

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
Capelletti in competition showing other 2 suits of different lengths.
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:	Ian Patrick David Ritchie /
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
15-17 NT. 5 card spade suit	
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= at least 5H/4S 5—10 pts	
2S= Lucas 5S + minor suit 5—10 pts but if VUL will be 5-5	
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♣		3	4D	Open 1C with equal length Only 3 if 4333 and not 15-17	2C= 4 card support no major - unlimited 3C= 0-6 pts except after t/o X by opponents 1NT= 7-9 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, 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♠		5	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 , 3NT slam interest in minors, 4C= Gerber, 4D/H= transfers	Extended Stayman ,if 1NT is doubled see (note 9), if overcalled weaker hands thru 2NT, Lebensohl , retransfers, Smollen(GF)	
2♣	^	0		GF or 24+ balanced	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 at least 5H/4S	See (note 4)		
2♠	^	5-4		5-10 pts 5S+ minor (5+ if vul)	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 two of top four honours	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	
4♠		7		Pre-emptive	4NT= RKCB	RKCB (14/30); DOPI, ROPI, DEPO	
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	

Patrick,Ritchie – Supplementary notes.

Note 1	Jacoby 2NT	shows invitational + raise, guarantees 4card + support				
	Responses	3C	=	Minimum opener and 5 card suit		
		3D	=	Minimum opener and 4 card suit or 18+		
		3 of suit	=	Better than minimum and singleton or void in a minor, Responder bids 3NT to enquire which minor		
		3 of other major	=	Better than minimum with singleton or void in that major		
		3NT	=	Better than minimum with no singleton or void		
		4 level bids	=	Source of tricks ...slam try		
	4 of suit	=	To play			
	If opposition bid,	X	=	Shows that bid.		
	Note 2	Transfers over 1NT	Opener breaks transfer in major with 4 card support as follows			
a)			with minimum to 3 of suit			
b)			with any 4-3-3-3 to 2NT	3C = asks for range 3D = shows max 3 of suit = shows min		
c)			with maximum and other source of tricks bid that suit			
Over double completing transfer shows 3 card support			Pass denies 3 card support and stop in suit used to transfer After pass XX by partner asks for half stop in suit used to transfer.			
Redouble denies 3 card support and shows stop in suit used to transfer.						
Opener breaks transfer in minor with 3 card support and at least one of top three honours						
Note 3			Response to Multi 2D	2H pass with weak 2 in Hearts otherwise show hand.....may raise to 3 with a 7card suit.		
				2S pass with weak 2 in Spades shows tolerance for Hearts at 3 or 4 level.....may raise to 3 with a 7 card suit.		
				2NT enquiry		
	3 minor weak to play					
	3H shows tolerance for both majors 7-10 pts					
	3NT shows both 4 card majors but not enough points to bid slam opposite the strong balanced hand.					
	4M to play					
	4 C asks opener to initiate transfer to H or S by bidding suit below his suit					
	4 D asks partner to bid his suit					
	After 2NT enquiry					
3C = Either strong in clubs or top of range weak 2 in hearts						
3D = Either strong in diamonds or top of range weak 2 in spades						
Responder can clarify by bidding the next suit up. 3NT shows strong minor						
3H or 3S = Weak 2 in that suit – Lower range						
3NT = 20-21 balanced - system on.						
If 2D opener is doubled			pass shows 5 or more diamonds and offers an alternative place to play. Redouble shows 6 or more Clubs and offers an alternative place to play.			

Note 4

Response to 2H	2S	=	to play				
	2NT	=	enquiry	<u>After 2NT enquiry</u>	3C	=	Lower range with 5H and 4S
	3C	=	to play		3D	=	Lower range with 5H and 5S
	3D	=	to play		3H	=	Upper range with 5H and 4S
	3H	=	pre-emptive		3S	=	Upper range with 5H and 5S
	3S	=	pre-emptive		3NT	=	6H and 4S
	3NT	=	to play		4C	=	6H and 5S
					4D	=	5H and 6S
				<u>If slam interest then</u>	4C	=	EKCB in hearts
					4D	=	EKCB in spades
				<u>Responses</u>	In steps	=	0 : 1 : 1+Q : 2 : 2+Q:

Note 5

Response to 2S –	2NT	=	enquiry	<u>After 2NT enquiry</u> vulnerable	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	=	natural and forcing		3S	=	Upper range with S + D
	3S	=	to play		3NT	=	Shows 6 card minor
	3NT	=	to play				
	4C:4D	=	natural and forcing.	Non vulnerable.	3C.	=	Lower range with S + C
	4H	=	to play		3D.	=	Lower range with S + D
	4S	=	to play		3H.	=	Upper range with S + 4C
	4NT	=	Key card in spades		3S.	=	Upper range with S + D
	5C,5D	=	to play		3NT	=	Upper range with S + 5+ C

Note 6

Responses to 2NT (or equivalent)

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

When fit in a major shown subsequent bids by opener are cue bids

When no 3 card fit 4C/D are natural and key card. 4 of other major is natural and forcing

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	3H shows 3 Spades	3S shows 3H
	3H, 3S	Forcing showing 6 card suit		3NT denies
	3NT	To play		
	Over 3H/3S	4 C is economic key card		

Note 8

Response to 3NT opener	4C	=	Pass or convert	
	4D	=	asks for shortage	Opener re-bids
				4H/4S singleton or void
				4NT = shortage in other minor
	4H/4S	=	to play	
	5C	=	pass or convert	
	4NT	=	asks for quality of trumps	Opener re-bids
				5C = 2 of top 4 but not 2 of top 3
				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 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 but no 3 card major

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

Note 11

1NT x xx where we make a DON'T double of a 1NT opener and bid is redoubled partner will pass the re-double to show 7 +points and bid 2C to show < 7 points