

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING	
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)	
1 level wide ranging 4—18 pts invariably 5 card suit, Q or better	
2 level = opening hand preferably 6+ in minor	
Responses: New suit F1, UCB, raises mixed, NT natural	
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)	
2 nd = 15—18	System ON
Live = Other two suits 5/5	
4 th = 11—14 System ON	
Reopening = 18+	
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)	
Weak 4—11 some leeway if partner has passed, upper range if vul	
New suit F1, raises pre-emptive, cue shows values	
2NT= 5/5 lower two suits weak or strong (2 nd), 19—21 (4 th)	
Reopen:	
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)	
Direct cue= Michaels 5/5 unless showing both majors when maybe 5/4 but guarantees 5 hearts, weak or strong	
Jump cue asks for stop for 3NT	
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)	
X= single suited or 18+ semi balanced, 2suit shows that suit & suit above, 3 level suit shows suit & suit above 16+pts	
After X of NT and opponents bid our X shows tolerance for partners Single suited hand.	
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)	
X=take-out, NT natural, jump overcall invitational +	
Over weak two: leaping Michaels, cue asks for stop for 3NT	
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣	
Over 1C: X=H & other, 1D= S & other, 1H/S natural, 1NT=minors	
Over 2C: Bids natural	
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE	
New suit nat F1, XX= 9+, jump shift weak, over 1M 2NT=Jacoby	
Inverted minors off.	

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd & 4th	If supported top of poor suit if unsupported lowest of 3	
NT	2 nd & 4th	As above	
Subseq	attitude	attitude	
Other: Low implies honour			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Asks for attitude	Unblock or attitude	
King	Asks for standard count	Standard count	
Queen	Asks for attitude	Attitude	
Jack	Denies Q, either shortage or card above, or top of seq	Denies Q, either shortage or card above, or top of seq	
10	Shortage or at least card above + 9	Shortage or least card above	
9	Shortage or promises 10	Shortage or promises 10	
Hi-X	Doubleton or MUD	Doubleton or MUD	
Lo-X	Implies honour or singleton	Implies honour	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Hi = even	Hi = even	Odd encouraging even McKenney
Suit 2	Suit preference	Suit preference	
1	Hi = even	Hi = even	Odd encouraging even McKenney
NT 2	Suit preference	Suit preference	
Signals (including Trumps):			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
X shows tolerance for other suits does not guarantee 4 of other major			
Responses: jump shift 8—10 NF, cue 11+ forcing for one round, 2NT Nat			
Reopening = 11+			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative X thru 4D			
Responsive X thru 4D			
Competitive X = game try			
Lightner, lead directing			
X of cue of own suit discourages lead, of partners shows at least Hx			
Support X & XX over interference thru 3S			

W B F CONVENTION CARD	
CATEGORY:	Green
NCBO:	Scotland
PLAYERS:	Cathy Ferguson/Peter Hodgson/
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
15-17 NT. 4 card majors.	
All 2 suit openers are artificial	
Inverted minor raises	
Jacoby 2NT is invitational plus raise of major opened	
Weak jump overcalls	
X of 1NT is DONT	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
2D= 3 way Multi	
2H/S = 5 card suit plus 4+ minor – 5 if vul	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
IMPORTANT NOTES	
See supplementary notes	
PSYCHICS: very rare	

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		4	4D	Open 1C with equal length	2C= 4 card support no major - unlimited 3C= 0-6 pts except after t/o X by opponents 1NT= 6-9 with 4+ card support, jump shift weak 6+ cards, 4C=RKCB	1NT rebid 11-14,checkback,reverse=F1 over which Lebensohl applies , FSF at 2 level GF Minorwood 14/30	Change of suit by PH = NF, weak jump shift
1♦		4	4D	Natural	As 1C except 1NT shows either C or D (4 card)	As 1C	As 1C
1♥		4	4D	Natural	1NT=5-10, simple raise may be 3 card support, weak jump shift 6+, 2NT= Jacoby (note 1)	1M-2minor; 2NT 11-13, 1M-2x; 2y=F1, FSF at 2 level GF	As 1C
1♠		4	4D	Natural	As 1H with addition 3NT shows 3-4-3-3 GF	As 1H	As 1C
INT				15-17 may contain 5card major, 6 card minor or singleton	5 card non promissary Stayman, 4 suit transfers (note 2),raise to 2NT thru Stayman, 3m =6 card suit + 4 card major , 4C= Gerber, 4D/H= transfers	if INT is doubled see (note 9) , if overcalled weaker hands thru 2NT, Lebensohl , retransfers, Smollen(GF)	
2♣	^	0		GF	2D=relay some values, 2H= 0-4 (2 Queens or less) 2NT = positive in hearts 5+ cards, new suit positive 5+ cards	2NT =24 + now system ON	
2♦	^	0		3 way Multi either weak two in M, strong two in m, 20-21 bal	See (note 3)	2NT= 20-21 now system ON	
2♥	^	5-4		5-10 pts 5H/4 + minor(5 if vul)	See (note 4)		
2♠	^	5-4		5-10pts 5S/4+ minor(5 if vul)	See (note 4)		
2NT				22-23 pts	See (note 6)		
3♣		7		1 st ,2 nd & 4 th 8-10 pts with at least two of top three honours	See (note 7)		
3♦		7		As 3C			
3♥		7		As 3C			
3♠		7		As 3C			
3NT	^	7		Solid minor no outside K			
4♣	^	7		SAT showing good 4H opener	Cue 1 st round control with slam interest otherwise bid suit to play	Cue control	
4♦	^	7		SAT showing good 4S opener	As 4C	Cue control	
4♥		7		Pre-emptive	4NT = RKCB	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♠		7		Pre-emptive	4NT= RKCB	RKCB (14/30); DOPI, ROPI, DEPO	Minorwood (14/30)
4NT				Asks for specific Aces	5C= 0, 5NT=2, 6C=Ace of Clubs, 5D/H/S=Ace	If cue bid is doubled ,redouble shows 1 st round control	
5♣				Natural -distributional		Cue bid may be either 1 st or 2 nd round control	
5♦				Natural- distributional		Gerber over 1NT : over 2NT, 4C AND 4D =slam interest in that minor.3S slam interest in either minor : 3NT=5S and 4H	

Style

Partner opens 1H/1S with 3 bid 2H/2S rather than 1NT

Over partner's opening bid and interference X shows 8 + points and does not promise other major.

A response at the 2 level shows 11+ points and is forcing to 2NT (Partner's rebid of the same suit does not therefore promise 6)

DONT In the direct seat you need points or distribution to bid.

In the pass out seat you are balancing and may be 4/4 and have few points. It would be rare for partner to raise. (perhaps against weak NT)

Overcalls Minimum for overcalls is a 5 card suits headed by the Q

Our overcalls are wide ranging – with 8 + points you should strive to find a bid.

If the overcaller changes suit he has opening values.