



DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS			Category: Lady Milne Country: Northern ireland Event: 2021 Players: Fitzpatrick Anne, Kelly-Rogers Mary
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		OPENING LEADS STYLE			
5 card suit and constructive		Lead	In Partner's Suit		
Ghestem	Suit	4th or normal count	4th or normal count		
Weak jump overcalls - 6 cards	NT	4th; top of sequence; strong tens	4th or normal count		
	Subseq	giving remaining count	giving remaining count		
	Other:				
					SYSTEM SUMMARY
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		LEADS			GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
INT immediately after opening bid shows 15-17 HCP and stopper in bid suit	Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	15 -17NT and 5 Card majors; 2/1 game forcing; most jump shift responses are artificial	
1NT in 4th position is 15-17 NT if 2 suits bid	Ace	may hold K but asks for attitude or SP	promises K	Upside down count/ attitude	
1NT in 4th position is protective and 10 - 14 HCP if only 1 suit bid	King	may promise the A but asks for count	Promises the Q	Weak 2 openings - 2♥ multi; 2♥/ 2♠ = weak 6 card suit	
	Queen	Promises the J	Promises the J	Weak jump overcalls (6card); non penalty double to 4♦ :constructive overcalls	
	Jack	Promises the T	Promises the T	opening 1♣ can be short at least 2	
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)	10	may promise the 9	May be internal sequence	opening 1♦ will be 4 card	
1-Suit: weak 6 card major or 6♦ over 1 ♣	9	may promise the 8	Promises the 8		
2-Suit:	Hi-x	even no	even no	1NT Openings: 15-17 HCP	
	Lo-x	Odd no	Odd no	2 OVER 1 ResponsesGame force	
Reopen:	SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE	
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	Opening 2♥ - 6 card weak
Ghestem	Suit:1st	attitude;count;	upside down count	Odds /evens	Opening 2♠ - 6card suit weak
Cue bid shows support for partner's suit	2nd	upside down count	upside down count	hand protection	Opening 2♦ - weak 6 card major or strong NT 20-22 HCP or 8 playing tricks
	3rd				Lebensohl
	NT: 1st	high; upside down count	upside down count	Odds/evens	Ghestem
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)	2nd	upside down count	smith peters(reverse)	hand protection	Gambling 3 NT - solid suit nothing outside.
Double for penalties over weak NT	3rd				Drury – see supplementary notes
2♣ - one suited hand	Signals (including Trumps): Low to encourage			Bergen Raises – see supplementary notes	
2♦ - both majors, at least 4/4	Trump suit preference				
2♥ - hearts and a minor - may only hold 4 card ♥ suit. 11+ pts					
2♠ - spades and a minor - may only hold 4 card ♠ suit. 11+ pts	DOUBLES				
Over Strong NT X = minors	TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)				
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)	Takeout doubles up to 4♦, double is shape suitable and too strong to overcall, when 2				
Over weak 2'sDouble - take out or 19+Responder lebensohl 2NT or 2/3x invitational	have been bid by the opposition then double promises the other 2 suits and 10+ pts				
Cue = asking in NT. Jump over 2♥ = 3♠ = constructive semi solid 15-16pts	When partner opens and LHO overcalls double shows other 2 suits – negative dbl				
4♣ and 4♦ are 6 card m and 4other M. 3NT is single suited m and ♥/ ♠ stop.	When partner reopens with a double promises tolerance for unbid suits			SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS	SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES				
over 1♣ Pass = Strong or Nat Dbl = ♣ + ♠ 1♦ = ♦ + ♠ 1♥ = ♥ + ♠ 1♠ = preemptive (may	1m - DBL shows at least 4/3 in the Ms. Opening points or stronger hand				
only be 3♠) 1NT = ♣ + ♥ 2♣ = ♣ + ♦ 2♦ = ♦ + ♥ 2♥/2♠ = 5/6+ cards	1M - DBL shows Opening points or shape suitable hand				
2NT = extreme two suiter	DBL - at 3 level t/o.			IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE	
	DBL at 4♥ level and above is for penalties but partner can still bid.			Inverted minors off in competition	
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE	Support doubles				
Either support partner's suit or bid own suit showing a 5 card suit	Negative DBL – up to and including 4♦				
Redouble - 9+ HCP				Psychics:	
Cue their suit 3 card support for partner					

Opening Bid Descriptions							
Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Dble thr	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣	yes	3	4♦	11+ HCP	Own suit/ jump fit/splinter /cue bid/inv m	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1♦	yes if 4432	3	4♦	11+ HCP	Own suit/ jump fit/splinter/cue bid/inv m	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1♥	no	5	4♦	11+ HCP	Bergen/Own suit/ jump fit/ splinter and cue bid	normal bidding or cue bidding	Drury but Bergen over intervention
1♠	no	5	4♦	11+ HCP	Bergen/Own suit/ jump fit/splinter and cue bid	normal bidding or cue bidding	
INT	no		4♦	15- 17 HCP	stayman/transfers	normal bidding/ break transfer with 4	
2♣	yes			23+ HCP or distributional	Controls	Normal bidding	
2♦	yes			multi-weak M/20-22 NT or 8 playing	2♥ Pass or correct 2♠ 10+ HCP tolerance for ♥ 2NT enquiry	pass or 2NT over 2♠ bid 3♥ if weak	
2♥	yes	6		8 - 9 HCP	2NT asking		
2♠	yes	6		8 - 9 HCP	2NT asking		
2NT	yes	5♣ /5♦		6 - 11 HCP	3♣ /3♦ to play. 3♥ /♠[natural - at least 5 card suit	pass or If hold 3 card support for Major bid 4	
3♣	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT /5♣ to play		
3♦	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/5♦ to play		
3♥	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/4♥ to play		
3♠	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/4♠ to play		
3NT	yes	6		10+ HCP long minor no outside stop	pass. 4♣ pass or correct. 4♦ singleton ask 4♥/4♠ to play		
4♣	no	7		Texas	4NT ace asking		
4♦	no	7		Texas	4NT ace asking		
4♥	no	8		Weaker preempt	4NT ace asking		
4♠	no	8		Weaker preempt	4NT ace asking		
4NT	no				Ace asking	5♣=0 5♦= 1 5♥= A♥ 5♠= A♠ 5NT= 2 6♣=A♣	
5♣	no	8					
5♦	no	8					
	n/a						
	n/a						
	n/a						
HIGH LEVEL BIDDING							
RKCB(1403) DPOI ROPI							
Cue bid promises first round control in that suit when trump suit is agreed							
Splinter promises singleton in bid suit and agrees trump suit							
Gerber over NT							
5NT grand slam force							
Modified Blackout							
5NT bypassing 4NT asks for holding in trump suit							