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

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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 ♣ • 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	
					DOPI	