

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level usually 5 cards: 7---17 HCP. 2 level constructive
Responses New suit: constructive but NF, 1M > 2NT Stenberg
UCB usually promises 10+ HCP 3 card support or 13+ HCP
After 1M overcall: 2NT=4 card raise INV+, mixed raises, jump fits
Against 1C 0/3 cards – transfer overcalls, X= balanced hand (Note8)
Against 1D 0/3 cards – transfer overcalls, X= heart overcall (Note10)
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd 15-18 , responses as for 1NT opening
4 th 13-16 responses as for 1NT opening
Passed hand 1NT shows the other 2 suits
Meckwell is we are penalty doubled in NT – see note 4
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1 suit : weak 6-10 HCP (6-12 HCP opposite passed hand)
2 suiter: Cue=Higher suits, 2NT lower suits, unbid minor=extremes
Against 1C/1D 0/3 cards – Multi and 2H/2S/2NT 55 2 suits (Note 8)
Reopening: 1NT 13-16, 2NT 19-21 HCP System on
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Cue Bid = higher two suits
Jump Cue asks stop
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
2♣ majors 4+ 4+, 2♦ single suited major, 2M 5M and 4+ minor
2NT both minors at least 54, 3X Pre
Double of weak NT (13-15 HCP or less) is penalties
Double of strong NT (14-16 HCP or more) Woolsey 10+ HCP (6+m or 5+m/4M) or 14-18 HCP with 5 card major or 19+ HCP balanced
Passed hand NT doubles are also Woolsey
Double T/O, Lebensohl v weak 2M or 2 suiter with known anchor
(Weak 2M)4♣/♦ 5OM+5♣/♦, Cue bid asks stop (after 3m) cue5M/5
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
2C strong Jumps preemptive, Double majors , NT minors
Then NT responses are UCB
X 1C strong - Keto defence Note 9
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
After 1♣ X transfers from 2C upwards
After 1M X transfers from 1NT to 2M

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3rd and 5th	Low from odd	
NT	2nd / 4th	Low from odd	
Subseq	standard remainder count		
Other: Ace Attitude King for count UDCA			
NT King asks for unblock or count Queen (may have K) asks attitude			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx (+) Ax(+)	AKx (+) Ax(+)	
King	AKx (+)AKQx(+) KQx(+) AK	AKJTx (+) KQT9(+)	
Queen	QJx(+) QJ	KQx QJ(+) or AQJx(+)	
Jack	JTx(+) or JT or KJTx(+)	0/2 higher honours	
10	T9x(+) or HT9x(+) or 10x	0/2 higher honours	
9	9, 9x, H98x	0/2 higher honours	
Hi-X	xSxx, Sx		
Lo-X	HxS, HaSx, xxS, xxxxS, HxxxS	HxxS(+), HxS, xxxSx(+)	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Hi=Discrg except K rev count	Hi/Lo = Odd	Hi/Lo = Odd
Suit 2	Hi/Lo = Odd	S/P	
3	S/P		
1	Hi=Discrg except K rev count	Hi/Lo = Odd	Hi/Lo = Odd
NT 2	Hi/Lo = Odd	S/P	
3	S/P		
Signals (including Trumps): UDCA , Discards Even=like, Odd=Suit Pref			
Smith Signal v NT low=enc or neutral , SP in trump suit			
Remainder count given using standard count – A652 win A next play 2			
DOUBLES			
May be light with perfect shape , equal level conversion			
Cue bid forcing to suit agreement			
Jumps to 3M weak , raises in competition show slightly better than min			
Double in reopening position may be weak			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative DBL, Higher double = cards, co-op T/O			
Responsive double through 4♥, often game try when no UCB available			
Higher double card showing (transferable values)			
Most low level doubles = take out, When we have agreed a suit			
double of unsupported suit is penalty unless no space when it is game try			

EBL CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Blue Sticker
NCBO: Ireland
PLAYERS: Paul Delaney and David Dunne
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 card majors and Strong NT with 2/1 GF
Multi , Polish style 2M's and transfer pre-empts
1♣ similar to Polish club
Bal (10-13 NV or 11-14 Vul, 18-20, 23+ HCP) or 11-24 4414 (short ♦) or GF any suit(s) or 17-20 5♣+ clubs 4M
5 5 4 2
2nd/4th NT 3rd/5th Suit UDCA
Discards Even=like Odd=Suit Pref
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Various Transfer Pre-empts 2NT through 4D
Against 1C 0/3♣'s transfer overcalls, X=Bal (note 8)
Responses to 1C – see note 1
Fit Jumps in competition
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS:

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	Yes	0	3♠	Bal (11-14 Vul/10-13NV,18-20,23+ HCP) 11-24 HCP 4414 (short ♦) 17-20 HCP 5♣+ clubs 4M Acol Two+ any suit(s)	Note 1 - 1♦ 0-6 HCP or no 4M 7+ HCP, 1M 6+HCP (may have 5+m), 1NT 8-11, 2C GF 5+4+ minors or bal 2D/2H transfers to 6+M 4-9HCP or GF 2+ top hons, 2S GF transfer to 2NT may have 6+m, 3m INV,3M Pre, 3NT to play, 4c=4H,4d=4S	After 1♦: 1M 3+ cards weak bal or 4414 11-16HCP,1NT 18-20, 2C ask controls, 2D 4414 17+, 2M Acol+,2NT 23-24, 3m Acol+ After 1M: 1OM/1NT 11-14 HCP, 2D 18+ ask See Note 3 for further details	Transfers over intervention 2C+ Multi Landy over 1NT
1♦	No	4	4♣	Unbalanced 4♦+ 11-20 May have longer clubs	1NT 6-11 HCP, 2C GF clubs or bal, 2D 8-10 2M5♠+4♥+ 5-8/INV,2NT GF4♦+,3♣weak,3M spl	1♦ 1M – see note 6 1♦ 2NT GF4♦+, note 3 1♦ 1M 1NT 15-17 unbal	Multi Landy over 1NT Passed hand – fit jumps
1♥	No	5	4♦	11-20 1M responses see Note 7	1S (<4 spades) 6-11 HCP, 1NT 4+ spades 6+HCP, 2C GF 2♣+, 2D GF 5+ suit, 2H 3♥+ 8-10 HCP, 2S GF 5+♠3♥+, 2NT INV+ 3♥+ enquiry, 3m INV, 3H Pre, 3S 9-11 min spl, 3NT 4+ hearts Void, 4X Spl, 4H to play	1M 2NT Stenberg INV+ 3+ support Note 3 1H 1X 2C Gazilli (15-17 unbal or 6+M 11-14 HCP)	2♣ 3 card Rev. Drury now 2M response shows min Others sound opening Passed hand – fit jumps
1♠	No	5	4♥	11-20	1NT 6-11 HCP, 2C GF 2+ clubs, 2D/2H GF 5+ suit, 2S 3+ spades 8-10 HCP, 2NT INV+ 3+ spades	1M 2NT Stenberg INV+ 3+ support Note 3 1H 1NT 2C Gazilli (15-17 unbal/6+M 11-14 HCP)	2♣ 3 card Rev. Drury
INT	No	1	4♦	15-17 Vul 14-17 NV 5M,6m or 54 possible	Note 2 - 2C 8+ HCP Enq,2D/2H transfers,2S ask range,2NT ask better minor,3C Puppet, 3D 55 majors,3M spl 54 minors,4C Gerber,4D/4H transfer	See note 2	
2♣	No		4♦	10-16 6♣+ or 5♣ 4M	2♦ ask, 2M natural INV but NF, 2NT relay to 3C Pre or 55 GF, 3C Inv to 3NT, 3D/3M GF	After 2♦ - 2M/3♣ min, 2NT/3D max, 3M 54 max, 3NT good suit: A GF 4C is RKC	
2♦	Yes	0		2M 6+ cards 6-10, bal 21-22, 6+ clubs 17-20 HCP, GF 5+5+ minors GF 3 losers	2M pass or correct, 2NT INV+, 3X forcing See note 5	After 2M – 2NT 21-22, 3C strong,3S GF♦♣ After 2NT -3C (strong), 3D/3H transfer 6M (accept is INV), 3S GF minors, 2NT 21-22	X asks for openers suit
2♥	No	5		5+♥ 5+ any suit 6-10 HCP	2S/3C pass or correct, 3D INV hearts, 3H NF 2NT enquiry ask range/suit		X asks for openers suit
2♠	No	5		5+♠ 5+m 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry ask range/suit, 3C pass or correct, 3D INV hearts, 3S NF		X asks for openers suit
2NT	Yes	6+		6+♣ 5-10 HCP	3C NF, 3D trump ask, 3M F1, 4C/5C NF		X penalties
3♣	Yes	6+		6+♦ 5-10 HCP	3D NF, 4C trump ask, 3M F1, 4D/5D NF		X penalties
3♦	Yes	6+		6+♥ 5-10 HCP	3H NF, 4C trump ask, 3S F1		X penalties
3♥	Yes	6+		6+♠ 5-10 HCP	3S NF, 4C trump ask		X penalties
3♠	Yes	7+min		Solid minor	4♣ pass or correct, 4♦ ask shortage		X penalties
3NT	Yes	8+min		4m opening	4♣ pass or correct, 4♦ ask shortage		X penalties
4♣	Yes	7+		4H opening with 3/5 aces	4♦ ask		
4♦	Yes	7+		4S opening with 3/5 aces	4♦ ask		
4♥	No	7+		4H opening with 0/2 of 5 aces			
4♠	No	7+		4S opening with 0/2 of 5 aces			
4NT	Yes	8+		strong 5 minor c.10 tricks	5C/6C/7C pass or correct, 5D RKC		
5♣	No	8+		5 minor with c.8/9 tricks	6C/7C to play, 5D RKC	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦	No	8+		5 minor with c.8/9 tricks	6D/7D to play, 5H RKC	Cue: 1 st or 2 nd round equally	

Note 1 Responses to 1♣

1D	F1 Any negative hand 0-6 points or 7+ pts with no 4M
1H	F1 4+ hearts 6+ HCP (a good 6 count)
1S	F1 4+ spades 6+ HCP (a good 6 count)
1NT	NF balanced 8-11 HCP
2C	GF 12+ HCP no 4 card major either balanced or unbalanced with both minors 55/54
2D	F1 6 card hearts either weak 4 to 9 HCP or GF with 2+ of top 3 honours
2H	F1 6 card spades either weak 4 to 9 HCP or GF with 2+ of top 3 honours
2S	GF Transfer to 2NT balanced or unbalanced with 6+ card minor
2NT	INV 12/13 HCP both majors stopped
3C	NF Natural
3D	NF Natural
3M	NF Natural
3NT	to play 13-15 HCP both majors stopped
4♣	Strong 4H opening with 2 of the 5 key cards, solid or semi solid suit
4♦	Strong 4S opening with 2 of the 5 key cards, solid or semi solid suit
4M	To play assuming opener is 11-14

Note 2 Responses to 1NT

2C	Stayman, non promissory invitational or better 8+HCP
	• Minimum: 2D=5M, 2M=4 card major, 2NT no 4/5M
	• Max : 2NT no 4/5M, 3C=4M, 3D no 4/5M, 3M=5M, 3NT no 4/5M 4333 hand
2D	5♥+ transfer (transfer break allowed with 4 card support)
2H	5♠+ transfer (transfer break allowed with 4 card support)
2S	Clubs or Balanced Asks for range - 2NT min / 3C max Then 3D confit, 3M splinter with 6+ clubs
2NT	Asks for better minor : weak with both minors OR 6♦+any strength
3C	Puppet Stayman
	• 3D no 5M now 3M shows 4 cards in OM, 4m natural 5332 slam try
	• 3M 5 card major
3D	5♥+5♠+ INV+ now 3M (min), 4C (♥slam INV), 4D (♠slam INV), 4M (max)
3M	54 or 55 Minors with major splinter now 4m is invitational RKC
3NT	to play
4C	Gerber for aces
4D	Texas raise to 4H
4H	Texas raise to 4S
4S	RKCB 1430 in clubs
4NT	RKCB 1430 in diamonds

Note 3 1M 2NT INV+ Stenberg (3+ card support)**1H 2NT Stenberg** INV+ with 3+ hearts (also on in competition)

3C	Min 11-14 HCP
	• 3D asks (3H ♣spl, 3S ♦spl, 3NT OMspl and 4X cue no spl)
	• 3H INV
3D	Max 15+ no shortage: responder may now show a SPL
	• 3H (club spl), 3S (diam spl), 3NT (spl OM), 4x control
3H	short club 15+
3S	short diam 15+
3NT	short other major 15+
4C	void min or max
4D	void min or max
4H	void other major min
4S	void and max
4NT	RKC

Note 4 Meckwell defence to penalty double

After 1NT opening/natural NT overcalls

1X	1NT (us) Double for penalties
	Rdbl Natural, penalty orientated
	Pass Puppet to 2C, either 5+m or both major suits, after 2C response responder rebids
	▪ Pass Club suit, usually 5 cards, NF
	▪ 2D Diamond suit, usually 5 cards, NF
	▪ 2H 4♥+/4♠+ NF
2C	4+/4+ in clubs and higher suit
	▪ Now 2D (3+ cards) pass or correct
2D	4+/4+ in diamonds and higher suit
	▪ Now 2H (3+ cards) is pass or correct.
2M	Natural, sign-off

Note 5 Developments after 2D Multi

2H to play in openers suit then openers bids

Pass weak 2 in hearts

2S weak 2 in spades now responders new suit is to play

2NT balanced 21-22 HCP now 3C is puppet stayman

3♣ strong 17-20 HCP 6+ clubs no 4 card major then

- 3D by responder is a GF waiting bid asks stops
- 4C RKC clubs 1430

3♦ strong 5+5+ minors GF

2S to play opposite weak 2S, playable can play 3 level+ opposite a weak 2H

2NT balanced 21-22 HCP now 3C is puppet stayman

3♣ strong 17-20 HCP 6+ clubs no 4 card major

3H weak 2 in hearts

3♦ strong 5+5+ minors GF

4H maximum weak 2 in hearts with good shape

2NT asking: responder is INV+ and asks for transfer to a weak 2 major

3C strong 6+ clubs no 4 major 17-20 HCP responses: 3D ask stops

3D weak 2 in hearts e.g. transfer to weak major

3H INV

3S Stenberg Enq (3NT Min/4C max next suit ask SPL)

4C ace / trump ask -4D=0 aces, 4H 1-Q, 4S 1+Q, 4NT 2-Q

3H weak 2 in spades e.g. transfer to weak major

3S invitational – opener can bid game with max

4C ace / trump ask -4D=0 aces, 4H 1-Q, 4S 1+Q, 4NT 2-Q

4D Stenberg Enq (3NT Min/4C max next suit ask SPL)

3S strong 5+5+ minors GF hand

3NT strong balanced 21-22 HCP System ON 4C Puppet Stayman etc

3C/3D/3H/3S Natural 6+ card suit F1

After 2D doubles of intervention are negative until openers suit is known

Note 6 Opener Rebids after 1♦ 1♥

1S 4♠ 11-14 HCP 4414 or 4?5+?

1NT unbalanced 15-17 without 4♥ - now 2C=8+ HCP asking

2C 4♦+4♣+ 11-15

2S 4 spades 4+ diamonds GF

2NT 5+ diamonds and exactly 4 clubs

3C asks now 3D 6+ diamonds and 4 clubs, 3H=1354 etc

3C 4+ diamonds 5 clubs – GF two good suits 16+ HCP

3D 6+ diamonds GF

3H natural 15-17 HCP INV

3S spade splinter agreeing hearts 5+ diamonds 4 hearts

3NT 6+ diamonds 0/2 hearts – strong preference to play 3NT

4C club splinter agreeing hearts 5+ diamonds 4 hearts

4D 6+ very good diamonds with 4 hearts

4H 4 hearts 2452 or any splinter with singleton A

Note 7 Responses to 1♥

1♥ 1♠ 6-11 HCP F1 0-3♠ > 2C Gazilli 15-17 unbal or 6♥+ 11-14

1NT 4♠+ 6+ HCP F1 > 2C Gazilli 15-17 HCP unbal or 6♥+ 11-14

2♣ 2/1 GF natural 5+ clubs or balanced 2+ clubs

2♦ natural 5+ cards GF

2♥ 8 to 10 HCP 3 card support

2♠ Special raise: 5+S/3H, FG

2NT Invitational + enquiry with 3♥+ (also on in competition)

3m 5-8 HCP 6+ cards good suit 0/1 cards in partners major

3♥ 4♥ + hearts 5-7 HCP

3S 4♥ + hearts GF any mini splinter 9-11 HCP (3NT asks)

3NT 4♥ + hearts GF with unknown void (4C asks)

Note 8 Defence to 1C Opening which can be 0/3 cards

Transfer overcalls, Variable NT, Multi and 2M for 2 suiters

Action	Description	Advancers Actions
1D	Heart Overcall 5+ hearts 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1H	Spade Overcall 5+ spades 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1S	Club Overcall 5+ clubs 10-16 HCP	2D UCB 3D natural NF
2C	Diamond Overcall forcing - 5+ diamonds 10+ HCP	3C UCB
2D	6M 6-10pts, Bal 19-21 HCP, 6+ clubs 17-20 HCP, Minors GF	2M pass or correct, 2NT enquiry, 3X natural forcing
2H	5+ hearts 5+ any suit 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
2S	5+ hearts 5+ minor 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
2NT	55 minors 6-10 HCP	3/4/5m to play, 3M forcing
3X	6+ suit pre-emptive	As 3 openings
1NT	NV 11-14 HCP Vul 15-18 (no 5 card major)	11-14 > 2C Stayman, 15-18 > 2C 8+ HCP enquiry (Vul), others as 1NT
Double	NV 15-18 HCP, Vul 11-14 HCP	1M to play, 11-14 > 2C Stayman, 15-18 > 2C 8+ HCP enquiry (Vul), NT sys
Pass then double	Good hand 15+ HCP with a good lead v NT	

Note 9
Defence to
Strong Club

Changes : Pass 15+ HCP hands, All transfer overcalls NF, Double Majors, 1NT Minors , 2NT more minors

Against Strong club the UCB after an overcall is 1NT (if available)

All Keto bids from 1D through 2NT are ON **decent suits provide safety**

1C 1H(spades) Double (any meaning) Pass (neutral)
Redouble **lead directing for lowest unbid suit (clubs)**
 2X natural NF
 1S/2S/3S etc normal
1NT UCB
 2NT Stenberg

1C 1H(spades) 1S (take out) Pass Neutral
Double **at least Hx in spades (Queen or better)**
 2X natural NF
 2S/3S etc normal
INT UCB
 2NT Stenberg

1C **Pass** **followed by later action is strong 15+**

3rd Hand actions are natural except for Double Majors, NT minors

Note 10 **Defence to 1D Opening which can be 0/3 cards** Transfer overcalls, Variable NT , Multi and 2M for 2 suiters

Action	Description	Advancers Actions
X	Heart Overcall 5+ hearts 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1H	Spade Overcall 5+ spades 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1S	Club Overcall 5+ clubs 10+ HCP NF	2D UCB 3D natural NF
2C	Diamond Overcall forcing - 5+ diamonds 10+ HCP	3C UCB
2D	6 card major 6-10 HCP , Bal 19-21 HCP , 6+ clubs 17-20HCP	2M pass or correct, 2NT enquiry, 3X natural forcing
2H	5+ hearts 5+ any suit 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
2S	5+ hearts 5+ minor 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
2NT	55 minors 6-10 HCP	3/4/5m to play , 3M forcing
3X	6+ suit pre-emptive	As 3 openings
1NT	NV 11-14 HCP Vul 15-18 (no 5 card major)	11-14 >2C Stayman, 15-18> 2C 8+ HCP enquiry (Vul), others as 1NT
Pass then double	NV 15-18 HCP , Vul 11-14 HCP	11-14 >2C Stayman, 15-18> 2C 8+ HCP enquiry (Vul), others as 1NT