DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

1 level 4+ card suit (if M, opening values,3/5 and no better bid) (normally 5), range is 6-16 pts

2 level 5+ Cards – 10+ Points if good suit or good shape

Responses: Cue Bid= 10+ points and 3 card support

1NT immediate Overcall shows 15 to 18 Points

All jump overcalls are Weak and aggressive

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

2nd 1NT Overcall shows 15 to 18 points

4th 1NT Overcall shows 11 to 15 points

Responses to 1NT are same as opening 1NT – (Systems On)

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

2NT=5-5 in the two lowest suits

Weak Jump Overcalls – (3-10 points, usually 6 cards)

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

Direct cue shows 5/5(4) in hearts/spades – unlimited values

Or other M + minor

*Michaels cue bid (over a weak 2 in a major, 4 of the same major shows a good hand with both minors, while 4NT shows a weaker hand with both minors).
* Unusual versus Unusual, lower cue = limit raise or better

+ Sandwich 1NT (by passed hand only)

VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak;)

2♥/2♠ = named suit and a minor, 2NT asks for minor

Double = penalty (and for responder "all systems on" and XX is used to run out to a minor, opener bids 3♣ where responder passes or corrects to 3♦)
- 2♣-X = Stayman
- any other interference: Lebensohl

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	4th/ 2nd from 4 small	Hxx
NT	4th/ 2nd from 4 small	Hxx
Subseq	Attitude -small = encourage	Attitude -small = encourage
Other:	Top of Nothing	Top of Nothing

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	Ask for Attitude	Ask for Attitude
King	Ask for count	Count and/or unblock
Queen	AKQ(x) unblock	KQ, QJ(x)
Jack	J10(x)	J10: KJ10: AJ10
10	Tx or 4	2nd / 4th
Hi-X	Top of Doubleton	
Lo-X	Implies Honour / Singleton	Implies Honour

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Attitude High Enc	Count (H-L = Even)	Odds/Evens
2	Count (H-L = Even)		Odd encourage
3	SPS		

Signals (including Trumps):

Discard of an Odd card shows interest in that suit

W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: i.e. Green / Blue / Red / HUM / Brown Sticker:

NCBO: Cyprus Bridge Federation
PLAYERS: Ewa Sobolewska and Diana Serban
EVENT: EBL **Women´s Online Teams 2025**

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

5 Card Major – 2 Over 1 GF - RKCB 3014

2 OVER 1 Responses tend to be Natural and Game Forcing

1NT response = Forcing

1♣=3+ cards 1♦=3+ cards

1♥/♠=5+ cards

1NT=15-17 and 2NT 20 – 21 BAL does not deny a 5 card Major

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SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

Weak 2's in ♦ ♥♠

2♣ Opening is 23+ Points

Jacoby 2NT

Transfers are on over 1NT/2NT opening or overcall
*2♠ = MSS (5-4 GF),opener bids minor or 2NT. if Responder's next bid is 3 of a M = s/v (not necessarily slam interest)
*2NT = 6+ ♣'s (opener bids 3♣)
If responder bids new suit after = s/v, not necessarily slam interest
If responder rebids 3NT = mild slam try (usually balanced)
Responder's 4NT = rkcb
*3♣ = transfer to ♦ (opener bids 3♦), responder's rebids with same meaning
* 3♦/♥/♠ = s/v, no 5-card M, GF
4♦/♥ = tx

1NT Opening can have 6 in a minor and also a single Ace

Strong NT (15-17), 17 with 5 card major treated as 18

Soloway Strong Jump Shifts by an unpassed hand in uncontested auctions. A jump shift shows one of the following types of hands:

1. Strong rebiddable suit, 17+ total points, 4+ controls (A=2, K=1), no side 4-card suit
2. Solid suit, 17+ total points, 4+ controls, may have a side 4-card suit
3. Rebiddable suit, 18+ HCP, 4+ controls, 5332 or 6322 shape.
4. Rebiddable suit, 17+ total points, 4+ controls, 4-card support for opener's suit

(only from 1 to 2-level in higher ranking suit.
Jumps to a lower ranking at 3-level are natural and invitational)

DOUBLES

*Jump shifter shows which type of hand it had with its next bid:

- With types 1 or 2, it rebids its suit, jumping to game with a minimum and solid suit (note that it never shows the side suit in type 2).
- With type 3, it bids NT or raises NT to game.
- With type 4, it raises opener's suit with no side shortness, or bids its short suit (this is why it can never show its own side suit – a new suit is a splinter in support of opener).

Lebensohl (after 1NT overcalled, X of weak 2 and reverses)

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

DBL = Takeout thru 4♥; 3NT = to play.

Leaping Michaels over Ops Weak 2Major (5+ - 5+, FG) 4♣= ♣ + other Major, 4♦ = ♦ and other Major (after 2♦ or 3♣ the major is unspecified)

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 2♣

natural

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

XX = 10+
2NT = Jordan = fit and limit+

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

11+ points takeout

Reopening 8 + points

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Negative X = 6 HCP at 1 level, 8+ at 2 level. showing the other major (up to 3♠)

Double of a conventional bid shows lead directive

Support doubles (up to 2♥) and redoubles

Responsive X up to 3♠

2-way Game tries: 1♥-2♥-2♠ or 1♠-2♠-2NT = unspecified short suit GT
*Responder can bid the next step above that (2NT or 3♣) **to ask where the shortness is**)
1♠-2♠-2NT (short suit GT)-3♣ (where)-3♠ (the step suit, ♣)

*where 1♥-2♥- anything else or 1♠-2♠-anything else = long suit GT

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

When it is clear opponents are sacrificing

IMPORTANT NOTES

Fourth suit forcing, 1♣ -1♦-1♥-1♠: 1♠ = artificial GF. 2♠ = GF with spades

May open light in 3rd seat.

Discards: please ask

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♥	11-14 bal, 18-19 bal or natural	Suits 6+ points, 4+ Card Suit	Change of Suit is Forcing.	1♣-2♣ inverted minor
					1NT 6-10 points and usually denies a Major		
1♦		4	4♥	11-14 bal, 18-19 bal or natural	Suits 5+ points, 4+ Card Suit	Change of Suit is Forcing.	
					1NT 6-10 points and usually denies a Major		
1♥		5	4♦	10-21 with a 5 Card Suit	Direct Support 8-9, (through 1nt lower end of the raise)Jac 2NT		Fit Jumps, 2NT 4 card support
					1♠ shows a four card spade suit and 5+ points		Cue of ops suit shows 3 card sup
1♠		5	4♦	10-21 with a 5 Card Suit	Direct Support, Jac 2NT		Fit Jumps, 2NT 4 card support
							Cue of ops suit shows 3 card sup
INT				15-17 balanced – or Semi Bal	Stayman, Transfers, Gerber, 3 Level Slam Interest	Super Accept if 17 points with 4 card support	
					2♠ transfer to ♣ ; 3♣ to ♦	Texas Transfers 1NT > 4♦ is ♥ / 4♥ is ♠	
2♣	X			23+ points or 3 losers (Forcing)	2♦ Waiting bid. Other bids natural, positive hand.		
2♦				weak			
2♥		5		Weak		Natural	
2♠		5		Weak		Natural	
2NT				20 – 21 BAL - May have 5cM	Stayman, Transfers, 4NT Quantitative		
3♣		(6) / 7		Weak			
3♦		(6) / 7		Weak			
3♥		(6) / 7		Weak			
3♠		(6) / 7		Weak			
3NT				Running Minor no side A or K	4♣ is pass or correct		
4♣		(7) / 8		Pre-emptive			
4♦		(7) / 8		Pre-emptive			
4♥		6+		Pre-emptive to play	4NT = RKCB Asking Aces		
4♠		6+		Pre-emptive to play	4NT = RKCB Asking Aces		
4NT	X	5 / 5		Both Minors 5 / 5			
5♣		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence		**HIGH LEVEL BIDDING**	
5♦		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence			
5♥		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence		RKCB (03/14) - ♦Shows 1 or 4 and ♣ Shows 3 or 0	
5♠		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence		KING ASK reverts to B/WOOD – Showing how many Kings minus K of Trumps	
						Cue bidding 1st round controls, before 2nd round	
						4♣ response to 1NT is Gerber	
						DOPI	