DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING


## LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEAD STYLE |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | $4^{\text {th }}$ best, $2^{\text {nd }}$ from weakness | Small will most likely show <br> an honour |
| NT | $4^{\text {th }}$ best, $2^{\text {nd }} \quad \&$ MUD |  |
| Subseq | Same vs suits; Att vs NT |  |
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## Other: A seeks Attitude (Q or $3^{\text {rd }}$ rd ruff in a suit): King for count

| LEADS | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
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| Lead | AKQ, AKJ, Ax | AKQ, AKJ10 |
| Ace | AK, KQJ(x)) | KQJ(x) |
| King | QJ10(x), AQJ(x) | QJ10(x) |
| Queen | J109(x), KJ10(x), Jx | J109(x) |
| Jack | $1098(x), 10 x$ | $1098(x)$ |
| 10 | (H)98x | (H)98x |
| 9 |  |  |
| Hi-X |  |  |

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 Rev attitude | High/low = even | Odd/even |  |
| Suit 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| NT 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| Signals (including Trumps): Italian \& S/P |  |  |  |
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## DOUBLES

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Standard and Support
Neg up to and incl 4H 8+hcp
Resp to T/O X 0-8 lowest bid in suit, 1NT 7-10 with stop in opening suit, jump $=4+\& 9 / 11$ hcp \& Cue bid $=12+$ hcp
Opps weak NT = Penalty
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

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## W B F CONVENTION CARD

## CATEGORY: Natural Gree

NCBO: Rep of Ireland
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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

15-17 NT \& 5 card majors with reverse Bergen raises
Bergen raises $1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{M}=6 / 9 \mathrm{hcp}$ and 3 card support
$1 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{M}=10 / 12 \mathrm{hcp}$ and 3 card support
$1 \mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{M}=4 / 9 \mathrm{hcp}$ and 4 card support
$1 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{C}=6 / 9 \mathrm{hcp}$ and 4 card support
$1 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{D}=10 / 11 \mathrm{hcp}$ and 4 card support
$1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{NT}=12+$ and 4 card support
$1 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{NT}=13-15 \mathrm{hcp}$ and 3 card support (Balanced)

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

## $2 \mathrm{C}=20-22$ or 8 playing tricks

$2 \mathrm{D}=23-24$ or GF
2NT $=5 / 5$ minors < 11hcp
Gambling 3NT with little outside help
WEAK JUMP RESPONSES (6 CARD SUIT) to 1m opening <5hcp Super accepts over transfers ( 2 NT = MAX \& 4 card support over Major)

Non-promissory Stayman \& 4 way transfers (Break t/fer in Minor with 3 to $\min \mathrm{Q}$ )
RKB over major 14/30 and over Minor is 30/41
4NT = RCKB $14 / 30$

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Helvic if our NT is doubled for penalty

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Weak jump shifts $6+$ cards and $<5$ hcp
2NT- 4D/H = Transfer to H/S 6 card suit $\& 12+4 H / S$ means only 2 car support from opener $=$ any other bid $=$ cue $(2 N T 3 S=5 \mathrm{~S} / 4 \mathrm{H})$


