

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

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		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			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO:
PLAYERS: Robin Burns Ian Hamilton
EVENT Open
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Acol with 4 card Majors
Multi 2♦ - 20-22 balanced or Weak Two Major (5-10)
Weak no trump 12-14 HCP occasionally good 11
Lightish openers
Usually sound overcalls especially vulnerable
Lucas Twos ♥/♠ Major minor 5:4 weak.
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Multi 2♦ - 20-22 or 5-10 sound 6 card Major
Lucas Twos – Weak Major/minor two suiter

2♣ = Majors with 2♦ ask	Signals (including Trumps): as above	
2♦ = single suiter.		
2♥/♠ = 4+ major and an undisclosed minor – 2NT strong ask -		
3♣/♦ = pass or correct		
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)	DOUBLES	
X for takeout up to 4♥	TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)	
Over weak 2M - 4♣/♦ = suit + other Major (Leaping Michaels)	Can be light with shape.	
	Jumps NF	
	Cue oppo suit Forcing, but not GF	
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣	SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS	SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Over 1♣ simple overcall = Suit + Suit above, X = ♣/♥ 1NT = ♦/♠		When we have bid constructively to game and are outbid
Over 2♣ overcalls are natural, X = clubs	None	
	However, Lebensohl applies after partner doubles weak 2 and next	
	hand passes	IMPORTANT NOTES
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		PSYCHICS: Rare

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				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♠						