

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level < 18 HCP
Normally 5 card suit, cue response usually 3 card raise 9+ HCP, 2NT NAT over minor
2NT response over M = 4 card raise 9+ HCP
Jump cue mixed raise = 4 card raise 7-9- HCP
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
Immediate = 15/18 systems on: Tx to their suit = shortage
Protective = 11/16, then 2♠ = enquiry: responses: 2♦ = 11/12, 2♥/♠/NT = 13/14 NAT, 3any= 15/16`, 3 of their suit = stayman
Sandwich 1NT = 16/18 systems off, 3M = GF
Cue (asks for M) then 3M invitational
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak in principle except 4 th seat
2NT lower 2 suits (5+/5+)
1x - 3♣ or 1♠ - 2♦ = Higher 2 suits (5+/5+)
Reopen:
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue = extremes (5+/5+)
Jump cue = asks stopper
Except 1♠ - 3♠ = NAT over short club (2+)
1X-P-1Y - 2X = other two suits 5+/5+, 2Y = NAT
1♠-P-1♦ (TX) X = TO of ♥, 1♥ = NAT, 2♥ = NAT, 2♦ NAT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
DBL= 4M/5+ minor, Penalty over weak NT.
2♠ = both Majors (4+/4+)
2♦ = 1 Major: 2NT= Enquiry (3♣/♦ Min ♥/♠, 3♥/♠ Good)
2 M = 5+M/4+minor
2NT = Minors or any strong 2-suiter
Reopening DBL by PH : X = MM or mm, 2♠ = NAT
VS. PRE-EMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
DBL = T/O: 2NT=15/18
Cue = Strong T/O or stop ask in M
Leaping/Non-Leaping Michaels: 4m=5/5 in bid minor and OM over M suit pre-empts, Over minor, 4 other m=5/5 in bid minor and a Major,cue=5/5 Majors.When 4m is bid=constructive Forcing)
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♠ or 2♠
X = both Majors
1NT = both Minors
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Non-passed hand: Transfer responses after X of our 1M opening up to 2M-1, 3♠ = 10/11 HCP, 3♦ = 7/9HCP (4+ card support for Major)
Passed Hand: system on

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3rd/5th from H	3rd/5th from H, xXx, Xxx if supported	
NT	4th (2nd from bad suit)	4th (2nd from bad suit)	
Subseq	Low rev attitude		
Other: K for Rev Count/UB: A/Q for Rev ATT			
A from AK			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	A or AK or AKx(x)	A or AK or AKx(x)	
King	AKx() x or KQ or Kx	AKx or KQ asks CT or UB	
Queen	KQ(x), QJ(x)	KQ(x), QJ(x)	
Jack	J10x, KJ10x, Jx	J10x: (H)J10x	
10	10x: 109x H109x	10x:1098(x) (H)109:(x)	
9	9x, H98x, (H)98x	9x (H)98x:	
Hi-X	Xx, xXx(xx)	Xx, xXx(xx)	
Lo-X	HxX(x) HxxxX	Hxx X(x)	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit 1	Rev count ex AQ	Rev count	Low ENC / rev count
2	Suit Preference	Suit Preference	
3	Low = ENC		
NT 1	Rev count ex AQ	Rev Smith	Low ENC / rev count
2	Suit Preference	Rev Count	
3	Low = ENC	Suit Preference	
Signals (including Trumps):			
UDCA, Suit Preference (including trumps), Reverse Smith Peters v NT, small encourages by both as needed			
Signals only when helpful to defence			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
T/O to 4♥ inclusive			
Support DBL/RDBL= 3 of responder's suit (2-level)			
Lead directing			
Lightner			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
DOPI: DBL = 0; Pass = 1, 1st step = 2 no Q, 2nd step = 2+Q			
ROPI: RDBL = 0, Pass = 1, 1 st step = 2 no Q, 2 nd step = 2 + Q			

EBL CONVENTION CARD ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: Ireland
PLAYERS: Siobhán Part & Teresa Rigney
EVENT: IBU Women'sTrials
September 2025
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5-card Majors, 2/1 GF
1NT=15/17 (may include 5M, 6m)
1♠ = 2+♣, NF (when 4432) – can have 4/5 ♦'s with balanced hand
1♦ = unbalanced hand with 4+♦
Inverted minors, on over X, usually GF, INV by passed hand
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2♦ = Multi:22-23 BAL/ weak 2 in M/ 8 playing tricks in any suit
2♥ = ♥ + minor: 6/10 HCP 5+/ 5+
2♠ = ♠ + another: 6/10 HCP 5+/ 5+
Third hand openings can be light
1♠ - 1M (may skip ♦ suit if not GF)
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
After GF response (2/1 , Jacoby)
After inverted minor
After 2♣ opening
Pass then pull = slam try
IMPORTANT NOTES
Lebensohl:
Fast Arrival No Stop, after interference over our 1NT
Over partners X of opponents 2 level pre-empt opening
Cheapest of 2NT or 4 th suit may be weak after partner's reverse.
All other bids are Forcing
When Partner overcalls 1NT and opps support.
Good / Bad 2NT: by Opener After RHO overcalls at 2-level shows a desire to compete to the 3 level. Other bids show extra
PSYCHICS: very rare

OPENING	ARTIFICIAL	CARDS	NEG X TO	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♥	NAT or 4432, 4333 11-22 HCP, Can contain 5♦'s	1NT=6/11, 2♣=12+, 2NT<=8HCP, 3♣ = 9/11 2♦/♥/♠ <= 8HCP 6-card suit, 3/4M = to play	1♣- 2♣ 4♣ = RKCB 0314 1♣- 2♣:2X=stopper,3X= spl	1♣- 2♣ by passed = INV
1♦	N	4	4♥	11-22 HCP, unbalanced hand	1NT=6/11, 2♦= 12+, 3minor =9/11, 2NT<=8 etc 2♥/♠ <= 8HCP 6 card suit, 3/4M = to play	1♦ - 2♦, 4♦ RKCB 0314 (All as above)	1♦ - 2♦ by passed = INV
1♥	N	5	4♥	11-22 HCP	1NT = semi F, 2X=NAT GF, 2♠ = 10/11 (3♥'s) 2NT=GF, 3♠=10/11 (4+♥), 3♦= 7/9: (4+♥) 3♠= SPL any suit (8-11), 3NT = ♠ SPL (12-14), 4♣/♦ = SPL (12-14)	After 2NT, 3♠=Min. 3♦=Non-min no SPL 3♥/♠=SPL ♣/♦,3NT=SPL OM, 4♣/♦ = void, 4♥=void OM	Rev 2-way Drury:2♣/♦: 9+HCP 3/4♥s
1♠	N	5	4♥	11-22 HCP	1NT = semi F, 2X= GF; 2NT=GF, 3♠=10/11HCP, 3♦= 7/9: (4+♠) , 3♥ = 10/11 (3♠'s), 3NT = SPL any suit (8-11), 4♣/♦/♥ = SPL (12-14)	1♠-2NT, 3♠=min, 3♦=non -min no SPL 3♥/♠=SPL ♣/♦, 3NT=SPL M, 4♣/♦ = void 4♥=void M	Rev 2-way Drury:2♣/♦: 9+HCP 3/4♠s
1NT			3♠	15-17 HCP may have 5M, 6m	2♣=Non-Prom Stayman: 2♦=♥TFR 2♥=♠TFR: 2♠ = ♣TFR, 2NT = ♦TFR 3♠/♦ = Natural, slam interest 3♥/♠ = Singleton (13)(45) 4♣/♦ = ♥/♠, 4♥/♠= ♣/♦	SMOLEN: 1NT- 2♣, 2♦ - 3♥ (4♥ 5♠) over 2♣ - 2NT = 5M non max, 3H/S = 5M max. Accept m TFR with support super-accept M TFR with 4, 3M=min, 2NT=non min	
2♣	Yes	0		24+ BAL or any GF	2♦ = 4+HCP, 2♥<4 HCP, 2NT=5+♥ 8+HCP	Jump by Opener sets suit	
2♦	Yes	0		Weak M,8 PT any, BAL 22/23	2/3/4♥ = P/C, 2♠ = INV in ♥ , 2NT = INQ, 3♣/♦ F1	2NT: 3♣=MAX wk M, 3♦/♥ = ♥/♠, 3♠ = 8 PT minor, 4M = 8 PT NAT. with GF ♥ bid 2NT	
2♥		5		5+♥ & 5+m 6-10 HCP	2NT= INQ, 3/4/5♣ = P/C other new suit F1	2NT - = 3♣/♦ min, 3♥/♠ max with ♣/♦	
2♠		5		5+♠ & 5+other 6-10 HCP	2NT= INQ, 3♣/♦ = INV in ♥/♠, 3♥ F1	2NT - = 3♣/♦/♥ other suit	
2NT				20-21 BAL/Semi-BAL	3♣ = puppet stayman, 3♦/♥ = TFR: 3♠ = relay, 3NT=5♠+4♥ 4♣/4♦ =♥/♠ TFR (spare bid=cue):4♥/♠ = ♣/♦ (similar over o/c or rebid showing 23+)	2NT-3♣, 3♦ = have a 4 card M 3♥/♠ = 5card suit 3NT = denies 4/5 card M 2NT-3♠-3NT 4♣/♦ = NAT ST, 4♥/♠ 5/4 m SPL ST 4NT = 5/5 m ST	
3♣		6		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♦ asks for keys	Over 4♦ - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3♦		6		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♣ asks for keys	Over 4♣ - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3♥		7		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♠ asks for keys	Over 4♠ - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3♠		7		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♣ asks for keys	Over 4♣ - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3NT				Solid Minor	4♦ = shortage 3NT-4♣/5♣ = P/C	Over 4♦ 4♥/♠ = short, 5m = NAT short Om , 4NT no shortage	
4♣		7		PRE			
4♦		7		PRE			
4♥		7		PRE			
4♠		7		PRE			
4NT				Specific Ace ask	5♠= none, 5any = that Ace, 5NT = 2 , 6♠ = A	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♣		7		PRE		RKCB = 1430 Majors, 0314 minors	
5♦		7		PRE		Exclusion / Minorwood RKCB=0314	
5♥				NAT	6♥ = A/K, 7♥= AK	DOPI, ROPI, DEPO	
5♠				NAT	6♠ = A/K, 7♠ = AK	CUE: 1st & 2nd equally below game	
5NT				Both minors			
6♣							

