

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/ 2 Level; Reopening)
Style: wide ranging, Sound at 2 level
Responses: natural raises; cue with 3+card support and 9/10+ points; new suit F1; jump in new suit=FIT
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2nd/4th live: 15-18 Responses as for 1NT opening
In 4th =11-14, responses as for 1N opening
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1 suiter Weak: 6-11; responses - change of suit F1; cue asks for stopper
Reopen: intermediate points and length
UNT: 5+/5+ lowest 2 unbid suits
Over short club 2D = 5/5 Ms and 2C is natural club suit
4 th protected = 2NT = 20-22
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Style: Michaels 5/5 unlimited; 2m = both M; 2M=other M and m ; 2D after short club = Ms
Responses: 2N enquiry (9+ points) to strength and/or unknown suit if relevant; Jump cue asks for stopper
Jump cue overcall asks for stopper
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
2C = majors (typically 10+ points); 2d response= equal length, 2N=enquiry
2D (maybe less than 10 points depending on vul) = 6+ major 2H/2S P/C 2N=enquiry
2M (typically 10+ points)= 5+ with 4+m; 3C=P/C 2N=enquiry
2N (10+ points)=5/5+ ms or strg 2 suiter
X(2/3 seat 15+ points = Pen 2 nd X of Natural = T/O
X (4 th seat = 11-14 only after weak NT opener, otherwise 13-15 v strg NT)Pen
P/H: same as above – (multi landy) or X = balanced 11 points
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Lebensohl over weak 2s (SASS)
Cue bid asks for stopper

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th (usually) or 2 nd from poor suit	Show count if not supported in bidding, otherwise show att	
NT	As for suit	Highest	
Subseq	Attitude overtones	Attitude overtones	
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Asks rev att	As suit	
King	Asks for count	Asks for Unblock or count	
Queen	Asks for rev att (usually QJxx)	As suit	
Jack	JTx or Jx	JT9x or A/KJT	
10	2/0 honours above. Tx	K/QT9	
9	T9x or 9x	Poor suit	
Lo-X	4 th or 3 rd from H	4 th or 3 rd from H	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Show rev Att	Count	Rev att
Suit 2	SP		count
3			
1	Show rev Att on A/Q	count	Rev att
NT 2	Unblock K		
3	count		
Signals (including Trumps):			
Rev Att and Std count			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Style: can be light with good distrib			
Responses: Cue shows 4 card other M balanced and 9+ points			
NEGX thru 3S..likely 4 unbid M at ½ level, values at 3-level/higher			

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Leaping michaels (5/5) after weak 2 = GF	Reopen: 9+ points	SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
4N= ms or strg 2 suiter (over 4x opener)		
X = takeout, 2N/3N = natural		
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣	SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS	
Suit = natural (may only have 4)		
X= 4/4 Ms	XX of NEGX shows Hx(x) of partner's suit	IMPORTANT NOTES
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE	After 1N (PENX) XX = 5 card suit	May open light in 3 rd seat
XX =9+ and shortage, looking for pen x, 2N = support for P and balanced, new suit = F1	suit = that suit & a higher suit	
Fit jumps	Responsive Dbls	PSYCHICS: None

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	3S	Natural – 3 cards with 4333 15+points	Limit raises, 2N = 16+ balanced no 4M, 3N 13-15 SPL	3x after jacoby shows shortage, 4x shows another good suit	FIT jumps by P/H, 2N by P/H=10/11 & balanced 3+ card support, no 4CM
1♦		4	3S	10+ natural	Limit raises, 2N = 16+ balanced 3N no 4M 13-15 , SPL	3x after jacoby shows shortage, 4x shows another good suit	FIT jumps by P/H, 2N by P/H=10/11 & balanced 3+ card support, no 4CM
1♥		4	3S	10+ natural, open 1H with 4-4 H+m (15+points)	Limit raises, 2N = 16+ balanced, 3N 13-15 , SPL	3x after jacoby shows shortage, 4x shows another good suit	FIT jumps by P/H, 2N by P/H=10/11 & balanced 3+ card support,
1♠		5	3S	10+	Limit raises, 2N = 16+ balanced , 3N 13-15 , SPL	3x after jacoby shows shortage, 4x shows another good suit	FIT jumps by P/H, 2N by P/H=10/11 & balanced 3+ card support,
INT				11-14 even with 5M	STAY, 4-suit TFR, 4C=gerber, 4N=Qty, 4D=5/5 Ms, 3C= puppet with 3 card majors and 12+ points 3D/H/S = 16+ and 6+ (slam try)	Brks in major tfr: 3M= min and 4 2N=4M and max Breaks in m tfr intervening bid = Hx(x)	1N (2H/2S)), 2N=lebensohl relay to 3C (5 card suit)
					Lebensohl after interference (2H/2S natural)		
2♣	X			9+ playing tricks or 23+ GF unless balanced	2D= relay, 2H/S = 5+ with 2/3 top honours, After (X) 0-4 pts pass, 5+ bid		
2♦		6		Weak 5-10	New suit F1, 2N = enquiry for feature and min/max	After 2N, rebid suit with min, if max bid feature if max no feature bid 3N	
2♥		6		Weak 5-10	New suit F1, 2N = enquiry for feature and min/max	After 2N, rebid suit with min, if max bid feature, if max no feature bid 3N	
2♠		6		Weak 5-10	New suit F1, 2N = enquiry for feature and min/max	After 2N, rebid suit with min, if max bid feature, if max no feature bid 3N	

2NT				20-22 even with 5M		
3♣		6		Pre-empt 3-9	New suit F1,	No support bid 3N
3♦		7		Pre-empt 3-9	New suit F1,	No support bid 3N
3♥		7		Pre-empt 3-9	New suit F1,	No support bid 3N
3♠		7		Pre-empt 3-9		
3NT	X			AKQJxx(x)m +Qxx	4C P/C with no cover in 3 suits	
4♣		8		Pre-empt 3-11		
4♦		8		Pre-empt 3-11		
4♥		8		Pre-empt 3-11	4N = RKCB	
4♠		8		Pre-empt 3-11	4N= RKCB	
4NT	X			Asks for specific ACes	5C=0 Aces 5D/H/S specfic A, 5N=AC, 6C=2. After (X) ROPI	
5♣		8+		Nat to play unsuitable for 3N or 4M		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING
5♦		8+		Nat to play unsuitable for 3N or 4M		RKCB: 1430, 5N = 2 keycards and void, 6C= 2 keycards TRQ and void. can ask for TRQ after 5C,5D response If TRQ can bid King on the way to 6TR
5♥		8+			6H/7H if HA/HAK	4N, 5x, 5N grand slam try – specific kings ask, 6N=2
5♠		8+			6S/7S if SA/SAK	Minorwood – 1430 responses
						Cues – 1 st /2 nd equally