

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level wide ranging 4—18 pts invariably 5 card suit
2 level = opening hand preferably 6+ in minor
2 suits bid by opp –cue bid shows other 2 suits of unequal length, Cue of opp' lower suit shows more cards in lower of the 2 rem suits Cue of opp' higher suit shows more cards in higher of the 2 rem suits
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 (any point range)
After 2 passes in 4 th INT= 11—14 System ON
Reopening = 18+ if partner has passed
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
2 nd 2NT= 5/5 lower two suits wk or strong 4th after 2 Passes19—21
1 of a suit opened – P-P- Jump is 10-16 pts and 6 card suit
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue= Michaels 5/5 weak or strong , not 12-15
If Majors guarantees min 5H and 4S ,
Jump cue asks for stop for 3NT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak)
X= single suited or 18+ semi balanced, 2 of a suit shows that suit & a suit above, 3 level suit shows suit & a suit above 16+pts
After X of NT and opponents bid our X shows tolerance for partners Single suited hand. Bidding a suit is to play
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X=take-out, NT natural, jump overcall invitational +
Over wk 2: leaping Michaels,cue asks for stop for 3NT:2NT= 17-20
Over Multi – X is 13-16 2NT is 17-20 2M is t/o of other M
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 , X shows C , 2NT – 2 places to play
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
New suit nat F1, XX= 8+ points may have 3 card support for partner's suit, jump shift weak, over 1M - 2NT=Jacoboy
Raise in M shows min of 4 with 2M being stronger than 3M
Inverted minors off. Therefore 3m is stronger than 2m

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	
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 or singleton	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	Hi = even	Hi = even	Odd encouraging even is suit pref.
NT	Hi = even	Hi = even	Odd encouraging even is suit pref.
Signals (including Trumps): no signals in trump suit Singleton in dummy – show suit pref			
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 5S			

W B F CONVENTION CARD	
CATEGORY:	Green
NCBO:	Scotland
PLAYERS:	Cathy Ferguson/Bob McKinnon
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 INT is DON'T as in VS.NT section	
Attitude on leads – odd or high even if like /even dislike	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
2D= 3 way Multi (either weak 2Maj /strong2minor /bal 20-21)	
2H= at least 5H/4S 5-10 pts	
Non vul -2S= 5S + undisclosed suit 5-10 pts - (5/4+)	
Vul - 2S= 5S + 5+ minor 5-10 points	
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 – raise to at least 3C 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	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, max 2 H. 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 Long suit Trial Bids after simple raise	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 p Stayman (note 10), 4 suit transfers (note2 Raise to 2NT thru Stayman, 3m =6 card suit + 4 card M and shows slam interest 4C =Gerber, 4D/H= transfers	Extended Stayman ,if 1NT is doubled see (note 9), if overcalled thru 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. Positive is minimum of any Ace + King	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 at least 5H/4S	See (note 4)		
2♠	^	5-4		5-10 pts 5S+ 2 nd suit if H only 4 Vul - at least 5 of a minor	See (note 5)		
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	^	8		Pre-empt in minor with at least QJ in the suit	See (note 8)		
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 RKCB (14/30); DOPI, ROPI, DEPO	
4♠		7		Pre-emptive	4NT= RKCB		
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	

Note 5

Response to 2S – if vul	2NT = enquiry	<u>After 2NT enquiry</u>	3C = Lower range with S + C
	3C = pass or convert		3D = Lower range with S + D
	3D = to play		3H = Upper range with S + C
	3H = invitational in hearts	3S =	Upper range with S + D
	3S = to play		
	3NT = to play		
	4C:4D = natural and forcing		
	4H = to play		
	4S = to play		
	4NT = Key card in spades		
	5C = pass or convert		
	5D = to play		

Responses to 2S – if non vul

2NT = bid your second suit
3C = to play
3D = invitational in Spades
3H = invitational in Hearts
3S = to play
3NT = to play
4C:4D = invitational
4H:4S = to play

Note 6**Responses to 2NT (or equivalent)**

3C = 5 card stayman	Bidding 3NT = Denies fit
3D = Transfer to Hearts	Bidding 3NT = Denies fit
3H = Transfer to Spades	Bidding 4C:4D = Keycard in that suit
3S = Slam interest in both minors	
3NT = Shows 5S+4H	

Note 7**3 level openers**

in 1st, 2nd, and 4th positions are constructive showing 8-10 points, at least 2 out of the top 3 honours in the suit, no void or 4 card major.

Responses

4 of the minor bid is pre-emptive	4 of the other minor bid is economic key card	Responses in steps up the line	1+Q: 2: 2+Q
Over 3C	3D asks for 3card major	3S shows 3H	3NT denies
3H, 3S	Forcing showing 6 card suit		
3NT	To play		
Over 3H/3S	4 C is economic key card		

Note 8**Response to 3NT opener**

4C = Pass or convert	Opener re-bids	4H/4S singleton or void	4NT = shortage in other minor
4D = asks for shortage			
4H/4S = to play			
5C = pass or convert	Opener re-bids	5C = 2 of top 4 but not 2 of top 3	
4NT = asks for quality of trumps		5D = 2 of top 3 but missing A or K	
		5H = both A and K	

Note 9**Action after 1NT –X**

XX promises undisclosed 5 card suit- opener bids 2C or 5 card suit of own
Bid of suit shows that suit and a suit above both 4 cards

Note 10**INT: 2C**

2D = denies 5 Card major
2H/2S = Promises 5 of the major bid
3C/3D = Promises 6 card minor

Generally 2C stayman is forcing to 2NT but partner may elect to sign off in the suit responded with a weak hand.