DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)

Simple Overcalls, $8+$ HCP with implied suit quality at 1 level

## 1NT OVERCALL (2 $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} \mathbf{4}^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)

$2^{\text {nd: }} 15-17 \mathrm{HCP}$, usually with defence of bid suit, responses as opening.
$4^{\text {th: }} 11-14 \mathrm{HCP}$, responses as opening
Sandwich[(1X)-P-(1Y)-1NT]: 5-5+ in unbid suits. Weak or Strong JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) 6 card suit, $5-9 \mathrm{HCP}$ NV, $7-11 \mathrm{HCP}$ Vul

Unusual NT shows 5-5 in lowest two suits over an artificial opening, lowest two unbid suits over a nat ( $3+$ card) opening.

Reopen Jump: Intermediate with 6-card suit
Reopen 2NT: 19-21HCP
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct: Michaels, 5-5+ in Majors over minor opening
(1M) 2M: 5-5+ in other Major and undisclosed minor. 2NT as minor ask.

Jump: Cue for NT, 20+HCP
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)

Weak: Multi Landy 8-15HCP, X: Pen
Strong: Multi-Landy 11+HCP, X: Pen by unpassed hand $5 \mathrm{~m}+4 \mathrm{M}$ by passed hand

## VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

Up to $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, ~ X$ is Takeout. 4 level apart from $\boldsymbol{A}$ is Transferable
$4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ and above is Penalty. Bids are all natural after $\mathbf{X}$.
4NT is two suited (Primarily minors) hand. Leaping Michaels
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. $1 \&$ or 2\%
VS 1*: 2*-Natural, 2*- Michaels
VS 2*: Bids natural
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
$\mathbf{X X}-10+\mathrm{HCP}$, denies stop in suit for NT. Bids as uninterfered. Jump Bids - As opening

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | $4^{\text {th }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ |  | Small from Hxx + , as normal |  |
| NT | As above |  | As above |  |
| Subseq | Low from H |  | As above |  |
| Other: $3^{\text {rd }}$ from undisclosed support of P's suit. |  |  |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit |  | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | AK+, Ax |  | AK+ |  |
| King | AK+, KQ+ |  | KQJ+, KQT |  |
| Queen | QJ+, Qx |  | QJT+, QJ9+ |  |
| Jack | JT+, Jx |  | JT9+ |  |
| 10 | HT9+, T9xx+ (H=K,Q) |  | HT9+, HJT+ (H=A,K,Q) |  |
| 9 | T9x, J9xx, 9x |  | T9x+, J9xx |  |
| Hi-X | xXxx, xXxxx |  | xXxx, xXxxx |  |
| Lo-X | HxX, HxxX, HxxXx |  | HxX, HxxX, HxxXx |  |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |  |
|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead |  | Discarding |
| 1 | A/Q Rev Attitude <br> K Count | Count |  | Reverse Attitude |
| Suit 2 |  |  |  | Count |
| 3 | 3 |  |  |  |
| 1 | A/Q Rev Attitude <br> K Count | Count |  | Reverse Attitude |
| NT 2 |  |  |  | Count |
| 3 | 3 |  |  |  |

Signals (including Trumps): Suit preference when switch is obvious and giving ruff

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Up to $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 4 \boldsymbol{\star} / \bullet$ Transferable. Multiple Transferable X's in competition.

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

In forcing 2 NT situation, $\mathbf{X}$ means bid was stolen
$\mathbf{X X}$ of penalty $\mathbf{X}$ of 1NT is scramble, showing 5+ suit

## CATEGORY: Red

## NCBO: Scotland

## PLAYERS: Jake Milne

Abi Milne

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

15-17 NT (Can contain 5cM, be 5-4-2-2 or 6-3-2-2)
2/1
5cM's with short $1 *$ and $1 *$
Multi 2 ${ }^{2}$
2-GF
Weak 2M's

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

## Opening $1 \boldsymbol{*}$ and $1 *$ can both be short as 2 cards

$1 \&-1 \mathrm{X}-1 \mathrm{NT}$ shows $18-19 \mathrm{NT}$ with no 5 cM
$1 \diamond-1 \mathrm{X}-1 \mathrm{NT}$ shows $12-14 \mathrm{NT}$ with no 5 cM

Opening 2* shows one of two possible hand shapes:

- 20-21HCP with a (semi) balanced hand
- 5-4/5-5 in Majors
$5-9 \mathrm{HCP} \mathrm{NV} 7-,11 \mathrm{HCP}$ Vul (11-14HCP in $\left.4^{\text {th }}\right)$


## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Interference over Asking 2NT and Jacoby 2NT, Pass shows bid has been bypassed. FP in action if we are GF - X's below game level are takeout if bid is nat. XX of $\mathbf{X}$ shows cue.

## MPORTANT NOTES

After Penalty X of 1NT, XX shows 5-card suit, forcing 2* bid. 2bid shows that suit plus another higher suit. 4-4. Pass is NF
PSYCHICS: Can be light in $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat.

| $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & \frac{1}{x} \\ & \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1** | $\checkmark$ | 1 |  | Can be short with 18-19 balanced, or natural (may contain a 5 c suit, or be only 1 club if 4-4-4-1 and minimum opening) | 1 - Negative $0-5 \mathrm{HCP}$, denies 6 c suit $1 \vee / \wedge-6+$ HCP, $4+$ card suit 1NT - 6-9HCP, no $4+\mathrm{cM}$ <br> Inverted Raises (with 5 card support), Weak Jump Shifts (0-5HCP) | 1ヶ-1Y-1NT: 18-19HCP <br> 1*-1 -1NT-2X: Responses as 1NT open <br> 1*-1M-1NT-2*/*: Checkback <br> $1 *-2 *-2 X$ : Short suit trial bid <br> 1*-2*-3X: Italian Cue Bid | Overcalls - Suit bid shows 5 card suit, $\mathbf{X}$ is Negative. Raises are pre-emptive over an overcall <br> $\mathbf{X}$ - Bids as normal <br> Reopening $\mathbf{X}$ by opener $=18-19$ |
| $1 *$ | $\checkmark$ | 2 |  | Can be short with 12-14 balanced, or natural (may contain a $5 \mathrm{c} *$ suit) | 1NT - 5-9HCP <br> Inverted Raises (with 5 card support), Weak Jump Shifts to Majors | $\begin{aligned} & 1 *-1 \mathrm{M}-1 \mathrm{NT}: 12-14 \mathrm{HCP} \\ & 1 *-2 \mathrm{NT}: 12-14 \mathrm{HCP} \\ & 1 *-1 \mathrm{Y}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 *: \text { Checkback } \\ & 1 *-2 \mathrm{~F}-3 *: \text { Checkback } \end{aligned}$ | As with $1 \%$. <br> Reopening $\mathbf{X}$ by opener $=12-14$ |
| 1*/1* |  | 5 |  |  | 1NT - 5-9HCP, Jacoby 2NT, Weak Jump Shifts, Splinters (11-14HCP) <br> $3 *-9-11,4 \mathrm{c}$ support. $3 \checkmark$ then game try <br> $3-7-8,4 \mathrm{c}$ support. $3 \mathrm{M}-<7 \mathrm{HCP}, 4 \mathrm{c}$ support | Over Jacoby, 3 of other suit shows Singleton/ Void, 4 suit is Source of Tricks. 3 Trump suit shows 17-18HCP, 4 Trump suit shows 1214HCP. | Overcall - $\mathbf{X}$ is Negative, Jump fits <br> $\mathbf{X}$ - Bids as normal <br> PH - 1 way Drury, Jump fits |
| 1NT |  | 2 |  | $15-17 \mathrm{HCP}, 14-17 \mathrm{HCP}$ in $4^{\text {th }}$ | 2* - Non-Promissory Stayman, 3* - Puppet Stayman, $2 \star / \downarrow / \AA / \mathbf{N T}$ - Transfers with Breaks available. $4 \bullet / \bullet-6$-card Texas Transfer. | Transfer Breaks for Majors: 3M - <br> Maximum with 4c+ support <br> Breaks for Minors: Intermediate bid shows <br> $\mathrm{Ax}+, \mathrm{Kx}+$ or $\mathrm{Qxx}+$ | Lebensohl (FADS) with doubles for Takeout |
| 2* | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | 20-21HCP semi-balanced or 5-4/5-5 in Majors (5-9HCP NV, $7-11 \mathrm{HCP}$ Vul. 11-14HCP in 4th) | 2 - 0-14HCP Relay, $2 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ - Preference for bid Major, 2NT - 15+HCP. 3 / $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ - 10-14HCP and $5 \mathrm{cM} .4 \vee / \uparrow-10-14 \mathrm{HCP}$ and $6 \mathrm{c}+\mathrm{M}$ | After 2NT Inquiry: $3 \boldsymbol{*} / \leftrightarrow-5 / 4 \mathrm{c} \uparrow+4 / 5 \mathrm{c} \uparrow$, Minimum. $3 \vee / \wedge-5 / 4 c+4 / 5 c \wedge$, Maximum. 3NT- $5 \mathrm{c}+5 \mathrm{c} \uparrow$, no m void. $4 \mathrm{~m}-5 \mathrm{c}+5 \mathrm{c} \uparrow$ with void in bid m . 4 NT : 18 -19 balanced | Over interference: Pass shows 0$7 \mathrm{HCP}, 2$ (over a $\mathbf{X}$ ) or $\mathbf{X}$ (when 2 is overcalled) shows 8 14HCP. Systems on otherwise. |
| 2 | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | Game Forcing (24+HCP) | $2 \boldsymbol{v}: 0-4 \mathrm{HCP}, 2 \mathrm{~A}: 5-8 \mathrm{HCP}, 2 \mathrm{NT}$ : $9+\mathrm{HCP}$ |  |  |
| 2v/2^ |  | 6 (5) |  | 5-9HCP NV, 7-11HCP Vul ( $11-14 \mathrm{HCP}$ in $4^{\text {th }}$ ) | 2NT - Shortage Inquiry, Bids are F1 | 3*/ - Shorter minor, not minimum. 3M shows minimum, 3OM shows 4 cards in OM and above minimum points. | Raise to level of fit |
| 2NT |  | 1 |  | 22-23 Semi-Balanced (Can be 5-4-2-2, 6-3-2-2 or 4-4-4-1) | 3* - Muppet Stayman, $3 \wedge-5$-card Transfers. <br> $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ - Minor slam try. $4 \star$ - Gerber, $4 \bullet / \downarrow$ - 6 -card Transfer. | Slam Try responses: 4*/ Preference in that minor, slam interest. $4 \vee / \AA$ Cue bid, acceptance for either minor. $5 *$ No interest, Pass or correct |  |
| 3*/3* |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | Bids F, Raises are to play |  |  |
| 3 $4 / 3 \sim$ |  | 7 (6) |  | Pre-emptive | Bids F, Raises are to play |  |  |
| 3NT | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | Gambling | 4* - Pass or Correct, 4*-Slam Try in minor | $4 \boldsymbol{-}$ - Acceptance of Slam Try in $\boldsymbol{\sim}, 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ Acceptance of Slam Try in $\uparrow .5 \mathrm{~m}$ - To Play |  |
| 4*/4* |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| $4 \vee$ |  | 7 |  | To Play |  | RKCB 1430 with R1P0, D1P0. Italian Cue Bids after agreed suit. Modified Blackout (2NT only) over Reverses: 3* shows 16-17HCP or minimum Reverse Hand. $3 \leqslant$ shows $18+$ HCP or equivalent top range Reverse, GF. Serious 3NT. |  |
| $4 \wedge$ |  | 7 |  | To Play |  |  |  |  |
| 4NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Specific Ace Ask | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \boldsymbol{\star}=0,5 \star=\mathrm{A} \bullet, 5 \boldsymbol{\mathrm { A }} \mathrm{~A} \boldsymbol{\vee}, 5 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{A} \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 5 \mathrm{NT} 2 \mathrm{As}, \\ & 6 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{A} \boldsymbol{\star} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |

