

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level wide ranging 4—18 pts invariably 5 card suit
2 level = opening hand preferably 6+ in minor
2 suits bid by opp –cue bid shows other 2 suits of unequal length, Cue of opp' lower suit shows more cards in lower of the 2 rem suits Cue of opp' higher suit shows more cards in higher of the 2 rem suits
Responses: New suit F1, UCB, raises mixed, NT natural
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd = 15—18 System ON
Live =Other two suits 5/5 (any point range)
After 2 passes in 4 th INT= 11—14 System ON
Reopening = 18+ if partner has passed
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak 4—11 some leeway if partner has passed, upper range if vul
New suit F1, raises pre-emptive, cue shows values
2 nd 2NT= 5/5 lower two suits wk or strong 4th after 2 Passes19—21
1 of a suit opened – P-P- Jump is 10-16 pts and 6 card suit
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue over 1M= other M + minor 5/5 weak or strong , not 12-15
Over 1m= Majors guarantees min 5H and 4S, if 1C can be three cards or fewer 2C is natural & 2D shows the Majors
Jump cue asks for stop for 3NT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak)
X= single suited or 18+ semi balanced, 2 of a suit shows that suit & a suit above, 3 level suit shows suit & a suit above 16+pts
After X of NT and opponents bid our X shows tolerance for partners Single suited hand. Bidding a suit is to play
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X=take-out, NT natural, jump overcall invitational +
Over wk 2: See (note 11),cue asks for stop for 3NT:2NT= 17-20
Over Multi – X is 13-16 2NT is 17-20 2M is t/o of other M
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Over 1C: X=H & other, 1D= S & other, 1H/S natural, 1NT=minors
Over 2C: Bids natural , X shows C , 2NT – 2 places to play
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
New suit nat F1, XX= 8+ points may have 3 card support for partner's suit, jump shift weak, over 1M - 2NT=Jacoby
Raise in M shows min of 4 with 2M being stronger than 3M
Inverted minors off. Therefore 3m is stronger than 2m

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd & 4th	If supported top of poor suit if unsupported lowest of 3	
NT	2 nd & 4th	As above	
Subseq	attitude	attitude	
Other: Low implies honour			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Asks for attitude	Unblock or attitude	
King	Asks for standard count	Standard count	
Queen	Asks for attitude	Attitude	
Jack	Denies Q, either shortage or card above, or top of seq	Denies Q, either shortage or card above, or top of seq	
10	Shortage or at least card above + 9	Shortage or least card above + 9	
9	Shortage or promises 10	Shortage or promises 10	
Hi-X	Doubleton or MUD	Doubleton or MUD	
Lo-X	Implies honour or singleton	Implies honour or singleton	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	Hi = even	Hi = even	Odd encouraging even is suit pref.
NT	Hi = even	Hi = even	Odd encouraging even is suit pref.
Signals (including Trumps): no signals in trump suit Singleton in dummy – show suit pref			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
X shows tolerance for other suits does not guarantee 4 of other major			
Responses: jump shift 8—10 NF, cue 11+ forcing for one round, 2NT Nat			
Reopening = 11+			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative X thru 4D			
Responsive X thru 4D			
Competitive X = game try			
Lightner, lead directing			
X of cue of own suit discourages lead, of partners shows at least Hx			
Support X & XX over interference thru 5S			

W B F CONVENTION CARD	
CATEGORY:	Green
NCBO:	Scotland
PLAYERS:	Cathy Ferguson/Bob McKinnon
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
15-17 NT. 4 card majors.	
All 2 suit openers are artificial	
Inverted minor raises	
Jacoby 2NT is invitational plus raise of major opened	
Weak jump overcalls	
X of 1NT is DON'T as in VS.NT section	
Attitude on leads – Reverse attitude	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
2D= 3 way Multi (either weak 2Maj /strong2minor /bal 20-21)	
2H= at least 5H/4S 5-10 pts	
Non vul -2S= 5S + undisclosed suit 5-10 pts - (5/4+)	
Vul - 2S= 5S + 5+ minor 5-10 points	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
IMPORTANT NOTES	
See supplementary notes	
PSYCHICS: very rare	

McKinnon, Ferguson, – Supplementary notes.

Note 1	Jacoby 2NT	shows invitational + raise, guarantees 4card + support		
	Responses	3C	=	Minimum opener and 5 card suit
		3D	=	Minimum opener and 4 card suit or 18+
		3 of suit	=	Better than minimum and singleton or void in a minor, Responder bids 3NT to enquire which minor
	3 of other major		=	Better than minimum with singleton or void in that major
		3NT	=	Better than minimum with no singleton or void
		4 level bids	=	Source of tricks ...slam try
		4 of suit	=	To play
	If opposition bid,	X	=	Shows that bid.

Note 2	Transfers over 1NT	Opener breaks transfer in major with 4 card support as follows		
		a)	with minimum to 3 of suit	
		b)	with any 4-3-3-3 to 2NT 3C = asks for range 3D = shows max 3 of suit = shows min	
		c)	with maximum and other source of tricks bid that suit	

Over double completing transfer shows 3 card support Pass denies 3 card support and stop in suit used to transfer
 After pass XX by partner asks for half stop in suit used to transfer.

Redouble denies 3 card support and shows stop in suit used to transfer.
 Opener breaks transfer in minor with 3 card support and at least one of top three honours

Note 3	Response to Multi 2D	2H pass with weak 2 in Hearts otherwise show hand.....may raise to 3 with a 7card suit. 2S pass with weak 2 in Spades shows tolerance for Hearts at 3 or 4 level.....may raise to 3 with a 7 card suit.		
		2NT enquiry 3 minor weak to play 3H shows tolerance for both majors 7-10 pts 3NT shows both 4 card majors but not enough points to bid slam opposite the strong balanced hand. 4M to play 4 C asks opener to transfer to H or S 4 D asks partner to bid his suit		
		After 2NT enquiry		
		3C	=	Either strong in clubs or top of range weak 2 in hearts
		3D	=	Either strong in diamonds or top of range weak 2 in spades
		Responder can clarify by bidding the next suit up. 3NT shows strong minor		
		3H or 3S	=	Weak 2 in that suit – Lower range
		3NT	=	20-21 balanced - system on.
	If 2D opener is doubled	pass shows 5 or more diamonds and offers an alternative place to play. Redouble shows 6 or more Clubs and offers an alternative place to play.		

Note 4

Response to 2H	2S	=	to play			
	2NT	=	enquiry	<u>After 2NT enquiry</u>	3C	= Lower range with 5H and 4S
	3C	=	to play		3D	= Lower range with 5H and 5S
	3D	=	to play		3H	= Upper range with 5H and 4S
	3H	=	pre-emptive		3S	= Upper range with 5H and 5S
	3S	=	pre-emptive		3NT	= 6H and 4S
	3NT	=	to play		4C	= 6H and 5S
					4D	= 5H and 6S
				<u>If slam interest then</u>	4C	= EKCB in hearts
					4D	= EKCB in spades
			<u>Responses</u>	In steps	=	0 : 1 : 1+Q : 2 : 2+Q:

Note 5

Response to 2S – if vul	2NT = enquiry	After 2NT enquiry	3C = Lower range with S + C
	3C = pass or convert		3D = Lower range with S + D
	3D = to play		3H = Upper range with S + C
	3H = invitational in hearts		3S = Upper range with S + D
	3S = to play		
	3NT = to play		
	4C:4D = natural and forcing		
	4H/S = to play		
	4NT = Key card in spades		
	5C = pass or convert		
	5D = to play		

Responses to 2S – if non vul

2NT = bid your second suit
3C = to play
3D = invitational in Spades
3H = invitational in Hearts
3S = to play
3NT = to play
4C:4D = invitational
4H:4S = to play

Note 6**Responses to 2NT (or equivalent)**

3C = 5 card stayman	Bidding 3NT = Denies fit
3D = Transfer to Hearts	Bidding 3NT = Denies fit
3H = Transfer to Spades	Bidding 4C:4D = Keycard in that suit
3S = Slam interest in both minors	
3NT = Shows 5S+4H	

Note 7**3 level openers****Responses**

in 1st, 2nd, and 4th positions are constructive showing 8-10 points, at least 2 out of the top 3 honours in the suit, no void or 4 card major.
 4 of the minor bid is pre-emptive 4 of the other minor bid is economic key card Responses in steps up the line 1+Q: 2: 2+Q
 Over 3C 3D asks for 3card major 3H shows 3 Spades 3S shows 3H 3NT denies
 3H, 3S Forcing showing 6 card suit
 3NT To play
 Over 3H/3S 4 C is economic key card

Note 8**Response to 3NT opener**

4C = Pass or convert	Opener re-bids	4H/4S singleton or void	4NT = shortage in other minor
4D = asks for shortage			
4H/4S = to play			
5C = pass or convert			
4NT = asks for quality of trumps	Opener re-bids	5C = 2 of top 4 but not 2 of top 3	5D = 2 of top 3 but missing A or K
			5H = both A and K

Note 9**Action after 1NT –X**

XX promises undisclosed 5 card suit- opener bids 2C or 5 card suit of own
 Bid of suit shows that suit and a suit above both 4 cards

Note 10**INT: 2C**

2D = denies 5 Card major
2H/2S = Promises 5 of the major bid
3C/3D = Promises 6 card minor

Generally 2C stayman is forcing to 2NT but partner may elect to sign off in the suit responded with a weak hand.

Note 11**Over opponent's weak 2M**

Jump to 4m shows at least 5 of that minor + 5 of other Major

Over opponent's weak 2D

Jump to 4C shows at least 5C + 5 card Major Jump to 4D shows at least 5/5 in Majors

Note 12

If opponents intervene over our 1NT Lebensohl (FAD) – weaker hands thru 2NT unless room to bid suit below 2NT, new suit at 3 level is F1

Retransfers if partner has broken the transfer by bidding NT or other suit

Smollen (GF) after 1N – 2C -2D.... a bid of 3M shows 4 cards in that suit and at least 5 cards in the other major.