

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2-Level; Reopening)
Vs 1m/1M:Overcalls See DEFENCES TO 1m/1M OPENINGS section
1M-(2Y) ? 2NT=INV 3/4M, 3Y=GF 3/4M, Jump 3Z [e.g. 1♥-2♣-3♦/3♠=Fit], 3M=Mixed Raise, 4♣=10+ S/V Y, 4♦=GF 3/4M No Y Control.
1♥-(X) ? 2NT=INV+4M,2♣/3m=Fit, 3♥=Weak 4+M,3♣/4m=Fit
1♣-(X) ? 2NT=INV+4M,3m/3♥=Fit, 3♠=Weak 4+M,4m/4♥=GF 3/4M+S/V
Balancing: Natural, Jump=10–14, 6+ suit; Q=Michaels:5OM+5m, 2N=Bal 19-21
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
Vs Direct 1♣/1♦/1♥/♠:1NT=Bal(14)15-17, Protective=10-15, System On
Bal 1NT Doubled: XX=Either m/Weak5+M,2♣=Stayman,2♦/♥=5+M CONS Xfer
2♣=5+♣,2NT=NF 44+mm,3♣=WK/GF♦,3♦=Med♦,3M=S/V M,3NT=To Play
(2M)–P–(P)–2NT=14-17:3♣=Romex Stay,3R=M Xfer[Complete 2/3M]
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Various: See DEFENCES TO 1m/1M OPENINGS section
1m: 2R=CONS Xfer/2♣:Weak(Wide If Pass Pd) 1♦-3♣=Wk/INV55+♣+♣
2NT:1♣:Wk/INV 55+♥+♦, 1♦:Wk/INV 55+♥+♣, 1M:13+6m + Stop
1M-3m=Wk/INV5m5OM,1♣-3♥=VERY INV;1♣-3♦=Wk,Protect 2M/3m:10-13
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1♠)-2♣=4M+5+♣, (1♦)-2♦=10+6♥/15+5♥,
(1♥)-2♥=10-16 4♣&5+m, (1♠)-2♣=13-18 NF 6+m + No Stop Seeking 3NT
(1m)–P–(1♦/M)–? 2♦/M/2♣=Nat, 2NT=45/55+ OtherSuits,1NT=14-17
(1♠)-3♣=10-14 6+♣,1♦/M-3Q=Stop Ask[Long VG Side Suit Poss Solid]
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
X=Pen, 2♣=44+MM, 2♦/♥=5+♥/♠, 2♣=4♣&4+m
2NT=55+mm, 3m=4♥&5/6m,3M=6/7M Wk/Inv
PH: X=Max Bal if Pd may have values, else X=Either m, 2m=m+M
(1NT)–X–(P/XX)–? P=6+ Our Hand, 2♣=ART 0-5, 2♦/M=Nat 0-5
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X=T/O, Q=MM over m, 4m=NF (Non-)Leaping Michaels [55+]
(2M)-3M=StopAsk, (2Y)-P-(P)-X-(P)-2N=Leb
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♠ or 2♣
Vs 1♣:X=MM,1♦/M=Nat[1NT=Own Suit,2X=Fit,2NT=Good 4M Raise]
1NT=mm, WJO. (1♣)-P-(1♦)-? X=MM else same as over direct 1♣
Vs 2♦: Multi: X=Bal 12-15/Strong, 2NT=Bal 16-19, 3M= CONS 6M
OVER OPPONENTS’ TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX: 1♣-(X)-XX=9+, 1♦-(X)-XX=9+, 1M-(X)-XX=9+
2M-(X)-XX=RONF:Puppet To Step1:Often Own Suit,2NT=Ask,Bids=Fit

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	Lead In Partner's Suit	
Suit	Low=Odd+Hon/Even No Hon Higher=Even+Hon/Odd No Hon Low from 9x or xx/Hon from Hx	3 rd /5 th if 5+ Known[Opening/ Rebid/Overcall/Response]+ High Doubleton. Else Slawinski	
NT	As Above + Attitude [Save Pip]	As Above (3 rd /5 th or Slawinski)	
Subseq	Low =Hon (2 nd /4 th)	Low =Hon (2 nd /4 th)	
Other: 2 nd /4 th (Reverse Attitude] and 3 rd /5 th in Partner's Suit after Trick1			
Ask: A/Q=Rev Att, K=Std Count. A or K=Count vs 3L/4L PRE or 5L+			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Ax(x), AK	AKx(x)+	
King	AK+, KQ	Missing Q/J Ask Ct/Unblock	
Queen	QJx(x)+, KQ, QJ, AKQ+	KQxx(x), QJx(x), Qx	
Jack	JTx(x), AJT(x), KJT(x)	QJxx(x)+, JTx(x), Jx, JT	
10	10x, 109x or H109x	J10xx(x), 109x, HJ10x(x), 10x	
9	H98x(x), J9xx	H98x(x), J9xx, 109xx(x)	
Hi-X	Hx, HXxx, HxXx[Save Pip]	Hx, HXxx, HxXx[Save Pip]	
Lo-X	HxX, HxxxX, xX, xxxX, xxxxxX	HxX, HxxxX, xX, xxx(xx)X,	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Rev Att	Rev Att/Std Ct/Std SP	Rev Att/Std SP
Suit 2	Std Count	Std Count	Std Count
3	Std Suit Pref	Std Suit Pref	Std Suit Pref
1	Rev Att/	Rev Att/Std Ct/Std SP	Rev Att/Std/Std SP
NT 2	Std Count	Std Count	Std Count
3	Std Suit Pref	Std Suit Pref	Std Suit Pref
Smith=High-Low Enc Original Suit (both). NT Length=Rusinow else Std Hon Seq Lead			
Signal What Partner Is Perceived To Need Most			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Shape Suitable T/O, Negative to 6♥, Cooperative, Aggressive Protective			
Responses: 2m Q=F only 2M. X of Stayman/Xfer=Pen.			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDBLS			
Most Part Score Doubles are T/O, Responsive Doubles to 6♥ Over Raises			
1M–(P)–1NT–(2Y)–X=T/O. Non-Mandatory Support X, XX=Support/Very Strong+2M			
(1M)–P–(1NT)–X=T/O. If Opener bids again X=Penalty. 1m-(1N)-? and (1m)-P-(1NT)-?			
X=2Suits/Pen,2♣=MM,2♦=5+♥,2♥=5+♠,2♠=CONS 4♣+m,3m=CONS 4♥+5m			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: Wales
PLAYERS: Martin Garvey and Andrea Knox Dec 2025/Jan 2026
EVENT: WBF
Mem Nos: MG:WBU 906288/ EBU 072146/ CBAI 36364/ ACBL 6845312
AK: WBU 910095/ EBU 424066/ CBAI 46290/ ACBL 9720677
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 Card Majors (14)15-17 NT(maybe5M/6m/Sing Hon), [1M-2♣=ART GF],
1♣=2+ ♣/Bal,1♦=Often Unbal Maybe Bal if Good 5♦/VG 4♦/3 rd Seat
Weak Twos ♦♥♣,2NT=Good20-22,2♣=GF Except 2♥ (0-3) Reply
M=Major,m=Minor,MM=Majors,mm=Minors,OM=Other Major
DEFENCES TO 1m/1M OPENINGS:
(1♠) ? X=M/Strong, 1♦=12+ 6♦/8+ Minors 44+ maybe 4M,1♥=8+ 44+MM
1♠=10-14 Bal 4/5♦/ 9-15 4M5+♦, 1NT=Bal (14)15-17, 2♣=8+ 4M+5+♣
2♦=15+5♥/10+6♥, 2♥=15+5♠/10+6♠, 2♣/3♦/3M=Wk,
2NT=Wk/INV55+♥+♦,3♣=10-14 6♣, 4M=NF
(1♦) ? X=M/Strong,1♥=8+ 44+♥+♠,1♠=5+♠,1NT=(14)15-17,
2♣=NF4+♣T/O of♦,2♦=10+6♥/15+5♥,2♥=10+6♠/15+5♠,2♣/3M=Wk
2NT=Wk/INV 55+♥+♠,3♣=Wk/INV 55+♠+♣,3♦=Stop Ask,4M=NF
(1♥)-? X=4+♣,1♠=5+♠,1NT=(14)15-17,2♣=5+♦,2♦=NF 4+♦ T/O of♥,2♥=
10-16 4♣&5+m,2♣=13-18 NF 6+m No Stop,2NT=Nat 13-18 6+m + Stop NF
3m=Wk/INV5+m5+♣,3♥=Stop Ask,3♣/4m=Wk,4♣=NF
(1♠)-? X=5+♠,1NT=(14)15-17,2♣=5+♥,2♦=NF 4+♦ T/O of♣,2♥=10-16: 4♥
&5+m,2♣=13-18 NF 6+m No Stop,2NT=Nat 13-18 6+m + Stop NF
3m=Wk/INV5+m5+♥,3♥=6+♥ VERY CONS,3♣=StopAsk Long m/♥
SPECIAL BIDS MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
1M-(2♣)=13-18 NF 6+m seeking 3NT: Suggested Def: X=8+ HCP,
2NT=Bal INV, 3Y=F1, 3M=NF, 3NT=NF, 4m=Fit Bid, 4M=NF.
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Game Bid Constructively, Passed Oppo Raises Preempt to Game
IMPORTANT NOTES ♣,♦,♥,♠ V6.70 Jan 2026
PSYCHIC BIDS: Rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	6♥	Bal 11-14/18-19(Bad20) or ♣	1♦=0-6/0-4 6M/Any 44M/7+ 4+m/Bal11+/12+5m4M, 1M=7+ 4+m,1NT=Bal 7-10,2♣=4-8 MM 54+, 2♦=5-9/13+ 6♥,2♥=5-9/13+ 6♣,2♠=INV+ 6♣, 2NT=7-10 54mm,3♣=7-10 HH 6♣,3♦/♥=10-12 6♥/♣,3♠=NT Xfer	1♣-1♦-1♥=Bal11-14/5+♣+4♦/♥,2♦/M=Strong♣+♦/M 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♣=Relay,1NT=NF 0-10 44M 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♣-1NT=Bal 11-14.[2m+=XYZ Checkback] 1♣-1♦-1NT=18-19(Bad20). Sys On: Stayman+Xfers	1m-(1Y)-2m=Wk, 1m-(X)-2m=INV+, (P)-P-(P)-1♣-(P)-2♣=NF 44+MM (P)-P-(P)-1♦-(P)-2♦=NF Raise
1♦		4	6♥	Bal 4441/5+♦/VG4♦+Bal 11-14	1M=F,1NT=GF Bal/♣/♦,2♠=NF 4-10,2♦=3-8 3/4♦, 2♥=3-8 5♣4+♥,2♣=INV 10-12 6♣,2NT=Bal INV,3♣=9-11 Mixed ♦Raise, 3♦=Wk 4/5♦,3M=S/V	XYZ Checkback [2♣=Wk♦ or INV, 2♦=Art GF]	1m-(1Y)-2m=Wk
1♥		5(4)	6♥	Third Seat maybe 4♥	1NT=5-11,2♠=ART GF Nat/Bal/Semi-Bal/m,2♥=7-10 3♥,2♣=8-10 4♥/9-11 3♥+SPL/Bal10-11 3♥, 3♥=6-8 4♥, 2♦=NF 8-10 S/V♥ 3-suiter,2NT=INV+4♥,3m=INV	1♥-1NT-2♣ OR 1♥-1♣-2♣=Gazzili ART 16+ / 10-15 ♥+♣	2♣/♦=Good 3/4♥ Raise
1♠		5(4)	6♥	Third Seat maybe 4♠	1NT=5-11,2♠=ART GF Nat/Bal/Semi-Bal/m,2♣=7-103♣, 2♦=8+ 5+♥, 3♥=8-10 4♣/9-11 3♣+SPL/Bal10-11 3♣, 2NT=INV+4♣,2♥=NF 8-10 S/V♥3-suiter,3m=INV,3♣=6-8	1♣-1NT-2♣=Gazzili ART 16+ / 10-15 ♣+♣ 1♣-2♦-? 2♥=MIN NF 0-3♥,2♠=NF 6♣, 2NT=GF Ask.	2♣/♦=Good 3/4♣ Raise
1NT			6♥	Bal 15-17 Maybe 5M/6m	2♣=Stayman,2♦=5+♥,2♥=5+♣[3M=4M Max],2♠=♣, 2NT=Bal INV Often NoM,3♣=Wk/INV♦,3♦=S/V m, 3M=S/V M, 3NT/4M=NF, 4m=Xfer 6+♥/♣, 4M=NF. 2♣-2♦/♥-2♣=INV+4/5/6♣, 2♣-2♦-3M=GF 4M5+OM, 2♣-2♦/♥-2♣-2NT[MIN]-? 3m=INV 5♣5m,3♥=INV 55 MM, 3♣=INV Poor 6♣.	2♦-2♥-? 2♣=INV+4/5/6♥,2NT=GF 5/6♥ Often Bal, 3m=GF,3♥=INV6♥,3NT=Bal 5♥+Stops, 3♣/4m=S/V 6+♥ 2♦-2♥-2♣-2NT[MIN]-? 3m=INV 5♥5m,3♥=INV Poor 6♥ 2♥-2♣-? 2N= GF 5/6♣ Often Bal,3m=GF,3♥=GF 55MM, 3♣=INV6♣, 3NT=Bal 5♣+Stops, 4m/4♥=S/V 6+♣. 2♣-2ANY-2NT=GF Bal/Slam Try Bal.	1N-(2♣) ? 2NT=Leb, 3Y=GF,,3♣=GF NoStop,3NT=♣Stop,Sys On X/2♣/ Art 2♦: 2♣=Stay,XX=Either m /Wk 5+M[Pupp To2♣], 1NT-(X)-? 2♦/♥= CON+ 5/6M, 2♣=♣,2NT=NF 44mm, 3♣=Wk/GF♦,3♦=INV♦,3M=S/V
2♣		0	6♥	Strong Bal 23+ or GF	2♦=4+, 2♥=0-3, 2NT=8+5♥, 2♣/3m=8+	2♣-2♦-3M=4M5+♦, 2♦-3♣-3♦=4M Ask, 2♦-3♦=No M	X=T/O Over Interference
2♦		5		Weak	2M=NF,2NT=Ask S/V, 3♣=F to 3NT/4♣, 3♦=NF, 3♥=GF 6+♥,3♣=GF 6+♣, 4♣=PMB, 4♦/4M=NF	2♦-3♣-3♦=Min, 3M=Hon,3NT=Max Good Suit	2♦-(P)-2NT-(3Y)-? X=Sing Non-Min
2♥		5		Weak	2♣=NF, 2NT=SPL/5M Ask, 3♣=GF♣, 3♦=GF♦, 3♥=NF, 3♣=GF6+♣, 4♣=PMB, 4M=NF	2♥-2NT-3♣=5♥[3♦RangeAsk:3♥=Min,3NT=Max], 3♦=Non-Min6♥S/V♣/♦,3♥Asks:3♣=♣,3NT=♦	2♥-(P)-2NT-(3Y)-? X=Sing Non-Min
2♠		5		Weak	2NT=SPL/5M Ask, 3♣=GF♣, 3♦=GF♦, 3♥=GF6+♥, 3♣=NF, 4♣=PMB, 4M=NF	2♣-2NT-3♣=5♣[3♦RangeAsk:3♣=Min,3NT=Max], 3♦=Non-Min6♣S/V♣/♦,3♥Asks:3♣=♣,3NT=♦	2♣-(P)-2NT-(3Y)-? X=Sing Non-Min
2NT				Bal Good20-22, maybe 5M/6m	3♣=Romex Stay,3♦/♥=M,3♠=Minors,4X=2Below	2NT-P-3♣-(X)-? Bids = Sys On+Stop	
3♣		6		Preempt	3♥=GF5+♥, 3♣=GF5+♣, 4♦=PMB, 4M=NF		Nat/Lead-Directing
3♦		6		Preempt	4♣=PMB, 4♦=NF,3M=F1,4M=NF		Nat/Lead-Directing
3♥		6		Preempt	3♣=F1, 4♣=PMB, 4M=NF		Nat/Lead-Directing
3♠		6		Preempt	4♣=PMB, 4♦=F1 4♥=NF		
3NT				Good 4M	4♣=Transfer In,4♦=Slam Try ask for S/V, 4M=P/C	4♣-(4♦=♥)(4♥=♠); [4♦-4NT=S/V OM,5m=S/V]	
4♣/4♦		6		Preempt	4M=NF,4NT=RKB ♣/♦		
4♥/4♠		6		Preempt, Wide-Ranging 3 rd /4 th	4NT=RKB, 5m=Q Bid, 5M=Quant M Raise	5NT=GSFM:6M=0,6♦=1,6♠=1+ExtraLength,7M=2	
4NT				Specific Ace Ask	5♣=0, 5Y=Ace, 5NT=Ace♣, 6♠=2Aces	5NT=Substitute RKB if 4NT Stolen:{4♥}-4♣-{5♥}-?	
5♣/5♦		6		Preempt		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♥/5♠		7		11 Trick Hand	Minorwood: Raise of 2m/3m rebid to 4m	RKB=1430, DOPI, ROPI, Q=1 st or 2 nd Round Control. Last Train (Last Ditch Game Try).	
					Poor Mans Blackwood (PMB): Step Ask for 5 Aces	5NT=Pick-A-Slam/Specific K Ask, 6Y=K or Other Two K,Quant 4NT if NT=Place to play	
					2♦/2M/3♦/3M-4♣ and 3♣-4♦: [0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q, 3]	Reverse Mulberry: 4♣=RKB in ♣/♦/♥, 4♦=Sign Off in Suit or RKB ♠, Others=Quant	

Martin Garvey and Andrea Knox - BROWN STICKER BID AND SUGGESTED DEFENCE

Opening Bid	Overcall and Meaning	Suggested Defence
1 Major	2 spades = 13-18 HCP, 6+ minor seeking 3NT, no stop in the bid major, non-forcing	X=8+ HCP 2NT= balanced invitational 3 new suit (including spades as natural) = F1 3 of partner's bid M = non-forcing 3NT= non-forcing 4m=Fit Bid 4 of partner's bid M non-forcing