

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level – 8 – 17 varies with vul/position 4+ cards
2 Level – 10 – 17 varies with vul/position 4+ cards
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd seat = 15 – bad 18 (system on)
4 th seat is balanced 10 –14 (system on)
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak
Unusual 2NT
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Cue = 1m,2m = Majors
1M, 2M = Other major + minor
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
HELLO (see note 5)
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Natural
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Natural
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Redbl=10+ (generally no fit for partner)

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W B F CONVENTION CARD	
CATEGORY:	Riga 2026
NCBO:	PB 2026 (Ireland)
PLAYERS:	Klara Flanagan / Eve Connell
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
5CM	
Strong NT (Good 15- 17)	
2♦ / 2♥ / 2♠ Weak	
1430 [Note 4]	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
Opening 2♦ / 2♥ / 2♠ Weak	
Stenberg (Note 6)	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
IMPORTANT NOTES	
RKCB 1430 (note 4)	
PSYCHICS:	

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	Competitive and PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♣	11-20, 2+♣'s	2♣= 6-9, 2NT = 10-12, 3♣ = 10/11 2♦/2♥/2♠ = nat slam try		
1♦		4	4♣	11-20 4+♦'s	2♦ = 6-9, 2NT = 10-12, 3♦ = 10/11 2♥/2♠/3♣ = nat slam try		
1♥		5	4♣	11-20 5+♥'s	2♥ = 6-9, 2NT = INV+ 3+♥, 3♥ = 10/11 2♠/3♠/3♦ = nat slam try		
1♠		5	4♣	11-20 5+♠'s	2♠ = 6-9, 2NT = INV+ 3+♠, 3♠ = 10/11 3♠/3♦/3♥ = nat slam try		
INT		2	3♠	15 - 17, 5CM and 6cm possible	2♠ = Stayman, 2♦/2♥/2♠/2NT = transfer, 3x = Nat GF, 4♠ = Gerber [Note 1]		
2♣	x	23+	4♣	2♦ = relay, anything else nat GF	2NT = 23/24 – system on [Note 2] Anything else nat F		
2♦		6		Weak 6♦, 6 - 10	2NT = inquiry, New suit nat F Raise to play [Note 3]		
2♥		6		Weak 6♥, 6-10	2NT = inquiry, New suit nat F Raise to play [Note 3]		
2♠		6		Weak 6♠, 6-10	2NT = inquiry, New suit nat F Raise to play [Note 3]		
2NT			3♠	20-22 balanced 5CM or 6m possible	3♠ = stayman, 3♦/3♥/3♠/3NT = transfer 4♠ =Gerber, 4♦/4♥ = transfer [Note 2]		
3♣		6		6+ pre-emptive, 5-10	New suit Nat F, Raise pre-emptive		
3♦		6		6+ pre-emptive, 5-10	New suit Nat F, Raise pre-emptive		
3♥		6		6+ pre-emptive, 5-10	New suit Nat F, Raise pre-emptive		
3♠		6		6+ pre-emptive, 5-10	New suit Nat F, Raise pre-emptive		
3NT				Long Solid Minor No outside stop	4♣/5♣ = pass or correct, 4♦ - singleton ask, 4M ctrl ask in major [step responses]		
4♣		7		Pre-emptive			
4♦		7		Pre-emptive			
4♥		7		To Play		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♠		7		To Play			

Supplementary notes

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Note 1. Response to 1 NT Opening (15 -17points)

4 way transfers

2♣ Non-forcing stayman - does not guarantee Major unless game bid.

2♦ No Major

Pass/2♥/2♠ to play weak

3♣/3♦ Nat 4+ suit GF

2♥ 4 card heart suit

2♠ 4+spades F

2NT no 4 card major invitational (good 11-12)

3♣/3♦ Nat 4+ suit GF

2♠ 4 card spade suit

2NT invitational (may or may not have 4♥'s)

3♣/3♦ Nat 4+ suit GF

2♦ Transfer to Hearts

2♥ Transfer to Spades

2♣ Transfer to clubs. (2NT breaking the transfer like clubs)

Pass over /3♣ or 3♠ over 2NT – Sign off to play

3♦ 5+clubs 4+ diamonds GF

3♥/3♠ Nat GF

3NT to play

2NT Transfer to diamonds. (3♣ Breaking the transfer like diamonds)

Pass over 3♦ or 3♥ over 3♣ = Sign off to play

3♥/3♠ Nat GF

3♠/♦/♥/♣ slam tries

3NT Natural

4♣ Gerber

4♦ Transfer

4♥ Transfer

4♠ Minors at least 6/5 to play no slam interest

4NT Quantitative

Note 2. System over 2NT 20-21 or via 2♣

3♣ Non-forcing stayman - does no guarantee Major unless game bid.

3♦ No Major

3♥/3♠ to play weak

4♣/4♦ Nat GF

3♥ 4 card heart suit

3♠ 4+spades GF

3NT no 4 card major sign off

4♣/4♦ Nat GF

4♠ 4 card spade suit

3NT (may or may not have 4♥'s) to play

4♣/4♦ Natural GF

3♦ Transfer to Hearts

3♥ Transfer to Spades

3♠ Transfer to clubs. (3NT breaking the transfer like clubs)

Pass over 4♣ or 4♠ over 3NT - Signoff with clubs

4♦ 5+clubs 4+ diamonds GF

4♥ / 4♠ Nat

4NT RKC for ♣

**** 3NT Transfer to diamonds. 4♠ Breaking the transfer like diamonds ****

Pass over 4♦ or 4♥ over 4♠ - Sign off to play

4♥ / 4♠ Nat GF

4♣ Gerber

4♦ Transfer

4♥ Transfer

4♠ Minors

4NT Quantative

Note 3. Responses to partner's opening 2♦/2♥/2♠

2NT = enquiry (normally 12+)

Responses to 2NT (Ogust PQ = points 1st/quality 2nd)

3♣ = 5-7; poor suit

3♦ = 8-10; poor suit

3♥ = 5-7; good suit

3♠ = 8-10; good suit

Any raise = 3 or 4 card support, tends to be pre-emptive

Over 2♥, 2♠ is natural and forcing for one round

Splinters (ie)

Over 2♦ – 3♥/3♣/4♣ = splinter

2♥ – 4♣/4♦/3♠ = splinter

2♠ – 4♣/4♦/4♥ = splinter

All 3 level bids in a new suit are forcing for one round.

- If max show feature, if min, rebid major

Note 4. RKC 1430

4NT keycard ask responses are

5♣ 1 or 4

5♦ 0 or 3

5♥ 2 No Q

5♠ 2 + Q

Subsequent 5NT ask for specific kings

Responder bids their lowest King.

Note 5. HELLO

After 1nt opening by opponents:

2♣ = Diamonds or a major and minor

2♦ = relay, pass or correct

2♥ = 5+ hearts NF

2♠ = 5+ spades NF

3♣/3♦ = nat, good hand

3♥/3♠ = 6+ suit INV

2♦ = Transfer to hearts

2♥ = to play

3♥ = INV

2♥ = Both majors (4+/4+)

pass/2♠ = to play

3M = INV

4M = to play

2♠ = Natural (5+)

2nt = Transfer to clubs

Note 6. Stenberg:

1H-2NT Stenberg INV+ with 3+ hearts 8 or fewer losers

→3C (11-14 HCP)

– 3D asks

- - 3H short club

- - 3S short diam
- - 3NT short OM
- - 4X cue bid no shortage
- 3H INV after 3 response 8 losers (may stop out of game)
- 4H to play 7 or fewer losers
- 3D Max 15+ no shortage: asking for responders shortage
- 3H (C SPL), 3S (D SPL), 3NT (SPL other major)
- 4x control with no shortage
- 3H short club 15+
- 3S short diamond 15+
- 3NT short other major 15+
- 4c/4d void min or max now 4NT is RKC 1430
- 4H void other major min now 4NT is RKC 1430
- 4S void other major and max now 4NT is RKC 1430
- 4NT RKC 1430