

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
<b>OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>
Up to 17hcp
Responses: New suit is forcing for 1 round.
UCB with support & 10+ pts
(Int) – P – (xfer) : xfersuit is takeout
<b>INT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> pos: 15-18 sys on
4 <sup>th</sup> pos: 10-14 sys on
Sandwich NT – 15-18 sys on
<b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>
Weak, New suit response from partner is forcing, 2NT enquiry, subsequent X from partner is penalty
Protective: 10-15 hcp, 5+card
<b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>
Direct cue of a minor opening shows both majors. (5+/4+) Direct cue of a major opening showing the other major and one minor (5+/4+)
Jump Cue initially asks for stopper for NT
Cue in balancing position shows strong 2 suiter hand
Over multi 2♦, 4♦ = ♠ + m (5+/4+). 4♣ = ♥ + m (5+/4+)
Over weak 2, 4♣/♦ show that suit and the other major ((5+/4+)
Leaping Michaels Bids are NF, but constructive and rarely passed
Cue over natural interference of NT is Stayman
<b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak)</b>
ANTI: 2♣ = 5♦ or both majors; 2♦ = 5♥ or 4♠ and longer minor; 2♥ = 4♥ and longer minor; 2♠ = Spade suit
2NT = Minors (or 2 places to play)
X = Pen
<b>VS.PRE-EMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>
Vs weak2: leb after X; 2NT 16-18 sys on
Vs multi 2♦: 2NT 16-18 sys on. Dbl 13-15 bal or 16+ other
Vs 2-Suit overcalls X pen of at least 1 suit, cue bids
<b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣</b>
<b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>
XX hand ownership; 8/9+ points

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> , MUD	Count (std)	
NT	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> , MUD	Count (std)	
Subseq			
Other:			
<b>LEADS</b>			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK	AK	
King	AK+; KQ+	Strong suit – asks for unblock	
Queen	KQ+; QJ109+;	KQJ+; QJT+	
Jack	J109+; KJ109+	J109+; A/KJ109+	
10	109+; K109+	109+; A/K109+	
Hi-X	Sx xSx xSxx	Same	
Lo-X	HxS HxxS(+)	Same	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	A: Attitude K: Count	Count	O=Enc; E=S/P
2	Count	Suit Pref	
3	Suit Pref		
Signals (including Trumps):			
Smith Peters against NT (High-Low encouraging, by both sides)			
<b>DOUBLES</b>			
<b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>			
Up to 5♦s			
Takeout dbls over natural interference, including after 1NT opening.			
X of artificial bid shows that suit			
<b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>			
Negative X through 5♦ (1 level 6+pts, 2 level 8+pts, 3 level 10+pts)			
X of natural 2♣ or 2♦ interference over 1NT Staymanic in nature			
X of artificial bid over NT shows 10+ points			
Lightner X for slams			
After 1♣ opening from partner and 1♦ overcall X is neither or both M.			

EBL CONVENTION CARD
<b>CATEGORY:</b> NATURAL (Green)
<b>NCBO:</b> Ireland
<b>PLAYERS:</b> Gilda Pender & Rebecca Brown
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<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>
5-card majors
Weak NT; 11-14 (typically 12-14 Vul);
Inverted minors (2m = 10+ forcing 1 round. 3m = 5-9 non forcing)
2♣ – 8+ playing tricks, balanced 25+
2♦ – Multi. Weak major, balanced 23/24.
2♥/2♠ – weak Lucas
2NT – balanced, 20-22
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>
LEBENSÖHL-Slow Arrival no stop (SANS). 2NT asks partner to bid 3C and is weaker than bidding directly.
Leb: Subsequent bids over 3♣ from partner are weak or invite.
Leb: Bidding directly at the 3 level shows hand worth 10+
Leb: Cue bids via 2NT are Stayman w/o stopper while direct cue bids after natural interference are Stayman with stopper.
<b>ESCAPING FROM 1NT DOUBLED - DONT DON'T</b>
Redbl – single suit, partner bids 2♣ for pass / convert
2x = That suit and a higher-ranking suit (typically 4/4+)
3x = pre-emptive, 6+
2NT = 2 Suiter - Game Forcing
<b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>
Opps overcall a suit (or X) over our Cue/Splinter/Art. Bid
X (or R) 1 <sup>st</sup> round control of the opp's suit.
DOP1 / ROP1
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	5♦		1NT 6-9; Inverted minor, 2NT 16+ with 5+♣; 3NT 13-15 2♦/♥/♠ Weak 6 card suit 0-5 points	1 NT 15-17; 2NT 18-19	2NT response natural 10/11 by passed hand
1♦		3	5♦		1NT 6-9; Inv minor, 2NT 16+ with 5+♦; 3NT 13-15 2♥/♠ Weak 6 card suit 0-5 points	Over inverted minors, next suit up asks for range of 2m bid	As above
1♥		5	5♦		1NT 6-9; 2x 9+; 2♥ 6-9 & 3+♥; 3♥ and 4♥ pre-emptive, 4+♥; 3♣ 6-9 4+♥; 3♦ 10-12 4+♥; Splinters 2NT GF 4+♥ 12+ points unbalanced or 16+ balanced; 3NT 4+♥ 13-15, balanced 2♠ Weak 6 card suit 0-5 points	Over 2NT, 3♣ is a minimum hand, all other bids are non-min and feature & shape showing,	2NT response balanced raise in major by passed hand, 3♦ unbalanced raise
1♠		5	5♦		1NT 6-9; 2x 9+; 2♠ 6-9 & 3+♠; 3/4♠ pre-emptive, 4+♠; 3♣ 6-9 4+♠; 3♦ 10-12 4+♠; Splinters 2NT GF 4+♠ 12+ points unbalanced or 16+ balanced; 3NT 4+♠ 13-15, balanced	Over 2NT, 3♣ is a minimum hand, all other bids are non-min and feature & shape showing,	As above
INT			5♦	11-14, maybe single honour; 6 card minor; 5 card major	4 suit transfers; Texas, promissory stayman, 3 level bids slam try.	Lebensohl-Slow arrival no stop over interference	
2♣	✓	0	N/A	Strong hands 8+ playing tricks and 25+ balanced	2♦ 0/1 control, 2♥ 2 controls, 2♠ 3+ controls, 2NT 8+points 0/1 control	Responders bid shows control in suit if possible	
2♦	✓	0	N/A	Multi. Weak Major 5+ (5-10 points), 23/24 balanced	2/3/4♥ =p/c, 2♠ = inv in ♥, 2NT = ENQ, 3♣/♦ =f1	Over 2NT Enq: 3♣/♦ = max with ♥/♠. 3♥/♠ min. 3NT = 23/24.	
2♥		5	N/A	5-10 5♥ & 4+m	2NT= ENQ, 3♣ =P/C, 3/4♥ = to play	Over 2NT Enq: 3♣/♦ weaker. 3♥ stronger with ♣, 3♠ stronger with ♦	
2♠		5	N/A	5-10 5♠ & 4+m	2NT= ENQ, 3♣ =P/C, 3/4♠ = to play	Over 2NT Enq: 3♣/♦ weaker. 3♥ stronger with ♣, 3♠ stronger with ♦	
2NT			N/A	20-22 maybe single honour; 6 card minor; 5 card major	3♣-puppet, 3♦/♥ – Transfer, 3♠ = 5♠ & 4♥ 4 level bids - 2-under slam try		
3♣		6	N/A	Weak with 6+ ♣; usually 7+	New suit – 6+ suit FIR; jump to any game to play		
3♦		6	N/A	Weak with 6+ ♦; usually 7+	New suit – 6+ suit FIR; jump to any game to play		
3♥		6	N/A	Weak with 6+ ♥; usually 7+	New suit – 6+ suit FIR; jump to any game to play		
3♠		6	N/A	Weak with 6+ ♠; usually 7+	New suit – 6+ suit FIR; jump to any game to play		
3NT	✓		N/A	Long minor with max one other stop	4/5♣ p/c		
4♣				Pre-empt		<b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>	
4♦				Pre-empt		RKC3014 inc void responses. 5NT specific K ask.	
4♥				Pre-empt		Exclusion	
4♠				Pre-empt		Minorwood.	
4NT	✓			Specific Ace Ask		DOPI / ROPI	
5♣				To Play		Cues 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> below game; 1 <sup>st</sup> above game	
5♦				To Play		Forcing Pass if constructive game bid	