DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening)

1-level: 8-16 HCP (4)5+cs
2-level: 11-16 HCP, 6cs; or 13-16 HCP, good 5cs New suit $=$ NAT, constructive; Jump shift $=$ FJ; Raises $=$ PRE Non-Jump in NT $=10-12$; Jump to $2 \mathbf{N T}=13-15 \mathrm{HCP}$
3NT = to play. CUE = HCR; Jump CUE = Stopper Ask, GF
1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
$2^{\text {nd }}: 1 \mathbf{N T}=15(+)-18 \mathrm{HCP}$ with stopper $\{$ System on $\}$
$4^{\text {th }}: 1 \mathrm{NT}=12-15 \mathrm{HCP}$, may not have stopper $\{$ System on $\}$. (1x) Pass (1y) 1NT = 17-19 HCP. New suit responses are NAT.
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

## $2^{\text {nd }}:$ Weak ; 2NT = UNT

$4^{\text {th }}$ : Intermediate; 2NT $=$ 19-21 HCP $\{$ System on $\}$
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen) $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}:$ Direct CUE $=$ MICHAELS (Weak or Strong). (1m) $2 \mathbf{m}=\mathbf{H} \& \mathbf{S}, 55+.1 \mathbf{C}$ (short): 2C = NAT, 2D = Michaels. (1M) $2 \mathbf{M}=\mathrm{o} \mathbf{M}+\mathbf{m}, 55+$. RESP: $2 \mathbf{N T}=$ Game Try, $3 \mathbf{m}=\mathrm{P}$ or C. $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}:$ Jump CUE asks for stopper $\{$ may be 1 -suited GF $\}$. VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
DBL =PEN (UNT by PH); Multi Landy; 3M = NAT, constructive; 3m = NAT; 2NT = UNT or Strong 2 suiter F to suit agreement. VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) Weak 2: $\mathbf{X}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}+\mathrm{LEB}$ (FADS); 2NT = 16-18; CUE $=$ Michaels. Weak 3: $\mathbf{X}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$; 3NT $=$ to play; $\mathrm{CUE}=$ Michaels . Weak 4: $\mathbf{X}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$; 4NT $=2$ suiter.
Multi 2H: X $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right)=13-15$ BAL (3+ H \& S $)$ or 17+ (not 2 suiter) $\mathbf{X}\left(4^{\text {th }}\right)=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$ of suit bid by RHO + LEB (FASS); $2 \mathbf{N T}=16-18$ $6^{\text {th }} / 8^{\text {th }}: \mathbf{X}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}, 2 \mathbf{N T}=\mathbf{C} \& \mathbf{D}, 3 \mathrm{~m}=$ NAT with weaker oM,
$3 \mathrm{OM}=$ NAT with $5 \mathrm{~cm}, \mathrm{CUE}=$ Michaels.
(2D) DBL (2M) DBL = PEN, 4cM
2NT (UNT): X = PEN interest; 3C/D = H \& S, better H/S
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1C or 2C
STR 1C: TRUSCOTT, WJOs.
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
RDBL $=10+$ HCP. Raises $=$ PRE. New suit $=$ NAT, F1.
Jump shift $=$ FJ. 1NT $=7-10$ HCP. 2/3NT $=$ INV/GF, 4c support Except 1C (X): 1D = NAT, NF (no minimum strength); $2 \mathbf{m}=5+\mathrm{cs}, 6-10 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{NF} ; 2 \mathrm{M} / 3 \mathrm{~m}=6+\mathrm{cs}, 9-11 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{INV}$. OVER OPPONENTS' SUIT OVERCALL
DBL = NEG; New suit $=$ NAT, F1. Jump shift $=$ FJ Raises $=$ PRE. CUE $=$ INV raise. 2 NT $=$ NAT after 1 m opening; GF 4 c support after 1 M opening. $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ NAT. Jump CUE $=\mathrm{SPL}$ Except 1C (1/2 suit): 2 os $(\mathrm{NJ})=5+\mathrm{cs}, 6-10 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{NF} ; 2 \mathrm{os}(\mathrm{J})=$ $6+\mathrm{cs}, 9-11 \mathrm{HCP} ; 3 \mathrm{os}=5+\mathrm{cs}, \mathrm{F} 1$ (DJ = PRE); 2NT (NJ) =LEB;
CUE $=11+\mathrm{HCP}$, no 4 cM , no stopper. Jump CUE $=$ "Bid 3NT"


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| 1C | $\checkmark$ | 0 | 4D | 3 way: Preparatory, Natural or Strong. <br> Preparatory: 12-14 HCP, no 5cs (except $\mathbf{C}$ with a 5332 hand). Natural: 16-17 HCP UNBAL or semi-BAL with 5+C or 4441 (1D). Strong: $18+\mathrm{HCP}$, any distribution. | 1D $=0-7$ HCP (no 4 card major with 7 HCP ); 8-11 UNBAL, 5-4 C \& D or poor $6 \mathbf{m}$; or $13+$ HCP BAL, no 4 cM or 5 cm , not suitable for $3 \mathbf{N T}$ response. <br> $\mathbf{1 M}=4+\mathbf{M}, 7+$ HCP (may have longer minor). <br> $1 \mathbf{N T}=8-10 \mathrm{HCP}$, no 4 card major. <br> $2 \mathbf{m}=12+$ HCP, $5+\mathbf{m}$, GF. $2 \mathbf{M}=$ SJS, good $6+\mathbf{M}$. <br> $2 \mathbf{N T}=11-12 \mathrm{BAL}$, no 4 card major, INV. <br> $3 \mathbf{m}=8-11 \mathrm{HCP}$, good $6+\mathbf{m}$, INV. <br> $3 \mathbf{M}=7 \mathbf{M}$ with 2 top honours, nothing outside. <br> 3NT $=13-15 \mathrm{HCP}, 4333$ distribution, no 4 cM , <br> secondary honours, bad for slam. | 1C-1D: $1 \mathbf{M}=$ NAT, NF (may be 3M if 12-14, may have longer $\mathbf{m}$ ). $1 \mathbf{N T}=18-20 \mathrm{BAL}$; $2 \mathrm{C}=16+, 5+\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{NF} ; 2 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{ART}$ GF, not 2 suiter (then $2 \mathrm{H}=2 \mathrm{nd} \mathrm{NEG}$ ); <br> $2 \mathbf{M}=\mathrm{NAT}, 5+\mathbf{M}, 81 / 2+$ PTs, NF; $2 \mathbf{N T}=21-23$ BAL; $3 \mathbf{m}=6+\mathbf{m}, 81 / 2+\mathrm{PTs}$, NF; <br> $3 \mathbf{H} / 3 \mathbf{S} / 4 \mathbf{C}=\mathrm{GF} 2$ suiter, $5-5$ ( $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{ano} / \mathbf{S} \& \mathbf{m} / \mathbf{C} \& \mathbf{D}$ ); 3NT = gambling, long $\mathbf{m}$. <br> [1C-1D-1M-1NT (5-7 HCP): then 2C/D $=5+$ C/D \& 4M, 16+/18+ HCP, F1.] <br> [1C-1D-1H-2S = 5-4 C \& D, 8-11 HCP; 1C-1D-1M-2NT/3oM = 13+ BAL.] <br> [1C-1D-2C-3M = 13+ BAL, $\mathbf{M}$ stopper better than oM stopper (if any).] <br> $1 \mathbf{C}-1 \mathbf{H}: \quad 1 \mathbf{S}=\mathrm{NAT}, \mathrm{F} 1$ (may have longer $\mathbf{m}$ ). $1 \mathbf{C}-1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathbf{S}: 2 \mathrm{C} / 2 \mathrm{D}=2$ way Checkback. <br> 1C-1M: $1 \mathbf{N T}=12$-14 BAL, <4S. 1C-1M-1NT: 2C/2D = 2 way Checkback. <br> $2 \mathbf{C}=16+, 5+\mathbf{C}, \mathrm{F} 1(2 \mathrm{sM}, 2 \mathbf{N T}, 3 \mathbf{C}$ by responder are only NF bids; 2D = ART GF). <br> 2D = ART GF, $3+\mathbf{M} ; 2 \mathbf{N T}=($ semi- $)$ BAL GF, $\langle 3 \mathbf{M} ; 3 \mathbf{m}=18+, 6 \mathbf{m}$ (or vg 5m ), GF. <br> $3 \mathbf{N T}=5 \mathrm{D}, 4 \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathbf{M} \& 3 \mathrm{M}, 18-20.1 \mathbf{C}-1 \mathbf{S}-3 \mathbf{H}=5 \mathrm{D}, 4 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{C}$ \& $1 \mathbf{S}, 18+$. <br> $1 \mathbf{C}-1 \mathbf{N T}: 2 \mathrm{C}=16+, 5+\mathbf{C}, \mathrm{GF} ; 2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathbf{M}=18+, 5+\mathrm{cs}, \mathrm{GF} ; 3$ suit $=6+$ suit, GF (requests cue bid). <br> $1 \mathbf{C}-2 \mathbf{m}: 2 \mathbf{M}=4+\mathbf{M} ; 2 \mathbf{N T}=$ no $4 \mathrm{c} \mathbf{M},\langle 4 \mathbf{m} ; 3 \mathbf{m}=4+\mathbf{m}$. <br> 1C - 3C: $3 \mathbf{D}=\mathbf{M}$ stopper ask (INT / STR), GF; $3 \mathbf{M}=5+\mathbf{M}, 18+.1 \mathbf{C}-3 \mathrm{D}: 3 \mathbf{M}=\mathrm{INT} / \mathrm{STR}$. |  |
| 1D |  | 4 | 4D | $\begin{aligned} & 4+\mathrm{D}, 12-17 \mathrm{HCP} \\ & (5+\mathrm{D} ; 12-17 \mathrm{HCP} \end{aligned}$ <br> 4441 with 4D, 12-17 HCP; or 4D \& 5C, 12-15 HCP). <br> Note: BAL hands with 4D \& 12-14 HCP are opened 1C. | $2 \mathbf{C}=4+\mathbf{C}$, GF unless rebid $3 \mathbf{C}(6 \mathbf{C}, 9-11 \mathrm{HCP})$. $2 \mathrm{D}=4+\mathrm{D},(10) 11+\mathrm{HCP}$ (Inverted raise), no 4 cM . $1 \mathbf{N T}=7-10 ; 2 \mathbf{N T}=11-12 ; 3 \mathbf{N T}=13-15$. $2 \mathbf{M} / 3 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{SJS} ; 3 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{PRE} ; 3 \mathrm{M} / 4 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{SPL}$. |  | Inverted raises still apply. |
| 1M |  | 5 | 4D | 5+M, 12-17 HCP. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathbf{N T}=7-11.2 \mathbf{N T}=\text { limit raise. } 3 \mathbf{M}=\text { PRE. } \\ & 2 \mathbf{m}=\mathrm{GF} \text { unless rebid } 3 \mathrm{~m}(2 \mathbf{C}=2+\mathbf{C}, 2 \mathrm{D}=5+\mathrm{D}) . \\ & 1 \mathbf{H}-3 \mathbf{S} \& 1 \mathbf{S}-3 \mathbf{N T}=\text { any SPL, 9-12 HCP. } \\ & 1 \mathbf{H}-3 \mathbf{N T} / 4 \mathbf{m}=\text { SPL, } 12-16 \mathrm{HCP}(3 \mathbf{N T}=\mathbf{S} \text { SPL }) . \\ & 1 \mathbf{S}-4 \mathbf{m} / 4 \mathbf{H}=\text { SPL, } 12-16 \mathrm{HCP} . \end{aligned}$ | $1 \mathbf{M}-2 \mathbf{M}-2 \mathbf{N T}=\mathrm{ENQ}: 3 \mathbf{m} / 3 \mathrm{MM}=$ good side suit (then $3 \mathbf{M} / 3 \mathbf{N T} / 4 \mathbf{M}$ are to play); <br> $3 \mathbf{M} / 4 \mathbf{M}=\mathrm{min} / \mathrm{max}$ with ruffing potential, $3 \mathbf{N T}=\max$, BAL. <br> 1M-2NT-3C = ENQ:3D = min BAL raise, 3M = PRE-INV; $30 \mathbf{M}=$ max, $4 \mathbf{M}$ \& 3+ controls, <br> 3NT $=\max$ BAL raise, $4 \mathbf{M}=$ to play - a pretty good unbalanced hand. <br> $1 \mathbf{H}-3 \mathbf{S}-3 \mathbf{N T}$ asks for shortage $(4 \mathbf{H}=\mathbf{S}) .1 \mathbf{S}-3 \mathbf{N T}-4 \mathbf{C}$ asks for shortage $(4 \mathbf{S}=\mathbf{C})$. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2 \mathbf{C}=\text { Drury. } \\ & 3 \mathbf{C}=6+\mathbf{C}<3 \mathbf{M}, \\ & 9-11 \mathbf{H C P} . \\ & 1 \mathbf{H}-2 \mathbf{S} / 1 \mathbf{S}-2 \mathbf{N T} \\ & =\text { SPL Limit R. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 1NT |  |  |  | 15-17 HCP, BAL. | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{C}=\text { Stayman. } 2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S} / 2 \mathrm{NT}=\rightarrow \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S} / \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{D} . \\ & 3 \mathrm{~m}=5 \mathrm{C} \& 5 \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{INV} / \mathrm{GF} .3 \mathrm{M}=5431 \text { convention. } \\ & 4 \mathrm{C}=\text { Gerber. } 4 \mathrm{D} / 4 \mathrm{H}=\text { Texas Transfers. } \end{aligned}$ | 1NT-2C $-2 \mathbf{X}-3 \mathbf{C}=$ to play. 1NT-2C -2D -3D = Extended Stayman. Rubensohl after <br> 1NT-2C $-2 \mathbf{M}-3 \mathbf{D}=$ to play. 1NT-2C $-2 \mathbf{M}-3 \mathrm{o} \mathbf{M}=$ Slam Try in $\mathbf{M}$. 2-level interference. <br> 1NT-2C $-2 \mathbf{D}-3 \mathbf{M}=$ Smolen $\{4$ cards in $\mathbf{M}, 5+$ cards in oM, GF $\}$.  |  |
| 2 C |  | 5 | 4D | 5 C \& 4 M or 6+C, 12-15 HCP. | 2D = Relay, F to $3 \mathbf{C} .2 \mathbf{M}=5+\mathrm{M}, \mathrm{NF}(6-11 \mathrm{HCP})$. 2NT = PUP to $3 \mathbf{C}$, PRE C raise or GF 2 -suiter. $3 \mathbf{C}=$ NAT, INV. $3 \mathrm{D} / 3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathbf{S}=$ NAT, INV, $6+\mathrm{cs}$. |  |  |
| 2D | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | Weak 2H/S, 6M, 6-10 HCP. | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathbf{H} / 2 \mathbf{S} / 3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{P} \text { or } \mathrm{C} .2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{ENQ} . \\ & 3 \mathbf{C}=\text { PUP to } 3 \mathrm{D} \text {, GF } 1 \text { suiter (then } 3 \mathrm{NT}=\text { solid } \mathbf{m} \text { ). } \\ & 3 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{INV} \text { raise of opener's } \mathbf{M} . \\ & 4 \mathbf{C}=\rightarrow \mathbf{M} .4 \mathbf{D}=\text { bid } \mathbf{M} \cdot 4 \mathbf{H} / 4 \mathbf{S}=\text { NAT, to play. } \end{aligned}$ | 2D $-2 \mathbf{S}: 2 \mathbf{N T} / 3 \mathbf{m}=\max$ weak $2 \mathbf{H}($ semi-NAT $) ; 3 \mathbf{H}=\min$ weak $2 \mathbf{H}$. After $\mathbf{X}: \mathbf{X X}$ is to <br> 2D $-2 \mathbf{N T}: 3 \mathbf{C}=\max ; 3 \mathrm{D}=\min \mathbf{H} ; 3 \mathbf{H}=\min \mathbf{S}$. play in own suit <br> 2D $-2 \mathbf{N T}-3 \mathbf{C}: 3 \mathbf{D}$ asks suit $(\operatorname{then} 3 \mathbf{H}=\mathbf{S}, 3 \mathbf{S}=\mathbf{H}) ; 3 \mathbf{H} / 3 \mathbf{S}=\mathrm{P}$ or C. Opener bids step 1 if <br> 2D $-3 \mathrm{D}: 3 \mathbf{H} / 3 \mathbf{S}=\min \mathbf{H} / \mathbf{S} ; 4 \mathbf{C} / 4 \mathbf{D}=\max \mathbf{H} / \mathbf{S}$. RHO passes. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{H} \\ & 2 \mathrm{~S} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 5 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{H}=5 \mathrm{H} \& \text { ano }(5 \mathbf{S} / 4+\mathbf{m}), 6-11 \mathrm{HCP} ; \\ & 2 \mathbf{S}=5 \mathbf{S} \& 4+\mathbf{m}, 6-11 \mathrm{HCP} .5-5 \mathrm{VUL} . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathbf{S} \text { (over } 2 \mathbf{H}) / 3 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{P} \text { or C. } 2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { Strong ENQ. } \\ & 3 \mathrm{M} / 4 \mathbf{m}=\mathrm{NAT}, 6+\mathrm{cs}, \mathrm{~F} 1.3 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{INV} \text { raise of } \mathrm{M} . \end{aligned}$ | 2H-2NT: 3C/3D 2nd suit $\mathbf{C}$ min / $\mathbf{D} ; 3 \mathbf{H} / \mathbf{S}=2$ nd suit $\mathbf{S}$ max/min; $3 \mathbf{N T}=2$ nd suit $\mathbf{C}$ max. 2S -2NT: 3C/3D 2nd suit C/D min; 3H/S = 2nd suit C/D max. |  |
| 2NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | 5C \& 5D, 6-10 HCP. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3H = ENQ. } 3 \mathbf{S}=\text { NAT, F1. } \\ & 4 \mathbf{m}=\text { PRE NV \& PRE-INV VUL. } \end{aligned}$ | 2NT-3H: $3 \mathbf{S}=\mathbf{S x x}, 3 \mathbf{N T}=\mathbf{H x x}, 4 \mathrm{~m}=6 \mathbf{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}=\mathbf{H x x x}, 4 \mathbf{S}=\mathbf{S x x x}$. |  |
| 3 suit |  | 6 |  | NAT PRE |  |  |  |
| 3NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Gambling, solid 7cm ( $\leq \mathrm{Q}$ outside). | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \mathbf{C} / 5 \mathbf{C} / 6 \mathbf{C}=\mathrm{P} \text { or } \mathrm{C} .4 \mathrm{D}=\text { Singleton ENQ. } \\ & 4 \mathbf{M}=\text { to play. } 4 \mathbf{N T}=\text { slam try. } \end{aligned}$ | 3NT-4D: $4 \mathbf{M}=$ singleton $\mathbf{M}, 4 \mathbf{N T}=$ no singleton, $5 \mathbf{m}=$ singleton in other minor. 3NT-4NT $=$ Bid $5 \mathbf{m}$ with 7 card minor or $6 \mathbf{m}$ with 8 card minor. |  |
| 4C/4D |  | 7 |  | NAT PRE | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ to play, 4NT = RKCB 1430. | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 4H/4S |  | 7 |  | NAT PRE | 4NT = RKCB 1430; new suit = Lackwood 3041. | RKCB 1430 for majors (then 5NT = specific K ask); D1P0/R1P0; EKCB 3041. <br> Minorwood 1430 for minors (then $4 \mathbf{N T}, 5 \mathbf{m}$ to play, otherwise step $1 / 2=\mathrm{Q}$ or K ask as required). |  |
| 4NT |  |  |  | Specific Ace Ask | $5 \mathrm{C}=0.5 \mathrm{D} / 5 \mathrm{H} / 5 \mathrm{~S} / 6 \mathrm{C}=$ specific A. $5 \mathrm{NT}=2$. |  |  |

