

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
wide range, from 7+ at 1-level; 2-level sound;
PRE support; New suit response: F1 (PH implies fit)
Unassuming CUE – 9+ points 3 card support
2NT: 9+ points, 4 card support;
Jump shift response: PRE
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd : 15-17 HCP; Responses as for opening NT
4 th : 10-14 HCP; 2 C asks, 2D/H/S =10-12, 2NT=13,14 ,3C then Stayman
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
NV: weak; 6 card or good 5 card suit
VUL: intermediate; 6 card or good 5 card suit
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
2 suited overcalls can be 5/5 weak (5-12 HCP) or strong
Jump and 2M-3M: asking for stop in suit bid
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
Weak: DBL = penalties; Multi Landy
2♣: MM
2♦: 6M+, multi-type enquiry (2NT asks), 2♥: P/C, 2♠: NF
2♥/♠: 5+♥/♠ + 4+m
2NT: 2 suited
Strong: x: = single suited; 2♣: ♣/♦; 2♦: ♥/♠; otherwise as weak
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
2/3-level: DBL: T/O; New suit: NF; 2NT:16-19 BAL
2♦ multi: DBL: 13-15 BAL or STR; New suit: NF; 2NT:16-18 BAL
After 2NT bid: as if opened strong 2NT
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
1♣ - DBL: MM; 1NT: mm; weak jumps; NAT aggressive
2♣ - DBL: MM; 2NT: mm; NAT aggressive
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
RDBL: 9+ no fit
Raises: PRE; 2NT: normal raise to 3-level

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd /4 th ; SP	Length Hi=E	
NT	2 nd /4 th ; SP	Length Hi=E	
Subseq	2 nd /4 th ; SP	Length Hi=E	
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx		
King	KQx	Asks count	
Queen	QJ(x), Qx, AQJ(x)	As suit	
Jack	JT(x), Jx, A/KJ10(x)	Nothing higher	
10	T9(x), Tx, A/K/QT9(x)	Shows J + higher honour	
9	9x	Could have 10	
Hi-X	xXxx, xXx, Xx	As suit	
Lo-X	HxX, HxxX, HxxXx	As suit	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Length High=E	Length High=E	SP
Suit 2	Suit Preference	Suit Preference	Residual Length High=E
3			
1	Length Hi=E	Length Hi=E	SP
NT 2	Suit Preference	Suit Preference	Residual Length High=E
3			
Signals (including Trumps):			
Trumps: H/L: ruffing possibility			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Can be light with perfect shape			
Always have support for OM unless very strong			
Jump response: 5+ cards, 8+ HCP			
CUE: Asks			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
DBL in competitive bidding stronger than simple raise			
Negative doubles to 3 spade level			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: NIBU
PLAYERS: Clare Watson (1704)
Heather Hill (1208)
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Strong NT, 5cd Majors
2/1 Game Force
Short Club =2+
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2♣: 8+ playing tricks or 19-21 or 25-26 NT
2♦: 5-10,6♥/♠ or 22-24 BAL or FG
2♥: Lucas: 5+♥ and 4+♣/♦ 5-10 points
2♠: Lucas: 5+♠ and 4+♣/♦/♥ 5-10 points
2NT: Lucas: 5+♣ and 5+♦ 5-11 points
3NT: Solid 7+ minor no more than a K outside
Jump shift at 2 level: NF 6 card suit 2-6 points
Michaels cue bids 5/5 VUL, 5/4+ Non Vul, weak or strong
Unusual 2NT normally 2 lower suits
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
When we have constructively bid or committed to game.
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHES: Rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	3♠	Natural 10-19, NF	1NT = 6-9 ; 2♣ = 10-11+4♣ ; 3♣ = 5-9+6♣, 2NT = 12/13 +4♣, 3NT = 14=4♣, WJS: 6+ 2-6; splinters	Crowhurst; New suit at 3 level: FG	
1♦		4	3♠	Natural 10-19, NF	1NT: 6-9 ; 2♦ : 10 -11; 3♦ : 6-9; 2♣ FG 2NT= 12-13+4♦ 3NT 14+4♦ ; WJS: 6+ 2-6; splinters,	CB over NT; 4SF: FG (except 1♠) Crowhurst; New suit at 3 level: FG	After DBL: RBDL : 9+ no other bid; 2NT: good raise; System on
1♥/1♠		5	3♠	Natural 10-19, NF	2/1 FG ; 1NT: 6-11 SF; 2NT: Jacoby; 3NT: 13-14+4♥/♠ 2♥/♠: 6-9; 3♥/♠: 10-11+3♥/♠; 1♥-2♠: WJS: 6+ 2-6; splinters	Crowhurst; Long suit trial bids New suit at 3 level: FG	After DBL: RBDL : 9+ no other bid; As if no intervention; 2NT: good raise After DBL: RBDL : 9+ no other bid;
INT		15 -17	3♠	Can include 5 card major	2♣: non-promissory STAY; 2♦/♥/♠/NT: TRF;	New suit 3 level - FG	Lebensohl see supplementary note
2♣		0	3♠	4 th opening 11-14 8+ playing tricks in any suit; 19-21 or 25-27 BAL;	3♣ = 5♣ + 5♦ NF; 3♦ : 5♣ + 5♦ F1; 3♥/♠: 3 oM, 5-4 mm 2♦ : relay	4♣: Roman Gerber; 4NT: quant. Natural responses	Natural; DBL: Points for 2NT 2♣-2♦-2NT-3♣: Puppet STAY; DBL: BAL; other bids natural
2♦		0	-	5-10 6+♥/♠; 22-24 BAL; FG	2/3/4♥, 2/3♠: P/C; 2NT: Enquiry Other bids natural and constructive	2NT : 3♣/♦ upper range ♥/♠; 3♥/♠ lower; 3NT: 22-24; Other:FG	2♦-2♥-2NT-3♣ = Baron DBL: 23-24/FG; suit bid natural or P/C
2♥		5	-	NV: 5+♥/4+m 5-10 Vul: 5+♥/5+m 5-10	♥ bids PRE; ♣ bids: P/C; other suit: natural F1 2NT: 3♣/♦: lower range ♣/♦; 3♥/♠: upper ♣/♦		PH: other suit: natural NF Intervention: No change
2♠		5	-	NV: 5+♠/4+♣♦♥ 5-10 Vul: 5+♠/5+♣♦♥ 5-10	♠ bids PRE; ♣ bids: P/C; other suit: natural F1 2NT: 3♣/♦/♥: lower range ♣/♦/♥; 3♠: upper range ♥; 3NT upper range ♣/♦		PH: other suit: natural NF Intervention: No change
2NT		-	-	5+♣/5+♦ weak or strong	3♣/♦: NF; 3NT: to play; 4♣/♦: INV; Other suits: F1		Intervention: ♣/♦ bids; COMP
3♣		7	-	PRE; All but 3 rd sound	New suit F1; 3NT/4♥/4♠ to play	Natural	PH: New suit natural with fit
3♦		7	-	PRE; All but 3 rd sound	New suit F1; 3NT/4♥/4♠ to play	Natural	PH: New suit natural with fit
3♥		7	-	PRE; All but 3 rd sound	New suit F1; 3NT/4♠ to play	Natural	PH: New suit natural with fit
3♠		7	-	PRE; All but 3 rd sound	New suit F1; 3NT to play	Natural	PH: New suit natural with fit
3NT				SOL 7+m, at most K outside	4/5♣: P/C; 4♦: singleton/void ask; 4M: NF; 4NT: RKCB	4♦-4NT: shortage om	
4♣♦		8	-	4♥♠ stronger range	4NT: RKCB; Other suits: CUE		
4♥♠		8		Lower range			
4NT				Asking bid	5♣: None; 5♦/5♥/5♠/6♣ A; 5NT: 2 A		
5♣♦		8		PRE: at most one A	New suit 1 st round CTRL(2 nd round CTRL by opener)		
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						Roman Gerber 14/30	
						RKCB 14/30	
						First CUE: normally 1 st round control	
						DOPI: DBL:0/3, P1/4 ROPI: REDL 0/3, P 1/4	
						Minorwood	

Supplementary notes

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Lebensohl

When our 1 NT is overcalled

A simple bid at the 2 level is competitive

Double shows the values for 2NT

2NT demands 3C from opener

Over 2H/2S a direct 3H/3S shows exactly 4 of the other major and a stop in the suit

Bids via 2NT which demands 3C then 3H/3S show exactly 4 in the other major and no stop

Over 2H a direct 3S shows 5 spades and a stop in hearts

After 2NT followed by the mandatory 3C a bid of 3S shows 5 spades and no stop

Over 2S a direct bid of 3H shows 5 hearts and a stop in spades

After 2NT followed by the mandatory 3C a bid of 3H shows 5 hearts and no stop

We also use Lebensohl in response to a double by partner - which shows 15+ points - of a weak 2 opener by opponents

2NT response shows <6 points and demands 3C by the doubler.

Crowhurst

After $1x - p - 1y$ p-1NT (showing 12/16), 2 Cs is always a crowhurst enquiry, even if x is Cs

Responses

With 12/13pts

2D denies 3 of partner's suit

2H shows 4+ may have 3 spades if P bid spades

2x showing 5

New 4 card major

With 14pts = 2NT (all continuations are GF)

After 2NT rebid, 3 of unbid minor is check back

With 15/16 points

3level responses

3y = 3 card support

3 of other M shows 4+

Otherwise 3NT

Jacoby transfers

Transferring to M over partners opening 1NT or after a strong NT rebid following an opening of 2C or 2D

A transfer at 2 level followed by bid at game level = slam interest

A transfer at 4 level immediately = no slam interest

Swedish Jacoby

After 1H/S -2NT =GF 14+Pts with at least 4 card support. Swedish responses

Responses by opener:

3C = any minimum hand, less than 15pts, any shape

3D = 15+, no shortage,

3H = 15+, club shortage

3S = 15+ diamond shortage

3NT = 15+, shortage in other major

After a 3C response from opener:

3D asks for shortage

Responses:

3H is club shortage

3S is diamond shortage

3NT is shortage in other major

4 level bid =cue bid denies shortage

4 of agreed M =no shortage, no cue bid

After 1H/S --2NT—3D = 15+. Bidding then continues as above.

Responder who bids 2NT takes control of hand and decides final contract.

Responses to strong 2NT rebid after a 2C/D opening.

Strong NT rebid showing 19 –21

3C is Puppet asking for 5/4 card majors

3D/H is transfer

3S is 5/4 in minors

3NT shows 5S and 4H

Strong 2NT showing 22 – 27pts

3C is Baron asking for 4 card suits upwards

Otherwise as above

Michaels

1m-2m shows 4+H,4+S (at least 5/4NV, 5/5V)

1M-2M shows 5+OM +m (at least 5/4NV,5/5V)

2NT: two suited hands (at least 5/4NV,5/5V)

Hand will be either weak (5-12HCP) or strong

Over 1 club natural 2 clubs shows both Ms at least 5/4

Over 1 club short 2diamonds shows both Ms at least 5/4