

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Simple – usually sound at 2 level, less so at favourable
Vulnerability or at 1 level, usually decent suit
Responses - Change of suit natural and forcing
Cue of opponent's suit usually sound support
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-17 direct
11-13 4 th seat
17-19 sandwich
System "on" in all cases
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Jump – weak 6 + suit, though vulnerability taken into account
Double jump - weak and 7+ carder
Reopen:
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Ghestem – 2NT = lowest 2 suits, cue = extremes,
3♣ = 2 highest (of remaining suits)
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Double of weak NT penalty, of strong NT single suiter
2♣ = single suiter. Demands 2♦
2♦ = Majors
2♥/♠ = 4+ major and an undisclosed minor – 2NT strong ask -
3♣/♦ = pass or correct
VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X for takeout up to 4♥
Over weak 2M - 4♣/♦ = suit + other Major (Leaping Michaels)
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Over 1♣ simple overcall = Suit + Suit above, X = ♣/♥ 1NT = ♦/♠
Over 2♣ overcalls are natural, X = clubs
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Redouble = 9+ short opener's suit, 1NT = 8-10 with stop
New suits natural and forcing
2NT = sound 3 level raise, 3NT = 5 card raise with defence

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th best and MUD	4 th best and MUD	
NT	4 th best and MUD	4 th best and MUD	
Subseq	Orthodox remaining length	Ditto (occas. S/P)	
Other: very low card from known long suit suggests an outside void			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK or unsupported	Unblock or length	
King	KQ or short	KQ or short	
Queen	QJ or short	QJ or short	
Jack	J10 or short	J10 and no higher or short	
10	109 or short	J and untouching higher	
9	short	10 and untouching higher	
Hi-X	doubleton	doubleton	
Lo-X	MUD	MUD	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Orthodox length	Orthodox length	Normal distribution
Suit 2	Suit preference	Suit preference	Normally not suit wanted
3			
1	Orthodox length	Orthodox length	
NT 2	Suit preference	Suit preference	
3			
Signals (including Trumps): as above			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Can be light with shape.			
Jumps NF			
Cue oppo suit Forcing, but not GF			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
None			
However, Lebensohl applies after partner doubles weak 2 and next hand passes			

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OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		4	4♥	Natural, long suits first	Natural, forcing except 1NT (6-9) or 2NT (11-12)		
					Jump shift natural and GF, jump raises NF		
1♦		4	4♥	Natural, long suits first			
1♥		4	4♦	Natural, long suits first	Natural, forcing except 1NT (6-9)		
					Jump shift natural and GF, jump raises NF		
1♠		4	4♥	Natural, long suits first	2NT GF 4 trumps.	3 level bids single, 4s void, 3M str, 4M wk	
INT			4♥	12-14	2♣= Stayman, 2♦= ♥, 2♥= ♠, 2♠= ♣ 2NT=♦	Over 2♣ 3M are 5 carders	Lebensohl applies over 2 level
					Jumps slam tries, one loser suit		intervention. Direct 3NT no stop
2♣		0	4♥	23-24 balanced or GF	2♦ relay, 2/3 any positive, decent suit		
2♦		0		5-9 with decent ♥/♠ suit or	2♥ no interest in heart game, 2♠ implies hearts NF	Over 2NT 3♣/♦ = good 3♥/♠ = poor Weak 2	Bid of singleton asks range in
				17-24 any 4:4:4:1	2NT asks, suits natural and forcing except 2♥/♠	3NT and 4 level bids suit below singleton	2 HCP steps
2♥		6	4♦	8-9 PT	2NT negative. Suits natural and forcing		
2♠		6	4♥	8-9 PT	2NT negative. Suits natural and forcing		
2NT			4♥	20-22	3♣ - 5 card Stayman with normal continuations		
3♣		6		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3♦		6		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3♥		7		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3♠		7		Normal pre-empt	Suits natural and forcing		
3NT				Solid minor, little outside	4♣ = pass or correct		
						2NT asks, suits natural and forcing except 2♥/♠	
4♣		7-8		weak			
4♦		7-8		weak			
4♥				7-8 PT with little defence			
4♠				7-8 PT with little defence			
4NT				Specific ace ask	5♣= none 5NT=2		
5♣				7-9 PT little defence		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦				7-9 PT little defence		RKCB – 3041, ROPI DOPI	
5♥						Triple jump Exclusion KCB	
5♠							