cue of opponent's suit usually sound support
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-17 direct
11-13 4 th seat
17-19 sandwich
System “on” in all cases
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Jump – weak 6+ suit, except 3♣ is highest + lowest suits
Double jump - weak and 7+ carder
Reopen:
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue = Highest 2 suits 5+ 5+ 7 losers or less
2NT = lowest 2 suits, 5+ 5+ 7 losers or less
3♣ = Other 2 suits 5+ 5+ 7 losers or less
Jump cue = Asks for stop in suit, strong with minor suit
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
X = Penalty if weak NT, minor suit if strong or a passed hand
2♣ = majors with 2♦ enquiry
2♦ = Major single suiter
2♥/♠ = 5+ M and 5m – 2NT strong ask -3♣/♦ = pass or correct
2NT = Minors
3X = Strong invitation
VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X for takeout up to 4♥
4m is Michaels and non leaping Michaels see note 5
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
2 level over 1♣ as for defence to 1nt, natural over 2♣
1 of a suit is natural, 1NT is a transfer to ♣
After (1♣)-P-(1♦) X is ♦ other bids are the same
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Redouble = 9+ short opener's suit, 1NT = 8-10 with stop
New suits natural and forcing
2NT = sound 3 level raise, 3NT = 5 card raise with defence

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th best, 2 nd of xxxx(x), top from xxx.	Same	
NT	Same	Same	
Subseq	Same	same	
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Asks for reversed attitude	Same	
King	Asks for standard count	Same)	
Queen	QJ asks for rev attitude	QJ or KQ otherwise same	
Jack	J10, short or A or KJ10	Same	
10	109, short or H109	Same	
9	Highest	Same	
Hi-X	Doubleton or four	Same	
Lo-X	Hxxx	Same	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Reverse attitude	Standard count	Odd like, even Suit pref
Suit 2	Suit preference	Suit preference	Standard count
3	Standard count		
NT 1	Standard count	Smith peters Standard count	Odd like, even Suit pref
2	Suit preference	Suit preference	Standard count
3			
Signals (including Trumps): SP in Trumps, Smith peters Note 6			
Lead of a king asks for orthodox count, ace for reverse attitude			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Can be light with shape.			
Of a transfer or cue suggests that suit			
Of a cue of our suit shows a top honour			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Over 1NTx Rdbld is escape to single suiter			

W B F CONVENTION CARD	
CATEGORY: Green NCBO: Ireland	
PLAYERS: Ian Lindsay	Ian Hamilton
EVENT Camrose	4/1/25
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
Acol with 4 card Majors	
Multi 2♦ - 19-20 balanced or Weak Two Major (5-10)	
2♥/♠- 5♥/♠ + 4/5 unspecified minor (5-10)	
Weak no trump 12-14 HCP, Stayman/transfers	
With 4M 4m we open the Major	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
Multi 2♦ - 19-20 balanced or 5-10 sound 6 card Major	
Weak 2♥/♠ - 5-10 HCP with 5 in anchor Major and 4+ in unspecified minor	
Inverted Minors Note 4	
All 1x-3x are pre-emptive	
1♦ - 3♣ is 8-9 with ♦	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
When we have bid constructively to game and are outbid	
IMPORTANT NOTES	
1NT rebid may contain a singleton in partners suit	
PSYCHICS: Rare	

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		4	4♥	Natural, long suits first	1NT (8-9) with ♣ Inverted raises see note 3	1NT rebid is 12-16 with Crowhurst 2♣ Asking for range and majors note 5	Good/bad 2nt after disturbed response note 1
1♦		4	4♥	Natural, long suits first	Inverted Minors see note 4, 3♣ is 8-9 with ♦	As for 1♣ opening . Plus see Note 1b	As for 1♣opening .
1♥		4	4♦	Natural, long suits first	2nt = good raise to 3 or better, 3NT 4 card	As for 1♣opening . Plus F1 2♣ Note 1a	As for 1♣opening .
1♠		4	4♥	With 4M 4m we bid 1M As for 1♥ opening	Balanced raise, 3♥ pre-emptive As for 1♥ opening	As for 1♣opening . Plus F1 2♣ Note 1 a	
INT			4♥	12-14	2♣= Stayman, 2♦= ♥, 2♥= ♠, 2♠= ♣ 2NT=♦ 3X is SI	For Responder 2 level bids rebids are GI,	Good/Bad 2NT see Note 1
2♣		0	4♥	FG	2♦ relay, 2/3 a positive, decent suit	2♣- 2♦ -2♥ is ♥ or ♣	Note 2
					2NT any 5-5 reasonable suits	2♣- 2♦-3♣ is ♦ and another suit	Note 2
2♦		0		5-9 with decent ♥/♠ suit or 19-20 balanced	2♥ no interest in heart game, 2♠ implies hearts NF	Over 2NT rebid system on	
					2NT asks. 3♣/♦ FG max ♥/♠; 3♥/♠ minimum		
2♥		5	4♦	5♥/4+m (5m vul) 5-9 or 6/10	2NT asks - 3♣/♦min 3♥/♠ max with ♣/♦		
2♠		5	4♥	5♠/4+m (5m vul) 5-9 or 6/10	As above		
2NT			4♥	21-22	3♣ - 5 card Stayman with Puppet continuations 3♦/♥ transfer, 3♠ minors, 4x SI Transfer to suit above		
3♣		6		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3♦		6		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3♥		7		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3♠		7		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3NT				Solid minor, little outside	4♣ = pass or correct	4♦ asks for shortage with coded response	
4♣		7-8		weak			
4♦		7-8		weak			
4♥				7-8 PT with little defence			
4♠				7-8 PT with little defence			
4NT				Specific ace ask	5♠= none 5NT=2		
5♣				7-9 PT little defence		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦				7-9 PT little defence		RKCB – 3041, ROPI DOPI	
						Triple jump Exclusion KCB	

Supplementary notes

1a Gazzilli. After 1Major opening and 1 level response, Openers rebid of 2♣ is F1 and either natural with clubs or GF.

Responder

With 9+ HCP (8+ if response was 1NT) Bids 2 of lowest unbid suit

Opener shows a natural bid by rebidding his major, or 3♣ over a ♦ opening. Any other bid is FG

With fewer Gives normal preference, rebids suit or raises clubs.

Any further bid by opener is GF.

1b Gazzilli . After 1♦ opening and 1 level response, Openers rebid of 2♦ shows 11-16 5♦4+♣, 2♣ is a transfer, can be strong

1. Good/bad 2NT applies if:

- Our 1NT is overcalled;
- Opener can't rebid his suit at the 2 level due to intervention;
- Opposite a double of Multi, Weak two or two suited 2 level opener, or doubled suit raised to 2
- We double a weak NT
- Opener reverses

Asks partner to bid 3♣ If followed by 3NT promises stop. Other bids are F1.

2. After a 2♣ - 2♦ - Any - the Responder usually relays the next step up to enable Opener to more fully describe his hand

3. Inverted Minors. After 1m 2m suits Opener describes his hand

3m	Minimum	Suit bids by responder are stops
Next step	13-14	Suit bids by responder are FG and shortage, 2NT is FG balanced
		A suit by opener is shortage, NT or 3m is balanced
2nt	FG 15+ no shortage	Suit bids by responder are shortage, 3m is balanced
Suit	FG 15+ shortage	Suit bids by responder are shortage, 2NT or 3m is balanced

4. Crowhurst

If Opener rebids 1NT 12-16, 2♣ by Responder is a strength and distribution enquiry. NB applies after a 1♣ opening

Openers response

With 15-16 FG Bids 2nt or above

With 12-14 NF Bids below 2nt with 2♦ as the default bid Minimum bids by responder are to play

5. Leaping and Non-Leaping Michaels

After any pre-empt 4m is FG and shows the bid minor and a Major at least 5-5

If the Major is unknown 4M is pass or correct

A cue or 4th suit shows additional strength

6. Smith Peters v NT contract. Both play High-low on first suit Declarer plays to signal like the opening lead