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| **DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING** |  | LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | | | |  | W B F CONVENTION CARD |
| **OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)** | **OPENING LEADS STYLE** | | | | | |  |
| Responses: new suit F at 1-level, NF otherwise.  Single jump to 3-level = NAT, forcing.  2NT opposite one-level overcall = good 4-card raise; cue (if third seat passes) = good raise or a 2NT bid. |  | | Leads (including in partner’s suit) | | | | **CATEGORY:** |
| Suit | | High = odd with A/K/Q or even without A/K/Q | | | | **NCBO: England** |
| NT | | Attitude | | | | **PLAYERS: Mike Bell, Ben Norton** |
| Subseq | | Attitude. Around to weak dummy in NT: 9 or higher = one higher card, unless leading top to maintain lead | | | |  |
| Other: | | | | | |  |
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| **1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)** | LEADS K from AK@5-level or vs 4m (asks for count) | | | | | | SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| 15- bad 18  System on if oppo opened 1m; If oppo opened 1M, 2C = INV+ with 4+oM, cue = GF without 4oM, others = natural NF  Reopening – 11-16 now 2C = range ask | Lead | | Vs. Suit | | Vs. NT | |
| Ace | | AK(x)+, (Ax) | | AK(x)+ | | GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE |
| King | | KQ(x)+, AK doubleton | | KQ(x)+, AKQx, AKJT | | **Synthese**  5 card majors, strong NT  1C = natural/12-14 NT/18-19 NT  1D = 4+D unbal (could be 4D5C) or 5D weak NT  Weak-only Multi, 2M 5M5m |
| Queen | | QJ(x)+, AKQ(x)+, Qx | | QJ(x)+, AQJ, KQJx, KQT9 | |
| Jack | | JT(x)+, AKQJ(x)+, Jx, | | JT, KJT, AJT, KQT9 | |
| **JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)** | 10 | | Tx, T98(x)+ | | T9+, HT9+ | |
| Weak jump overcalls  (1C) 2D = Majors if 1C = 2+  Unusual 2NT - 5-5(+) and constructive.  Reopening 2NT is 19-21. | 9 | | H98, 9x | | 9x, H987+ | |
| Hi-X | | Xx, HXx, xXxx, HXXxx | | Discouraging | |
| Lo-X | | xxX, HxxX, xxxxX, HxxxxX | | Encouraging | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | | | |
| **DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)** |  | Partner’s Lead | | Declarer’s Lead | | Discarding | SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE |
| (1C) 2C = NAT if short club; 5-5 majors if 1C = 3+cards.  (1D) 2D = majors, (1M) 2M = other major plus a minor  (1m) 3m = spades+other minor  (1M) 3M - stop ask, usually with running minor. | 1 | High = encourage | | Smith (high enc) | | High = encourage | 2D weak-only multi  Responses to 1C: 1D = 4+H, 1H = not 4H, not 5S, 2H = GF with clubs  Responses to 1D: 1H = no 5cM, 1N = 5+hearts, 2D = 5H4S NF  Transfers after overcalls of our 1C [off by passed hand] |
| Suit 2 | High = even | | High = even | | Suit Pref |
| 3 |  | | Suit pref | | High = even |
| 1 | High = encourage | | Smith (high enc) | | High = encourage |
| **VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)** | NT 2 | High = even | | High = Even | | Suit Pref |
| Strong NT defence: Multi-Landy, X = 4M5+m  Weak NT defence: 2C = majors, 2D = 5+D4+M, 2N = minors  PH NT defence: X = 5m4M or 5H4S, 2m = 4m5M, 2H = majors (spades equal-or-longer) | 3 |  | | Suit pref | | High = even |
| Signals (including Trumps): | | | | | |
| Suit preference in trumps | | | | | |
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| DOUBLES | | | | | |
| **VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)** | **TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)** | | | | | |
| X = takeout, leaping and non-leaping Michaels  (2M)-dbl-(P): 2N pick-a-minor, 3C wide-ranging, 3D/H invitational  No leb after weak 2D. 2NT = 15-18 |  | | | | | |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1C or 2C | SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
| X majors, 1NT minors | SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS | | | | | |  |
| 1C (1D) X = 4+hearts  1C (1M) X just denies 5 in oM  Support doubles after 1C (P) 1D! (1M)  Game try doubles  Lightner doubles  X of splinter asks for lowest unbid suit led except fav or 3S splinter | | | | | |
| OVER OPPONENTS’ TAKEOUT DOUBLE | IMPORTANT NOTES |
| XX= 10+ (now x = pens, p = F1 up to 2X)  System on over 1m X  Transfers over 1M X |
| **PSYCHICS:** Rare |

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| **OPENING** | **TICK IF**  **ARTIFICIAL** | **MIN. NO. OF CARDS** | **NEG.DBL THRU** |  | | | |
| **DESCRIPTION** | **RESPONSES** | **SUBSEQUENT ACTION** | **COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING** |
| 1C |  | 2 |  | Natural/12-14 NT/18-19 NT | 1D = 4+H, 1S = 5+S, 1H = not 4H/5S  1N = 6+H, 2D = INV+ 5+C, 2H = GF 5+D,  2S = 4S5C NF | 1C:1D, 1H = 12-14 NT or 5+C3H min  1C:1H, 1S = 4S, 11-16, can be bal | Transfers in competition (off by a passed hand) |
| 1D |  | 4 |  | Unbalanced (could be 4D5C) or weak NT with 5D | 1H = no 5cM, 1S = 5+S, 1N = 5+H  2D = 5+H4+S NF, 2H = INV+raise  2S = 6S weak, 3C = mixed raise | 1D:1H, 1N = weak NT with 5D; most other rebids artificial.  After 1D:1S, 1N = minors, 2C = 5D4H.  1D:1S, 2S and 1D:1N, 2H can be on a doubleton. |  |
| 1H |  | 5 |  |  | 1NT = NF can have 4 spades, 2C = GF 2+C, 2N = GF 4T, 2S = 6+m INV, 3C = 6-9 4T, 3D = 10-11 4T, 3S = C/D sing, 3N = C/D void, 4C = S sing, 4D = S void |  | By PH: 2C = 3+card support, 8+; 2D = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise |
| 1S |  | 5 |  |  | 1N = NF, 2C = GF 2+C, 2S = good 7-10, 33C = 6-9 4T, 3D = 10-11 4T, 3H = INV, 3N = C/D sing, 4C = C/D void, 4D = H sing, 4H = H void |  | 2C= 5+H; 2D = 3+card support, 8+; 2H = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise |
| 1NT |  | - |  | 15-17 | Stayman, Smolen, 2S = C or invite, 2NT = puppet stayman, 3C = D, 3D/H/S = minors,  4m = transfer to 4M | 1N:2N, 3C = no 5cM. | Transfers from 2NT  Transfers vs 3m overcall |
| 2C | yes | - |  | GF or 22+ balanced | 2D = waiting | 2H = GF hearts or 24+balanced  3M = 4M5+D GF | X = double negative vs jump  X = 5-8 balanced otherwise |
| 2D | yes | 0 |  | Weak two in a major. Can be 5M4m 1st NV/3rd NV | 2M, 3M and 4H= pass or correct. 4C = bid the suit below your major, 2N enquiry, 3C and 4D = NF, 3D = GF with own major | Over 2N – 3M = min, 3C = non-min w/H, 3D = non-min w/S | Over X: P = NF (mild suggestion)  XX = bid major you don’t have  3m = NF |
| 2M |  | 5 |  | 5M5m | 2N ask; 3C/4C PoC; 3D good 3M bid  2H:4D asks partner to double 4S with diamonds | Over 2N – 3m min, 3M GF with linked minor |  |
| 2NT |  | - |  | 20-21 | Stayman, transfers, 3S = minors  4C = diamonds, 4H = clubs, 4D = xfer to 4H | Completing RST = fit | x = takeout |
| 3C 3D  3H 3S |  | 6 |  | Pre-empt | Over 3C: 3D = asks 3cM | 3H = 3S, 3S = no 3cM, 3N = 3H |  |
| 3NT | yes | - |  | Good 4M opening | 4C = Slam interest, opener transfers to M  4D asks for M, 4H = Pass-or-correct |  |  |
| 4C 4D  4H 4S |  | 7 |  | Pre-empt |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 4NT | yes | - |  | ace-asking | bid the ace you hold (5C = none) | 3041, Mixed cues, Non-serious 3M+1 | |