


DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Up to 17hcp
Responses: New suit is forcing
UCB with support & 10+ pts, non-rebid of overcall > min
(1nt) – P – (transfer) : xfer suit is takeout
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2nd pos: 15-17 sys on
4th pos: 10-14 sys on and 2C asks strength and Majors.
Respond 2NT with max then 3C asks Major
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1-Suit: nat. weak: 2NT lower 2 suits, Cue = higher 2 suits
3♣=extreme 2 suits
2-Suit: Leaping Michaels- 4m=5that minor +5other M
Reopen: intermediate 11-15 6 card suit
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue 2 higher remaining suits (constructive vul)
Jump Cue initially asks for stopper for NT
Cue in balancing position shows strong 2 suiter hand
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
ANTI: 2♣= 5+♦ or both majors; 2♦ = 5+♥ or 4♠ and longer
minor; 2♥ = 4♥s and longer minor; 2♠ = Spade suit
X is penalties
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
V's weak2: leb after X; 2NT 16-18 sys on;
Vs multi 2♦: 2M 4+ , 2NT 16-18 sys on
Vs 2-Suit overcalls e.g. Michaels: X pen, fit = cue (cheap)
If OM in picture Dbl shows other Major
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
1 level overcalls 1D = H or 4S+m, 1H=4H+m, 1S=Nat, 1NT minors
Dbl = diamonds or both Majors
Jump overcalls weak
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
RDBL hand ownership, 10 + balanced, no fit, no good 5 card suit

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4th, 2nd or MUD	Count/Low from Honour	
NT	4th, 2nd or MUD	Count/Low from Honour	
Subseq	Attitude , count or SP	Attitude, count or SP	
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK	AK	
King	AK+; KQ+	AK+; KQ+	
Queen	KQ+	KQJ+; KQT+	
Jack	QJ+	QJ10+; AQJ+	
10	J109+; KJ109+	J109+; A/KJ109+	
9	Mud / Attitude	Mud / Attitude	
Hi-X	Doubleton	Doubleton	
Lo-X			
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Rev Attitude	Rev Count	O+2=Enc; E-2=S/P
Suit 2	Rev Count	Suit Pref	
3	Suit Pref		
1	Rev Attitude	Rev Smith Peters	O+2=Enc; E-2=S/P
NT 2	Rev Count	Rev Count	
3	Suit Pref		
Signals (including Trumps):			
Rev. Att. Rev Count, Odds+2 & Even-2,			
Rev smith peters defending 3NT and higher, suit pref. std rem count			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Up to 5Ds			
7 loser hands or better			
Resp: cue is GF, system on over NT resps.			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative X through 5D (1 level 6+pts, 2 level 8+pts, 3 level 10+pts)			
SOS XX			
X of artificial bid shows that suit			
Lightner X for slams			

EBL CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: IRELAND
PLAYERS: Hilary Dowling-Long & Ann Marie Horan
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5-card majors (semi-F 1NT), open heavy 1-bids; respond very light; 2/1 GF
Weak NT; 12-14
Inverted minors
2♣ – 9+ playing tricks, balanced 23+
2♦\2♥\2♠– weak; < opening bid
2NT – balanced, 20-22
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
LEBENSÖHL-SLOW
ESCAPING FROM 1NT DOUBLED - DONT
Pass NF 8+hcp, suit bid shows that + higher,
2S Natural better than redouble followed by 2S.
2NT two suiter game try if fit found, rdbl single suiter
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
X (or R) 1st round control of the opp's suit
FP: When both opponent pre-empt and/or responder limit + and one opponent preempt
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: Rarely

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	5D	Natural	1D 3+ Cards as 1NT 8-10 picture	4 th suit forcing then 2NT 15+ /3NT shows sing. Minorwood after inv. minor only	No Inverted minors in comp
					Inverted minor denies 4M	After 1m-1M, jump reverse minimum with shortage, after 1m-1M-2M, 2M+1 asks shape and range. Jump rebid 16+	Fit jumps in competition
1♦		3	5D	Natural, 3 when 4432	1NT 6-10, 2C forcing to 2NT/3m	Over 2C, 2D 4+ cards, 2/h sing club, 2S club fit, 2NT 15+ , 3NT 18-19 3 card diamonds,	
1♥		5(4)	5D	May be 4 3 rd or 4 th in hand	Inverted minor 2C F1, 1NT 6-12, 2x GF with 2C default GF, 2NT GF 4+ support , 3C – Mixed raise 6-9, 3D limit raise 4+ card 3M+1 = strong splinter 1-2 KC 11-15	3D rebid 16+, 3C rebid 18+ 1H-1S and 1M – 1NT, then 2C from opener Gazzilli and responders 2D promises 8+hcp. New suit at 3 level 5-5 14-16, 2NT 18-19 bal.	Passed hand Reverse Drury 2C. Openers 2M signoff, RDDBL 10+ If fit found 3NT asks cue bids, 4m help ask
					Jump OM 3 card support limit Direct splinters weak 1-2 KC	Bid out shape after 2 over 1 below 3M, shortage above, non-Serious 3NT 2.5KC Over 2NT, 3C min, 3D singleton, 3H 5422, direct cue less than 2.5KC Game try help asks, 2NT bal. game try	Transfers over double up to 2M 2NT limit + 4 card support Cue bid limit + 3 card support Fit jumps minors, jump OM mixed raise
1♠		5(4)	5D	May be 4 3 rd or 4 th in hand	As Above	As above	As above
INT				12-14, can hold 5M or 6m Upgrade possible with 5+ card suit	Stayman, Four suit transfers, Smolen, Texas, 3D= Confit, 4S reject minimum, 4NT accept maximum 2NT inv or transfer to clubs	Retransfers after transfers, after 2C – response 3OM slam try with shortage, 4C slam try balanced then 4D cooperative. Super accept transfer with doubleton (then retransfers on) 3M min super accept	Over 2C Majors, bid Major with stopper, Lebensohl SANS, dbl 11+hcp forcing to 3NT or 4m
				Singleton H		Lebensohl Sans	
2♣	Yes	0	N/A	All strong hands inc. 9+	2D relay most hands, new suits 8+hcp 5+ card good suit	2NT 22-24, Kokish Relay 2H/2S after 2C-2D; then 2NT 25-27	
				playing tricks and 23+ bal.			
2♦/♥/♠		5	N/A	Weak with 5+ ♦; usually 6+ Can hold second suit (m)	2NT enquiry; new suit is F1R	Feature Showing #Jump to 4x = second suit 5+ cards	Barrage Responses
2NT			N/A	20-21 Balanced (in principle)	3C Stayman and Smolen, transfer H then 3S 5+/5+ slam try, Transfers, 3♠ both minors/ a single minor, forces 3NT then 4m is slam try and 4M fragment in major 5+/5+ min, 4C = slam try clubs, 4♦/♥= transfers, 4♠= reject Min, 4NT accept Max		
3♣/♦/♥/♠		6		Weak with 6+ ♣; usually 7+	New suit – 6+ suit F1R; jump to game to play		
3NT	Yes	7	N/A	Long minor with at most 1	4/5 m to play minor		
				outside stopper			
4♣				Namyats	Next suit asks for suit with two losers	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♦				Namyats		RKC-M /m0314 0 inc void responses	
4♥				Natural pre-empt		5NT 2KC + void, 6x void and 1 KC	
4♠				Natural pre-empt		5NT specific K ask	
4NT				Specific Ace Ask		Gerber 1st bid over NT	
5♣/♦				To Play		Cues 1st\2 nd below game; 1st above game generally	
5♥/♠				Raise to 6 with 2 of AKQ		Forcing Pass, DOPI /ROPI if below trump, DEPO/REPO above trump suit	
5♠				Raise to 6 with 2 of AKQ			

