## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

Responses :

1 NT = 9-12 HP jump fit not constructive

cue-bid = 1 round force, usually with a fit

new suit at same level = 1 round F

**1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)**

In 2nd hand : 16-18 HP (may be underweight w/long minor)

resp. - as on 1NT opening if 1st hand bid a minor suit

- Texas (transfer bids) if 1st hand bid a major suit

In 4th hand : 4M-5/6m when opponents have bid 2 suits

In reopening position 10-12 (13) HP

**JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)**

Ghestem 2-suiters

Other jump overcalls : pre-emptive

In reopening position : natural NF

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

Ghestem 2-suiters: 1C-2D=Maj 1D-2D=Maj 2C=Nat

Jump cue-bid : looking for a stopper

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

2nd hand :

- double showing 5 min and 4 maj
- 2♣ --> Landy
- 2♠ 2♥ Muyderberg
- 2♦ 6 cards Maj

Against weak NT double is penalty oriented

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

over standard pre-empts : double is for takeout

over major weak-2 : conventional bids to show distribution

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

2♣ on 1♣ is natural

double of 1♣ is for takeout

double of 2♣ suggests defence

**OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE**

major openings : keeping Bergen answers

minor opening : bid at the 1 level = one round force

Inverted minors

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

**OPENING LEADS STYLE**

| | *Lead* | *In Partner's Suit* |
|---|---|---|
| Suit | odd-even unless honour | parity |
| NT | same or top of nothing | parity |
| Subseq | attitude | |

Other: Romanet vs suit : A asks for attitude K asks for count

also : xxxx vs suit

**LEADS**

| Lead | *Vs. Suit* | *Vs. NT* |
|---|---|---|
| Ace | Romanet | no honours sequence |
| King | Romanet | any 3- honour sequence |
| Queen | normally from QJx | QJx or KQx or AQJ |
| Jack | normally from J10x | J10x |
| 10 | denies the J | denies the J |
| 9 | denies the 10 | denies the 10 and ++ |
| Hi-Lo | even number of cards | same |
| Lo-Hi | odd number of cards | same |

**SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY**

| | *Partner's Lead* | *Declarer's Lead* | *Discarding* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Suit 1 | italian | parity | Lavinthal |
| 2 | parity | Lavinthal | |
| 3 | | | |
| NT 1 | same | same | same |
| | | | |
| 2 | | | |

**Signals** (including Trumps):

echoing with 3 trumps when useful for partner

Smith appeal

## DOUBLES

**TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)**

Responses : from 8 HP jump with 4 cards double jump with 5 cards

cue-bid with game hand or when not sure about suit

In reopening position : double ≥ 8 HP

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

negative double (Sputnik) up to 4♥

opener's fit showing double or redouble with correct opening and 3 cards in responder's suit

## W B F CONVENTION CARD

**CATEGORY: Nat IIB BBC7**

**TEAM & DIVISION** 2026-2027

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

**GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE**

Natural 4-card diamonds 5-card majors 15-17 NT

2♣ game hand or weak major-2 suiter

2♦ multi

2♥ /2♠ Muyderberg

3NT: closed minor

3X preempt openings natural

4♣/4♦ preempt in ♥/♠ with side values

4♥/4♠ preempt defensive

**SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE**

- Stayman 2♣ not forcing and possibly without major suit
- 2♦ on 1 Maj opening may be a weak supporting hand
- Bergen answers when fitting 1 major opening
- 1NT overcall when opponents have bid 2 suits shows a 4M-5/6m distribution in the other 2 suits
- responder new suit over intervention is forcing unless initial pass (except Drury)
- 3rd and 4th suit forcing

**SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES**

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

trial bid is usually in "need help" suit but doesn't warrant a weak spot

**PSYCHICS:** 3rd seat openings may be light

| OPENING | MIN. No. OF CARDS | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | Modifications over competition and with passed partner |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PASS | | | | | Drury (repetition of suit is 6 cards) | |
| 1♣ | 2 | | 2 cards only if 4-4-3-2 | 2♣/♦: inverted minors, 3♣/♦: 8-10 HP, 2NT:4-7HP | 4-step Roudi – 3rd suit forcing | 1♣ - (1♦) - x : no majors |
| 1♦ | 4 | | Natural | on 1♣/♦ : 2♥/2♠: 4-6 HP – 6 cards | 4-step Roudi – 3rd suit forcing | 1♣/♦-(1♥)-x : no 4 cards ♠ |
| | | | | | Walsh | |
| 1♥/♠ | 5 | | natural | | on a single raise 2NT by opener | responding over intervention |
| | | | | ▪ 2♦ either natural, or weak fit < 8 HP | is a trial bid | 2NT = fit 10HP+ |
| | | | | ▪ 2♥/♠ 8-10 HP | | cue-bid = fit |
| | | | | ▪ 2NT = 1001 | On 2NT answer 3♣ min with single | |
| | | | | | 3♦ = 3 poss + relays | |
| | | | | ▪ double raise : distributional preemptive | | |
| | | | | ▪ 3♣/♦ : artificial limit raise min/max | | |
| | | | | • 3NT: fit weak with 1 defensive trick | | |
| 1 NT | | | balanced 15-17 HP (14HP+) | non forcing Stayman | after Stayman: further relays asking | Lebensohl |
| | | | possible 5-card major/6-card minor | 2♦ -2♥--> transfer bids (Texas) | for opener's distribution | |
| | | | | 2♠: 6 cards ♣ 2SA: 6 cards ♦ 4♦ : 5/5 major | new suit after Texas is game forcing | |
| 2♣ | | x | • weak major-suiter or | 2NT relay F | | |
| | | | • any game hand | | | |
| 2♦ | | x | • weak 6-card major | 2♥ no ambition facing a weak-two 2♠ some ♥ fit NF | responding to 2NT : | 3rd seat : possible weak 2♦ |
| | | | • strong 1-suiter | 3♥ shut-out with double M fit | ▪ 3♣/♦ min weak-two | opening with a 5-card major |
| | | | • balanced 22-23 | 2NT relay minor suit natural | ▪ 3♥/♠ max weak-two in ♠/♥ ! | |
| 2♠ | 5/4 | | 5 ♠+ 4 min below opening | 2NT relay 3♦ = fit NF game | responding to 2NT : | |
| | | | | | ▪ 3♣ : weak with ♣ | |
| 2♥ | 5/4 | | 5♥ + ≥4 min ≤ 10 HP | 2NT relay 3♦ = fit NF game | • 3♦ : weak with ♦ | |
| | | | | | • 3♥: 8-10 with ♣<br>• 3♠: 8-10 with ♦ | |
| 2NT | | | balanced 20-21 HP | 3♣ Puppet Stayman (Jacoby) 3♠ : 5/4 cards ♠/♥ | | |
| | | | possible 5-card major | 3♦/♥ are transfer bids, 4♣:5-5Min ambition, ♦4: 5-5Maj | | |
| 3♣/♦/♥ | (7) | | Preempt natural | | **SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS** | |
| 4♣/4♦ | (8) | x | Preempt in ♥/♠ with side values | | splinter bids | |
| 4♥/4♠ | (8) | x | Preempt defensive | | italian style cue-bidding | |
| 3NT | (7) | x | Closed minor | 4♣ non forcing, 4♦ forcing | Roman key cards Blackwood Joséphine | |
| | | | | | over NT openings : quantitative 4/5 NT | |
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