



DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		OPENING LEADS STYLE			
5 card suit and constructive			Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Ghestem See supplementary notes		Suit	4th or normal count	4th or normal count	Category: Lady Milne
Weak jump overcalls - 6 cards		NT	4th; top of sequence;	4th or normal count	Country: Northern Ireland
		Subseq	giving remaining count upside down	giving remaining count upside down	Event: 2021
		Other:			Players: Fitzpatrick Anne, Kelly-Rogers Mary
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		LEADS			SYSTEM SUMMARY
1NT immediately after opening bid shows 15-17 HCP and stopper in bid suit		Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
1NT in 4th position is 15-17 NT if 2 suits bid		Ace	may hold K but asks for attitude or SP	promises K	15 - 17NT and 5 Card majors; 2/1 game forcing; most jump shift responses are artificial
1NT in 4th position is protective and 10 - 14 HCP if only 1 suit bid		King	may promise the A but asks for count	Promises the Q	Upside down count/ attitude
		Queen	Promises the J	Promises the J	Weak 2 openings - 2♦/2♥ / 2♠ = weak 6 card suit
		Jack	Promises the T	Promises the T	Weak jump overcalls (6card); non penalty double to 4♦ :constructive overcalls
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)		10	may promise the 9	May be internal sequence	opening 1♥ will be 4 card
1-Suit: weak 6 card major or 6♦ over 1♣		9	may promise the 8	Promises the 8	
2-Suit:		Hi-x	even no	even no	1NT Openings: 15-17 HCP
		Lo-x	Odd no	Odd no	2 OVER 1 ResponsesGame force
Reopen:		SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)			Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Ghestem see supplementary notes		Suit:1st	attitude; upside down count;	upside down count	Odds(like suit) /evens (suit preference)
Cue bid shows support for partner's suit		2nd	upside down count	upside down count	hand protection
		3rd			
		NT: 1st	high; upside down count	upside down count	Odds(like suit)/evens(suit)
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)		2nd	upside down count	smith peters(reverse)	hand protection
Double for penalties over weak NT		3rd			
2♣ - one suited hand		Signals (including Trumps): UDCA/ Trump suit preference			Opening 2♥ - 6 card weak
2♦ - both majors, at least 4/4		Reverse Smith Peters for both opening leader and partner to bid in like original suit			Opening 2♠ - 6card suit weak
2♥ - hearts and a minor - may only hold 4 card ♥ suit. 11+ pts					Opening 2♦ - weak 6 card suit
2♠ - spades and a minor - may only hold 4 card ♠ suit. 11+ pts					Lebensohl See supplementary notes
Over Strong NT X = minors					Ghestem See supplementary notes
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)		Takeout doubles up to 4♦, double is shape suitable and too strong to overcall, when 2			Gambling 3 NT - solid suit nothing outside.
Over weak 2'sDouble - take out or 19+Responder lebensohl 2NT or 2/3x invitational		have been bid by the opposition then double promises the other 2 suits and 10+ pts			Drury – see supplementary notes
Cue = asking in NT. Jump over 2♥ = 3♠ = constructive semi solid 15-16pts		When partner opens and LHO overcalls double shows other 2 suits – negative dbl			Bergen Raises – see supplementary notes
		When partner reopens with a double promises tolerance for unbid suits			
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS		SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES			SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
over 1♣ Dbl = ♣ + ♠ 1♦ = ♦ + ♠ 1♥ = ♥ + ♠ 1♠ = preemptive natural		1m - DBL shows at least 4/3 in the Ms. Opening points or stronger hand			
1NT = ♣ + ♥ 2♣ = ♣ + ♦ 2♦ = ♦ + ♥ 2♥/2♠ = 5/6+ cards		1M - DBL shows Opening points or shape suitable hand			
2NT = extreme two suiter		DBL - at 3 level t/o.			IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
		DBL at 4♥ level and above is for penalties but partner can still bid.			Inverted minors off in competition
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE		Support doubles			Over weak 2M or 3M
Either support partner's suit or bid own suit showing a 5 card suit		Negative DBL – up to and including 4♦			4♣ and 4♦ are 6 card m and 4 other M 4♠ and 4♥ non forcing
Redouble - 9+ HCP					3NT is single suited m and ♥/♠ stop
Cue their suit 3 card support for partner					

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS							
Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Dble thr	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Competitive and Passed Hand Bidding
1♣	yes	2	4♦	11+ HCP	Own suit/ jump fit/splinter /cue bid/inv m	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1♦	no	4	4♦	11+ HCP	Own suit/ jump fit/splinter/cue bid/inv m	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1♥	no	5	4♦	11+ HCP	Bergen/Own suit/ jump fit/ splinter and cue bid	normal bidding or cue bidding	Drury but Bergen over intervention
1♠	no	5	4♦	11+ HCP	Bergen/Own suit/ jump fit/splinter and cue bid	normal bidding or cue bidding	Drury but Bergen over intervention
1NT	no		4♦	15- 17 HCP	stayman/transfers	normal bidding/ break transfer with 4	Lebensohl – See Supplementary notes
2♣	yes			23+ HCP or distributional	Controls	Normal bidding	
2♦	yes			8 – 10 HCP	2NT enquiry		
2♥	yes	6		8 - 9 HCP	2NT asking		
2♠	yes	6		8 - 9 HCP	2NT asking		
2NT	yes	5		20 – 22 HCP	Puppet stayman	Bid major do not have	
3♣	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT /5♣ to play		
3♦	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/5♦ to play		
3♥	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/4♥ to play		
3♠	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/4♠ to play		
3NT	yes	6		10+ HCP long minor no outside stop	pass. 4♣ pass or correct. 4♦ singleton ask 4♥/4♠ to play		
4♣	no	7		Texas	4NT ace asking		
4♦	no	7		Texas	4NT ace asking		
4♥	no	8		Weaker preempt	4NT ace asking		
4♠	no	8		Weaker preempt	4NT ace asking		
4NT	no				Ace asking	5♣=0 5♦ = A2011♦ 5♥ = A♥ 5♠ = A♠ 5NT = 2 6♣ = A♣	
5♣	no	8					
5♦	no	8					
	n/a						
	n/a						
	n/a						
HIGH LEVEL BIDDING							
RKCB(1403) DPOI ROPI							
Cue bid promises first round control in that suit when trump suit is agreed							
Splinter promises singleton in bid suit and agrees trump suit							
Gerber over NT							
5NT grand slam force							
Modified Blackout							
5NT bypassing 4NT asks for holding in trump suit							

Supplementary Notes Fitzpatrick – KellyRogers:

Drury

2♣ by passed hand over 1M (3rd or 4th hand) is artificial, promises 3 card support 8/11 points.

2♦ 4 card support 7/11 pts (Opener - cue bid or 2NT asking for shortness)

Resp If bid shortness max but could not open

3M weak

3NT best hand no shortness)

2♥/♠ 3/4 card support 6/9 pts (2NT asks if max - if so bid game)

(NB 1NT by passed hand now 6 - 9pts denying 3 card support

2NT natural 10/11 pts not 3 card support).

Bergen Raises after 1 of a Major Opening by partner:

always on after interference

2M = 6 – 9 with 3 trumps NB 1♥ X 1♠ = 5♠ and forcing

2 NT Jacoby 12+ with 4 trumps (then 3NT Keycard 4♣ = 1/4 4♦ = 0/3, suit natural and good, 4 level bid singleton, 4M shut out, bid 2nd suit if stronger)

3M = 0 – 5 with 4 trumps

3♣ = 6 – 9 with 4 trumps then 3♦ is asking for 9pts

3♦ = 10- 11 with 4 trumps, limit raise

3NT = 12+ pts 3 card support

Ghestem shows 2 5 card suits after Opps opening

Over 1♣ 2♣ = clubs less than 15pts

2♦ = Majors

2NT = ♦ + ♥ Lower

3♣ = ♦ + ♠ Extremes

1♦ - 2♦ = ♠s and ♣s 1♥ - 2♥ = ♠s and ♣s 1♠ - 2♠ = ♥s and ♣s

2NT ♥s and ♣s 2NT ♦s and ♣s 2NT ♦s and ♣s

3♣s ♠s and ♥s 3♣s ♠s and ♦s 3♣s ♥s and ♦s

DISCARDS Reverse Smith Peters applies to both opening leader and Partner – Lo Hi likes original suit led

Odds – likes suit discarded – evens suit preference

LEBENSOHL after intervention of our 1NT – Slow arrival no stop

1NT 2x 2 in a higher ranking suit natural and non forcing

1NT 2x 2NT (forcing opener to bid 3♣) P less than 8 HCP or Game no stop

3♣ P 3x to play

3NT points for game but no stopper in overcallers suit

1NT 2x 3any suit except that overcalled = natural and 8+ pts

NB 1NT 2♠ 2NT P

3♣ P 3♥ is invitational by unpassed hand, weak by passed hand(less than 8pts)

1NT 2x 3 overcalled suit, a direct cuebid, artificial, asking partner to bid 4 card Major and showing a stopper in overcalled suit

1NT 2x 3NT to play showing a stopper in x

Over a natural 2 level overcall, or 2 suited overcall,

1NT X by opps showing both minors then ...

XX by us shows both majors 4 4

2♣ is both majors longer hearts and 8+ pts

2♦ is both majors and longer spades 8+ pts

2♥ is 5+ hearts and 8+ points

2♠ is 5+ spades and 8+ points

2NT is leb demanding a 3♣ response and normal 8+ points

3♥ is 5 hearts and F 10+ as in leb

3♠ is 5 spades and F 10+as in leb_

Also applies after we make a takeout double of their weak 2. including if we double their multi 2♦

- 1) 2♠ - Dbl – P a 3 level bid is 7/8 count, 3♣/3♦/3♥ are all 5 card suits. If partner bids 2NT over the Dble this is a transfer to 3♣ - which could be passed by a weak hand with ♣s. Over 3♣s if partner bids 3♦ or 3♥, these are to play and show a hand with 5♦s and 5(or 4)♥s and less than 6HCP.