## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

 Wide-ranging (mostly constructive) non-jump overcalls Over a minor suit overcall cue bid of opponent's suit is a limit+ raise, 2NT is natural and F1 if 2 m is overcalled while it is natural and invitational to game if $1 \star$ is overcalledOver a major suit overcall cue bid of opponent's suit is a 3-card limit + raise, 2 NT is a 4-card limit+ raise
Jumps in a new suit are natural and with a fit, jump raises are preemptive
May be light in reopen seat
1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
[1suit] - 1NT (15-18 HCP normally with a stop) $\rightarrow$ system ON Direct: 15-18 HCP, Reopen: 11-14 HCP

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak over 1lvl, sound over 2lvl / 3lvl preempts
When partner has passed HCP count can vary more
Natural responses
2NT / 4NT - 5+ 5+ lowest in rank unbid suits DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Wide-ranging (mostly constructive) cue-bids
2lvl / 4lvl - Michaels
[1suit] - 3suit - asks for a stop if 1suit promises 3+cards, otherwise it is natural and preemptive

## VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)

Dbl - 13(16)+HCP vs weak (strong) NT (PH - 5+m 4M)
2\% - both majors 9+cards, Direct: 9+HCP, Reopen: 6+HCP
2 - one major 5+cards, Direct: 9+HCP, Reopen: 6+HCP
2M - 5M 4+m, Direct: 9+HCP, Reopen: 6+HCP
2NT - both minors 10+cards, Direct: 9+HCP, Reopen: 6+HCP
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Dbls are take / out oriented vs 2lvl-3lvl preempts, values vs 4lvl
Over natural 2lvl and 3lvl preempts: (non-)leaping Michaels in the 4lvl
Over multi $2 \diamond$ that contains a weak option : Dbl - 13-16 HCP (semi)BAL or strong
Sound jump overcalls
2NT / 3NT bids are natural with a stop

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

## Over strong 1\%:

1lvl - natural, lead directing
2lvl - same as vs 1 NT
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

## Rdbl - 10+HCP

Transfers between $1 N T$ and $2(M-1)$ if 1 M is opened
Other bids retain their original meanings


Signals: Reverse attitude, standard count
Usually reverse Smith at trick 2 by both players against NT contracts

DOUBLES
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
May be light with classic shape
[1X] - Dbl - [1Y] - 2X - artificial F1, 2Y - natural NF
May be light in reopen seat

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

## 1m-[1レ]-Dbl-4a

1m - 1M - [1suit / 2suit] - Dbl - 3M
1NT - [Dbl] - Rdbl - 5+any suit if Dbl is for penalties

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
2 over 1 FG unless repeated
1M - 5+M with Bergen raises and Gazzilli
$1 \mathrm{~m}-3+\mathrm{m}$ with inverted raises, 11-14 HCP / 18-19 HCP BAL hands
without 5 M open $1 \star$ with $4 \star-4 \star$ or whenever $\stackrel{>}{*}$, otherwise $1 *$ is opened, in $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat the minor of better quality may be opened 1NT - 15-17 HCP BAL includes 5M332, may have 5m422 and 6m322 $2 \diamond \vee \uparrow$ - less than opening values and natural

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Gambling 3NT opening
2-way Drury raise by a passed hand

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

## When FG

1suit - [Dbl] - Rdbl - forcing to 2NT
1NT - [pass] - 2suit - [Dbl] - pass - no stop in the suit

## IMPORTANT NOTES

$3^{\text {rd }}$ seat openings may be light in values
PSYCHICS: RARE

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|  |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | $\begin{gathered} \text { COMPETITIVE \& } \\ \text { PASSED HAND } \\ \text { BIDDING } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1\% |  | 3 | $7{ }^{4}$ | 11-21 HCP 3+\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1NT - } 7-10 \text { HCP } 4+\% \\ & 2 \%-11+\text { HCP } 4+\% \\ & 2 *-10-12 \text { HCP } 6+ \\ & 2 \mathrm{M}-5-7 \text { HCP constructive } 6+\mathrm{M} \\ & \text { 2NT }-5+\% \text { weak, cannot support } 18-19 \text { NT for game } \\ & 3 \%-5+\% \text { weak, can support } 18-19 \text { NT for game } \\ & \text { 3NT }-13-15 \text { HCP BAL } 4-5 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 1*-1x-1M - natural UNBAL <br> 1*-1x-1NT - any 11-14 HCP (semi)BAL without a 4-card support, does not deny 4 cards in the unbid suits $1 \%-2 \%-2 \diamond M$ - natural or a stop FG, 2NT $-3 \% \mathrm{~min}, 3 \%-4+\% \min$ | Weak jumps in competition and by passed hand |
| 1 |  | 3 | $7{ }^{7}$ | 11-21 HCP 4+ ${ }^{\text {or }} 4-4-3-2$ | Same as after 1\% except $3 *-10-12 \text { HCP 6+ }$ | Same as after 1\% | Same as after $1 *$ |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5 | $7{ }^{*}$ | 11-21 HCP $5+\bullet$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee-2 *-8-11 \text { with } 3 \downarrow \\ & 1 \vee-2-8-11 \text { with } 4+\downarrow \\ & 1 \vee-2 \downarrow-4-7 \text { with } 3+\downarrow \\ & \text { Fit jumps in competition } \\ & \text { and by passed hand } \end{aligned}$ |
| 14 |  | 5 | 7 | 11-21 HCP 5+a | Same as after $1 \vee$ except 3• - 10-12 НСР $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ | Same as after 1v | Same as after $1 \vee$ except $1 \bullet-2 \bullet-N F$ |
| 1NT |  | 2 | $7{ }^{7}$ | 15-17 HCP (semi)BAL Includes 5M332 and 5m422 May have 6m322 |  | 1NT-2ゅ-2 - no 4M, 2M - 4-5M <br> 1NT-2*-2 -2M - NF, 3M - 4M 5OM FG <br> 1NT-2 -2NT - 4-5 max <br> 1NT-2 - 2 NT / 3*-good / not good \& fit 1NT-4*-4 - equal length in majors | 2NT and 3lvl bids are transfers in competition 4 * $\vee$ bids are same after intervention of up to $3 \%$ |
| 2\% | $\checkmark$ | 0 | $7{ }^{\wedge}$ | $22+$ HCP or FG | 2 - relay <br> 2M / 3m - 5+cards with at least 2 out of top 3 honours | $\begin{aligned} & 2 *-2 \star-2 \downarrow-5+\backsim \text { or } 24+\text { HCP BAL } \\ & 2 \star-2 \star-2 \mathrm{NT}-22-23 \text { HCP BAL } \\ & 2 *-2 \star-3 *-6+\star \text { or } 5+4 \mathrm{M}, 3 \star-6+\star, 3 \mathrm{M}-5+\star 4 \mathrm{M} \end{aligned}$ | SAME |
| 2 ** |  | 6 |  |  | Non-jump bid in a new suit - natural F1 2NT - feature ask if non-min Jump in a new suit - natural with a fit F1 | After a non-jump bid in a new suit return to the opened suit denies fit, 2NT shows a 2-card support | Response in non-forcing |
| 2NT |  | 2 | $7{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 20-21 HCP (semi)BAL <br> Includes 5M332 and 5m422 <br> May have 6m322 | 3\% - Puppet Stayman <br> $3 * \bullet$ - transfer <br> 3- - forcing 3NT bid <br> 3NT - 5 4 4 no slam interest <br> 4 m - RKCB in m <br> 4 M - natural slam invite | 2NT-3*-3 - at least one 4-card major, 3M - 5M, 3NT - no 4M 2NT-3 $-3 N T$ - no 4m, 4m-4+m | SAME |
| $3 *+$ a |  | 6 |  | Constructive 6+preempt | 4\% (4* after 3\%) - RKCB | 3NT rebid may be used just to deny support for partner | Response in non-forcing |
| 3NT | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | AKQxxxx(+) in a minor, no A / K in other suits | Pass - to play, 4\& - pass / correct <br> $4 \diamond$ - asks shortage | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| $4 \%$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 7 |  | Depends on seat and vul | 4NT (4* after 4\%) - RKCB | bids are natural control bids and non-serious slam tries <br> RKCB 1403 <br> If opponents intervene over 4NT key-card, then pass - 1 or 4 key-cards, $\mathrm{Dbl} / \mathrm{Rdbl}-0$ or 3 key-cards |  |
| 4NT | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | Specific ace ask | 5\%-no aces, $5 *$ - / 6* - specific ace, 5NT - 2 aces |  |  |

