

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS		WBF Convention Card	
OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, 1/2 level, Reopening) 1 level usually 5-c suit 7-17 hcp. 2 level 5+, constructive. By advancer: New suit NF, single Q = 3-fit, 10+ hcp OR any 13+ hcp Jump Q = 4-fit 6-9 hcp, double raise (if jump Q available) = 4-fit ≤ 6 hcp Jump-shift in new suit = good 5-c suit with fit (usu. 4+) After 1M, 2NT = 4-fit, 10+ hcp. After 1m, 2NT is natural.		OPENING LEADS - STYLE Suit 4th highest (2nd from bad suits) Low from odd 4th highest (2nd from bad suits) Low from odd NT Low Enc High Disc Other: Power King vs NT, missing either Q or J asking for unblock or count: e.g. AK10x AKQ10x		Category: Green Country: IRELAND Event: IBU Senior Trials 2026 Players: David Dunne & Michael McAuliffe	
INTERVALLS (2nd/4th live, Responses, Reopening) 2nd: 15-18 hcp, system on 4th live: 16-19 hcp if unpassed hand, unusual (5+/5+ in other 2 suits) if passed 4th balancing: 13-16 hcp, system on		LEADS Lead A (asks rev att) K (asks rev ct, unblock) Q (asks rev att) J 10 9 HI-X LO-X		SYSTEM SUMMARY (15-17NT, 5542, 2/1 GF, 3 weak 2s) GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE 1♣ = 2 + ♠ 10-21 1♦ = 4 + ♠ 10-21 1 Major = 5+ cards 9 - 21, with 1nt resp. = 5-11 hcp Semi-Forcing 1NT Openings: 15-17 2 OVER 1 Responses: GF Three weak Twos	
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual, NT) 6+ suit, usu. 6-10 hcp (varies with vul/position) EXCEPT (1C) - 2D and (1D/H/S) - 3C, both Ghestern, see note 1. Unusual 2NT = lowest 2 suits. Reopening: 2NT 18-21 hcp bal, jump o/c 12+, no Ghestern		VS. SUIT AKx(+)/AKQx Ax(+) AK QJTx(x) AKQ10x(x) see above QJx(+)/QJ JTx(+)/HTx(x) JT T9x(+)/HT9(+)/Tx 9x, 9xx xSxx x5x Sx Hx5x Hx5		SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE Note: some low level artificial bids contained within a GAZZILLI system 1♣-1♦-2♣ = 11-16 with 4 + clubs or 17-20, response of 2♦ is artificial 8 + 1♣-1♦ now all bids from 2nt to 4♦ show 14-16 some of which are artificial bids 1♣-1nt-2♣ = 11-16 with 3 + clubs or 17-20, response of 2♦ is artificial 8 + 1♣-1nt now all bids from 3♦ to 4♦ show 14-16 some of which are artificial bids 1♦-1nt-2♦ = 11-16 with 3 + clubs or 17-20, response of 2♦ is artificial 8 + 1♦-1nt now all bids from 2nt to 4♦ show 14-16 some of which are artificial bids 1♣-1nt-2♣ = 17-20, 6 + ♠ and 4 + ♣ 1♣-1nt-2nt = 17-20, 6 + ♠ and a 4 card minor 1♣-1nt-2♦-2♥ (artificial)-2♠ (asks); see responses below: 2nt = 15-16 with 5♦-4♦ 3M/3♦/3♥ = 17-20 with 5♠ and 4 of bid suit 3♣ = 17-20 with 6♣ and 3♦	
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Responses, Reopening) Direct cue = Ghestern (note 1) Jump cue asks stop, except (1♣) - 3♦ natural when 1C is 2+ or Polish style. Reopening cue (all 12+ hcp): of m = 5+/5+ MM, of M = 5+/5+ OM and a m. VS. NT (vs. Strong/Walk, reopening, RH) 2♣ = Majors (4+/4+, usu. 5+/4+) 2♦ = 1 unspecified Major (usu. 6-c suit) 2♥ = 5 hearts and 4+ minor, 2nt asks strength & minor 2♠ = 5 spades and 4+ minor, 2nt asks strength & minor 2nt = 5+/5+ in minors		SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY Partner's Lead Lo = ENCRG 2 Hi/Lo = Odd 3 S/P Declarer's Lead Hi/Lo = Odd Lo = ENCRG Hi/Lo = Odd 3		SPECIAL FORGING PASS SEQUENCES With known game values or inv + facing known extra values forcing passes are on. PASS: Suggests bidding on DOUBLE. Suggests penalties	
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue bids, Jumps, NT bids) All above usu. show around 8-14 hcp, DBL = PEN Against all pre-empts up to 3♦ DBL = T/O		DOUBLES TAKROUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening) 2nd position: Shows min 3 card in other suits, unless 2 card minor and 4 - 4 Majors 4th Position: 9 + hcp Cue of opps. minor after t/o dbl asks for major or stop, with Maj 4-4 or no Maj		IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE Lebensohl: (a) vs. most 2-level intervention over our 1NT (b) responder to partner's dbl of wk 2 opening, inc Multi (c) responder's rebid after 2-level reverse	
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS Vs strong 1C: Jumps pre-emptive, Dbl=both Majors 4+/4+, 1NT=both minors 4+/5+, less than an opening bid PASS may contain opening bid +		OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE Redouble = 10+ hcp, support unlikely, no clear-cut alternative bid 1 + 3 level non-jump bids F; 2 level bids non-jump nat. NF 3/4-level jump bids = fit+jump		VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS Maximal doubles for game invite in crowded auction Higher DBL values CO-OP or T/O	

OPEN	TICK IF ART.	MIN NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL. THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	COMPETITIVE AND PASSED HAND
1♣	No	2	3♣	10-21 hcp	1x = nat. 6+ (can be weaker with ♠ shortage). 1M may have 4+ ♠ if less than inv. 1NT = 6-9, 2♣ = GF 5+ fit no M, 2♥/♠ = 2-5 hcp 6+ suit, 2♦ = 9-11 hcp, 5+♣, 3♣ = 5+ clubs, 3-8 hcp	1NT rebid = 12-14 HCP, then 2-way checkback. 1m-1x-2NT = 18-19 HCP, then checkback. 1♣-1♦-1/2NT doesn't deny 4M. 1m-1♥-1/2NT doesn't deny 4S. 1m-2m-2x stopper-showing. Minorwood after GF/inv raise. 1♦-2♣-2NT = usu. 12-14 (rarely, 18-19) HCP, bal or semi-bal (4441 possible)	Conventional inv and GF raises OFF in competition. Cue of overcall = inv+ raise OR stop ask for NT. 2NT over dbl = inv+ raise. 2-way checkback OFF if any intervention.
1♦	No	4	3♣	10 - 21 hcp	1♥/♠ = nat. 5+ hcp, 1NT = 6-9, 2♣ = GF (nat. in principle but may be 2/3 with 4M) 2♦ = 4+ fit, no M, GF 2♥/♠ = 2-5 hcp 6+ suit, 3♣ = 4+♣ 9-11 hcp, 2♠-4+ fit, no M, 2♠ hcp	After 1♥-1♣ and 1M-1NT : 2♣ Gazzilli, see front page. After 2/1 response (EXCEPT 1♦-2♣), 2NT by opener is unbal. 15-17 (then 3♣ enquiry by resp.), and immediate support for partner is 15+. 1M - 2NT (Stenberg, inv+ raise with 3+ fit) ; see note 2	Stenberg ON over intervention (now shows 4-fit), but Gazzilli OFF. 2♣ response to 3rd-hand (but NOT 4th-hand) 1M opening = inv raise, opener rebids 2♦ with full opening, 2M with light or sub-
1♥	No	5	3♣	9 - 21 hcp	1♣ = nat. 5+hcp, 1NT = 6-11. Semi F, 2♥/♠ = GF (may be 2 or 3-c suit if ♠), 2♥ = 6-10hcp, 3- or 4-fit, 2♣ = 6-c suit 2-5 hcp, 2NT (Stenberg) = 3+ fit, inv+ 3♣/♠ = 6-c suit INV. 0/1♥ = 3♥ = 2-6 hcp, 4-fit	After 1NT-2♣-2♦ : 3M GF w/ 4M and 5OM. After 1NT-2♣-2♥ : 3m nat slam try w 5-c suit. After 1NT-2♣-2♠ : 2S shows 4S inv+, 2/3NT DENIES 4S. After 1NT-2♣-2M, 3OM agrees M with slam interest. After M xfer, 3M = min, 4-fit, 2NT = max and 4-fit OR any 5 fit. After m xfer, 3m denies Qxx or better - intervening step otherwise.	Vs non-pen dbl OR vs. 2♣ not guaranteeing both M ; system on (dbl of 2C = Stayman). Vs pen dbl : redbl = single m, 2♦/♥ = xfer. LEBENSÖHL SANS vs. other interference (can be delayed over 2-way overcalls) : dbl values (t/o over nat int.), 2NT puppet to 3♣
1♠	No	5	3♣	9 - 21 hcp	2♣ = 6-10 hcp, 3- or 4-fit, 2NT (Stenberg) = 3+ fit, inv+. 3♥/♠ = 6-c suit. INV. 0/1♣, 3♣ = 2-6 hcp, 4-fit		
1NT	No		3♣	15 - 17 hcp	2♣ = non prom stayman, 2♥/♠/NT = transfers, 4♥/♠ = transfers, 4♣ = Gerber, 3m = nat GF slam try, 6-c suit, 3M = GF splinter, 5+/4+ mm		
2♣	Yes			23+ bal OR strong GF or near-GF	2♥/♠ = 8+hcp, good 5-c suit. 2NT = 8-10 hcp, scattered values. 3♥/♠ = 8+HCP, good 5-c (usu. 6-cl suit. 2♦ = all other hands.	2♣-2♦-2♥ = puppet to 2♣, shows 25-26 bal OR 29-30 bal OR single suit ♥ OR ♠ + other suit. 2♣-2♦-2NT = 23-24 bal.	
2♦	No	6		Nat 5 - 10 hcp	New suit F1. 2NT enquiry. 4♣ trump ask. Resp to 2NT : show outside K/A if upper range, rebid suit if not	Trump ask responses in steps : 0KCs, 1KC, 1KC+Q, 2KCs, 2KCs+Q.	
2M	No	6		do.	As above for 2♦ opening	As above	
2NT	No			20-22 bal or semi-	Note 3		
3♣	No	6		Nat 5-9 hcp	New suit is F1, 4♣ trump ask (see above)		
3♦	No	6		do.	New suit is F1, 4♥ trump ask		
3M	No	6		do.	New suit is F1, 4♠ trump ask		
3NT	Yes			Solid m, ≤ Q outside	4/5/6/7♣ pass or correct for minor		
4m	No	7		Nat			
4M	No	6		Nat. max. 2 keycards			
4NT	Yes			Ace ask	5♣ = no Ace, 5NT = A♣, otherwise cheapest Ace		
					High Level Bidding		
					Subsequent 5NT = Specific King Ask (i.e. bid lowest outside king).		
					Cue bid 1st or 2nd round control		