# DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)

Aggressive, wide range (6+ no upper limit). Good 4 cd suit possible at 1-level; Normally good suit at 2-lev+ (maybe light hcp);

## RESPONSES: NSNF thru 3D; 2-lev Q=limit+;

Jump raise=PRE; Jump-Q=mixed raise; JS=F; NSF if 3H+ or 3/3;

Competitive 2NT may be mixed raise or better

## 1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)

14-19, system on. Usually natural in any seat. T/O by PH. Balancing 1NT: 9-14, system on

2NTO/C: usually natural; natural after opps bid and raised suit or After (2X)-P-(2Y); jump to 2NT in p.o. seat=strong with minors Mod. Stayman & trans after 2NT & 3NT O/C (no stayman after 3N)

## IUMP OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: Unusual NT)

1 suit: PRE-wide range (based on pos & vul)

2 suit: UNUSUAL 2NT (2 lowest unbid, any range); J/O vs. pre; 4C/D vs PRE:

2NT asks desc; Q-bid=INV; 3H+=F; IS=F; jump=PRE

Reopen: Invitational (intermediate)

## DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

MICHAELS, any range: (1m)-2m=5/4 majors (either way); 2M=5/5 Same vs. short C or D; jump Q below 3NT: asks stopper, creates F; Vs natural 2C: 3C asks stopper.

#### VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)

VS STRONG (14+) DIR, UPH ONLY: X=C+S or D+H; 2C=C+H or D+S; 2D=H+S; 2H/S=natural; 2NT=C+D (or GF 2-suiter); 3-any=nat, not

VS ALL OTHER: X=cards, not nec. bal; 2C=H+S

2D=1 major; 2H/S=natural w a minor; 2NT=C+D (or GF 2-suiter);

3-any=nat, not constr; X of stay or trans=cards

VS 2NT: X=1 suiter (not S); 3CDH=lowest of 2 suits

## VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

X=T/0; Q below 3NT asks stopper; Q above 3NT=2 suits (F); Jump O/C=2 suited (F); (3C)-X-(P): 3D=art (F), usu weak; 3HS constructive

After NT O/C: mod trans & stay (no stay aft 3NT); (4x)-4NT= 2 or 3 suit T/O

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣ or 2♦

Aggressive, 5/4+, 5/5+ at 2-lev+, 5/5+ at UF

VS ALL: CRASH

Same after (1C)-P-(1D)

#### OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

NSNF; 1M (x): 1NT trans to 2C; 2C=trans to 2D; 2D=trans to 2H; 2H=trans to 2S; 2S is wk S raise after 1S, fit bid after 1H

JS=fit(F); 1C-2D and 1D-3C=unbal lim; 1m-2NT=bal lim; JR=PRE;

1M-2NT=Mixed Raise+(4+); 3NT=good PRE; XX=usu 4/4 in 2 other suits, desire to defend; 1M-3M=less than mixed raise, 4 trumps

	LEADS AND SIGNALS
OPENING LEADS STYLE	

	Lead	In Partner's Suit			
Suit	3rd=even; 5th=odd; ACE	3 <sup>rd</sup> (not raised); ATT (raised); K			
NT	Att, 2 <sup>nd</sup> hi from bad holding	Sxx if raised; low, not raised			
Subseq	ATT	ATT			

Other: Lo=honor in pd's raised suit; KING at 5-lev+; KING in pd's suit; KING if shifting to singleton; I,10, or 9=3<sup>rd</sup> from even, 2<sup>nd</sup> from odd

#### LEADS

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Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT AK(+); Asks ATT		
Ace	AK(x)(+) Ax(+)			
King	AK KQ(x) AKx at 5-lev+	Strong suit, Asks UB/CT		
Queen	QJ QJx(+)	QJ KQx AQJ10(+) KQT9		
Jack	J10 J10x(+) KJ10(xx)	JT QJx(+) AQJx		
10	T9 KT9(xx) KJTx	HJTx(xx) T9 JTx(+)		
9	9х НТ9х	HT9x T9x(x) 98 98x(+)		
Hi-X	Sx	Sx xSx xSxx xSxxx		
Lo-X	HxS HxSx	HxS HxxS xxxxS HxxxS		

#### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Att – Hi=Enc	Count if needed (rare)	Att - 0/E
Suit 2	Hi/lo=Even (rare)	S/P	Count if needed (rare)
3			S/P
1	Att - Hi=Enc	Smith Echo	Att - 0/E
NT 2	Hi-Lo Even (rare)	Count if needed (rare)	Hi/lo = Even (rare)
3	S/P	S/P	S/P

Signals (including Trumps): Tell partner only what she needs to know

Rarely give count. Suit preference signal possible in trumps; no count signal in trumps. Leads & signals frequently deceptive.

#### **DOUBLES**

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

10+, emphasis on majors, minors unclear. 4x3 okay; lighter in 4th seat; ELC: C to D only; Q resp maybe bal 9+, no rebid promised;

ump resp=5+ cd suit; JumpQ resp asks stopper;

After Q: doubler's 2NT is minimum – any 3-level = GF

#### SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

NEG & RESP thru 4D-no upper limit. Tend to be balanced with convertible Values—OFTEN PASSED. 1C(1D)X-4/4 majs. 1m(1H)X=3 or 4 sp.

SUPPORT X thru 3Q; 3-level NEGX=inv, creates F; 2nd NEGX=T/O, xtras;

NEGX then NSF 3H+; NEGX thru 3S if we open 1NT;

RESPX thru 4D; Denies 4 cds in other maj thru 2S; most 2-lev dbls=t/o or cardshowing [1,6,22,23]

Anti-lead doubles [22]; many lead-directing doubles [22]

#### W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Green - Aggressive Std American

NCBO: USA

PLAYERS: Lynn Baker & Karen McCallum

#### SYSTEM SUMMARY

#### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Aggressive std. American; light initial actions; 5cd majors; Open & respond light [3,18]; wide range 2&3-lev openers; Weak 2DHS (0-9 hcp); freq. wide-range preempts [16] Playing strength compensates for hcp in any situation.

1NT opening = 10-12 NV 1st & 2nd, else 14-16 (odd shapes ok; frequent 5cd majors), 15-16 in 4th seat

Many fit-showing bids [9]; freq WJO; freq art. comp 2NT [37] Freq low-level comp Xs; picture bids; light 3rd seat openings

2/1 response promises rebid unless opener rebids 2NT [14]

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

WEAK 2DHS-NV: 0-10 hcp; usually 5-cd suit, any quality [15] GAMBLING 3NT: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. ANY solid suit – 7 winners NAMYATS: Solid Suit – 7-1/2 to 8-1/2 winners [19] GOOD-BAD 2NT [21]

Frequent 2NT for TAKEOUT in competition [7]

TRANSFER LEBENSOHL (FASS) + Many VARIATIONS [8] FIT-SHOWING JUMP SHIFTS; if RHO bids [S=fit [9]

MANY FIT-SHOWING BIDS: In & out of comp [9]

1NT OPENING 10-12 NV 1ST & 2nd

ESCAPING FROM 1NTX: We don't play in 1NTX [11]

COMPETITIVE CUE = LIMIT RAISE or better (2-level only)

COMPETITIVE 2NT: May be MIXED RAISE or better

AFTER OPPONENTS' 1NT OVERCALL [2]

2NT OPENING: 5+/5+ minors, 4-10 or strong (9-12 UF)

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

If we show ownership, FP exists [5]; 2C, 4CD openings create  ${\sf F}$ 

1x-(x)-xx: F thru 2N; comp F thru 3OS; Jump Cue creates F

1NT-(x)-any-P: No FP unless opp is "running"

#### IMPORTANT NOTES

If 2NT can't be invitational, it isn't natural;

3<sup>rd</sup> seat opening may be 8-9 bal (1M may be 4-cd suit)

Rarely pass partner's opening bid; freq resp with 0-5 hcp [3]

PSYCHICS: Rare

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OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1*		3	4D	Nat – open 1C w 3-3 minors or 5C & 4D; [18] for opening style	Resp w 0-5 [3]; 1D usually 5+; 1M maybe 4M/5D; 1NT=7-10; 2N=10-12; 1N=no maj; raise=F jump raise=PRE; SPL; SJS [31]	1M=44+;1N maybe 4HS; 2-way CB[29];4SF1[25]; picture bids;1m-1M-2M-2N=art[27]; 4st trans/2NT [28]1m-2m=F to 3m; Raise of 1M art [26]	FSJS – [9] No forcing bid by PH; No 4SF; inverted raise NF; 2-way CB (may be passed)
						No Fast Arrival; FSJS [9]	
1 ♦		3	4C	Nat [18] for opening style; 1CD w 4C/4D; 1D w 3D/2C	See 1C; also: 1N=6-10	See 1C; Also: 1D-2C-any-3D=F after 2/1, no reverse, 2NT or resp raise=NF [14]	See 1C
1♥		4	4D	Nat [18] for opening style Usu 5 cds – freq 4 cds in 3rd	Resp 0-5 [3]; 1N=5-11 (nf); 2/1 F1 [14]; SPL [13]; Help-suit game try. SJS. Jump Raise=4 trumps < mixed raise; 2NT=mixed raise+, 4 trumps	See 1C & 1D	See 1C. Also: Vul 2NT=5/5 minors; NV 2NT=Cs bal inv; 2CD=lim 3 or 4 cd raise
1 🛦		4	4D	See 1H	See 1H	See 1C & 1D	See 1H
INT			3S	10-12 NV 1 <sup>ST</sup> & 2nd; 14 to 16, freq 5 cd major; Odd shape ok	10-12: 2-way Stayman; SA Texas, 5C Gerber 14-16: 2C=NF stay; 4-suit tr; 3DHS=FG (w longer Cs); SA Texas; 5C=Gerber	2C-2x3CD=GF 3-suiter; smolen; trf; retrf; 2C-2HS-3SH=slam try raise; 2C-2HS-4CD=nat. ST raise [33]	Resp same as UPH;
2*	X	0		21+ bal or 8.5 playing tricks	Cntrls:2D=0-1; 2H=2; 2N=3; 3C=4; 3D=5; 2S=any gd 5+suit (2 of top 3 honors); 3HS=any AKQ(J)5+suit; 4CD=HS 7+, 0 cntrls	Puppet & 4st trans/2N rebid [32]; 2D-2H>2S=Hs or 24+bal. Opnr JS= solid suit, asks Q; SPL;C3L2N.No BW by resp[20]	Same as by UPH
2♦		5		NV: 0-9, 5cd suit, any qual or Shape; VUL: 4-9, std but wk suit ok	[15]; NV: NSNF (not necessarily weak); VUL: 3 lev-F; 2NT=mod. ogust; raise=PRE; NV jump to 3M=inv; 4m=ask; rarely pass w singleton [15]	[15] opener bids again w fit or max; Many art follow-ups [15]	Wide range in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat; PH resp: 1 step scramble; NS=fit 2NT=fit, asks sing [15]
2♥		5		See 2D	See 2D	See 2D	See 2D
2.		5		See 2D	See 2D	See 2D	See 2D
2NT	X			5+/5+ minors PRE; 3-9, or strong; UF: 9-13 good suits	3m=to play; 3M=nat F; 4m=PRE; 4NT=BW		
3 <b>.</b>		6		Aggress; wide range, 0-15 [16] Anything ok opp PH	3C-3D ask Maj; 4D singleton ask; 4C RKC [16]		
3♦		6		See 3C	See 3C	See 3C	See 3C
3♥		6		See 3C	See 3C	See 3C	See 3C
3♠		6		See 3C	See 3C	See 3C	See 3C
	X	7		Any solid st; no A/ K (1 <sup>st/</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> st)	4CD=P/C, 4HS to play; always pass 3 <sup>rd/th</sup> seat 3NT		
4 <b>.</b>	X	7		NAMYATS-solid Hs- 7.5-8.5 tr	1step=ST, 1 or 3 aces; $>$ 4M=2 aces, 2-loser suit		
4♦	X	7		See 4C – solid Ss	See 4C		
4♥		6		Wide rng – not solid, maybe gd	4NT=BW (not RKC); controls & trump asks [34]		
4 <b>A</b>		6		See 4H	See 4H		
4NT	X			Asks specific aces	5C=no ace; 5N=CA [30]		nic .
5NT	X Grand Try; Minors HIGH LEVEL BIDDING					ING	