

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Standard, 5 card, may be 4 card in suitable hand at 1 level.
New suit F1 by unpassed hand, NF by passed hand
UCB response = 3+ raise, 9+HCP
Fit jumps in competitive auction, esp after passed hand
Jump to game = to play
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-18, responses as opening 1NT
4 th position reopen 11-15, responses as opening 1NT
Sandwich 1NT= 15-18, responses as opening 1NT
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
NV= weak less than 12HCP 6cd suit
VUL= intermediate (approx. 11/16)
UNT shows 5/5 lowest 2 unbid suits
Reopen: Intermediate to strong (11+)
Reopen 2NT in protective seat+18/21, system on per2NT opener
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
As above, (1m)-2m, 5/5+ Ms, (1M)-2M 2 suited, (other M+minor)
UCB shows quality raise
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening:PH)
2C= Majors. 2D response=same length,
2D=6 cd major, 2H pass/correct
2H=5H and 4+m, 2NT enquiry
2S = 5S and 4+m, 2NT enquiry
2NT=both minors
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X=takeout
Over 4M : 4NT 2 places to play
Cue bid = 2 suited
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Vs strong 1C – 2C is natural
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX=10+ penalty interest, New Suit F1, Jump in new suit=fit jump, Jump raise=pre-emptive level of fit, 2NT 10+HCP good raise

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd and 4 th	2 nd and 4 th	
NT	2 nd and 4 th , top of sequence	2 nd and 4 th	
Subseq			
Other: Xx unusual			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK for Reverse attitude	same	
King	KQx or AK for count	same, or for unblock	
Queen	QJx or KQ for Reverse att	same	
Jack	JTx Jx or J denies higher hon	same	
10	K/QT9+, T9x, Tx or T	same	
9	T9xx, 9x or 9	same	
Hi-X	Xx, XXxx,	same	
Lo-X	4 th from Hxxx	same	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	A or Q, rev att	Count if relevant	Rev attitude
Suit 2	K, std count		
3	Count if table wins		
1	A or Q, rev att	Count if relevant	Rev attitude
NT 2	K, std count		
3	Count if table wins		
Signals (including Trumps): Reverse Attitude, Standard Count			
Suit Preference where useful			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
1M-X promises 4 in other M. 1m-X promises 4 in both M, otherwise overcall 4 cd suit if 2 hons in suit, but X maybe only option.			
Lebensohl after X of weak 2 opener (FASS) – 2Nt bid forces 3C, 3NT shows stop in opp bid suit			
Protective reopening X may be light			
Most low level Xs = takeout			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative doubles through 4D			
Responsive doubles through 3S			
Penalty doubles of all opps NT bids			
Double of a conventional bid shows that suit			
Double then bid a suit is strong			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: i.e. Green /
NCBO: Scotland
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
ACOL
Opening Spade is always 5 cd suit
1NT 11-14NV; (11)12-14
Weak 2s in D,H,S (5-10HCP)
2/1 responses forces to 2 of opener's suit
Over opp short1C, 2C nat, 2D shows majors
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
Gambling 3NT = solid minor (12HCP max in 1 st or 2 nd seats)
After X of 1NT, XX shows 5 card suit, suit bid shows lowest 4cd
Lebensohl FASS (Fast Arrival Shows a Stop) – bud thru 2NT is weaker direct bid or looks for a stopper in oppo suit.
Aplies after - 1NT (interference)
- (weak 2) X (Pass)
Minorwood, 1m-4m (without interference) responses as RKCB
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
1NT – 2C does not promise a 4 card major
PSYCHICS: very rare

