BIDDING IN DEFENSE AND COMPETITION

OVERCALLS

General style: Natural, solid on 1st level, can be aggressive on 2nd, 3rd

1st level: 5+card, 9+ HCP, 7-5 L, 4+card w/ 15+ HCP possible

2nd level: 5+card, 12+ or ≤6 L

2nd level jump: 6+card, preemptive or tactical, 7-8 L

3rd level: 5+card, 14+ or ≤6 LOSERS

3rd level jump: 6+card, preemptive or tactical 6-7 L

Responses to overcalls = 2 over 1 = F1! 2 over 2 = NF!

Cuebid in opener's suit = INV+ with fit

Jump to 2NT = INV+ with fit after Major, based on distribution

Jump to 2NT after 1♦ overcall = 10-12 HCP no 4M

NS jump to 2^{nd} level = INV, 6c

NS jump to 3^{rd} level if 2^{nd} is F1 = PRE, (6)7c.

NS jump to 4th level = suit (5+) and fit (3+), NF

1NT/2NT overcall

15-18 HCP, (semi)balanced; **reopen 1NT** = 12-15

Responses same as after opening

Transfer to opener Major is asking for good stopper with minor(s)

(1♥)-1NT-(pass)-2♦ = $54+4.0+HCP \Rightarrow 2$ ♥ = show maximum, rest.

shows minimum; (1m) - 2NT = 50m5, ~6 L or ≤ 4 L

 $(1 \checkmark / \triangle) - 2NT = 55 \text{ minors}, ~6 \text{ L or } \leq 4 \text{ L}$

CUEBIDS IN OPPS SUIT

 $(1M) - 2M = 5OM + 5m \sim 6 L OR \leq 4 L;$ (1M) - 3M = asking for stopper

 $(1 \clubsuit) - 2 \clubsuit = 54 + \checkmark/\spadesuit; (1 \spadesuit) - 2 \spadesuit = 5 + \checkmark4 + \clubsuit;$ and 7-8 L, 8-14 HCP

 $(1m) - 3m = 55 + \checkmark/4$ and $\sim 6 L$ or $\leq 4 L$

DEFENSE against NT

Double = 14+, with (S)BAL or \leq 5 L

 $2 \clubsuit = \text{LANDY}, 44 + \checkmark/\spadesuit; 2 \spadesuit = 5 + \checkmark, 8 - 6 \text{ L}; 2 \checkmark = 5 + \spadesuit, 8 - 6 \text{ L};$

 $2 \triangleq 4 \implies 5 + m$, 7-6 L; REOPEN only LANDY, rest 5+ NAT

DEFENSE AGAINST PREMPTS

Natural

Leaping Michaels: (2M)-4m = 5OM5m

Special against 2♦ Multi or 2♣/2♦/2♥ on Majors

DEFENSE AGAINST STRONG 1♣ = 16+

Double/1X = 3+cards in other suits; $1NT = 44+ \sqrt[4]{4}$;

2X = 5 + card; 2NT = 5 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 5 + 4 + 4 = 5 + 4

Pass = can be 15 + HCP

AFTER OPPS TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Natural, system on

LEADS						
FIRST LEAD STYLE						
	LEAD	In partners suit				
SUIT	Low = even number					
NT	High = odd number					
Broken sea	Ton from sequence					

Other: **K** from A**K** with outside singleton or on 5th level = ask for count

LEADS					
LEAD	Suit	NT			
Ace	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(), \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}()$				
King	$\mathbf{KQ}(\mathbf{J})\mathbf{x}(\ldots), \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}$	$\mathbf{KQ}10(\ldots), \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{x})$			
Queen	$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{x}(),\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}$	QJ10/9(), KQx()			
Jack	J10(), Jx, (A/K) J10x				
10	(A/K/Q)109x, 109x, 10x				
9	9xx, H98xx, 98xxx				
High-Low	Xxx, (H/x)XXXx, HXx				
Low-High	xX, $(H/x)xxX$, $(H/x)xxxxX$				

SIGNALS AND CARDING

LOW = LIKE (values) or EVEN number of cards
HIGH = HATE (no or bad values) or ODD number of cards

SUIT PREFERENCE

in clear situations (not if discarding) when both players know the switch is necessary

REVERSE SMITH ECHO:

confirming lead in NT. Low-high in first played suit by declarer likes the lead, high-low do not like the lead (unless count is important)

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES

a) (10)12+ HCP, standard takeout

b) 18+ HCP, (S)BAL

c) ≤4.5 L

SPECIAL DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

Negative double = 1 - (1 - 1)-double = 44 + + 4, rest = natural

 $1m-(1 \lor)$ -double = $4 \spadesuit$, $1 \spadesuit$ = $5+ \spadesuit$, $2 \spadesuit$ = $6 \spadesuit$ INV

1 ♦ -(2 ♦) - double = 43 + ♥ + ♦, 2 ♥ / ♦ = (4)5 + card, F!

 $1 \clubsuit$ -(2♦)-double = 43+ ♥+♠, $2 ♥/ \spadesuit$ = 5+card, NF!

Support double = only in case second defender bids another Major

1m-(pass)-1M-(1/2OM)-double = 3card M and no extras needed

1 ♥-(pass)-1 \(\delta-(2m)-double = 3card M and no extras needed

WBF CONVENTION CARD

Milan's system

Ivo Walach (CZE) – Matyas Lysek (CZE)

https://milanbridge.com/competitor/milan-system/

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

General rules and style

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1 	 = 2 + card - 11 + HCP, 5 + 	 or any 12-14 BAL
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$$1 ♦ = 2 + card - 11 + HCP, 5 + ♦ or any 18-20 BAL$$

$$1$$
♥/ \triangleq = **5**+card 11+ HCP, 7-5(4) L

$$1NT = 14-17 \text{ HCP}, 5M, 6m \text{ possible}$$

$$2 = 20 + (S)BAL$$
 or $18 + ≤ 4L$

$$2 \diamond = \forall$$
; $2 \forall = \diamond$; $2 \diamond = \diamond + \diamond$; $2 \text{NT} = \forall + \diamond$

Transfer Major raise - not limited

2♣ over 1M is GF and denies 3-card fit

New suit jump is 9-11 and 6-card

New suit double jump is preemptive with 7-card

Repeating major by responder on second level = weak

Repeating major by responder on third level = GF

Rebidding NT after 1X-1M denies 3-card fit

Bidding 2 suits shows SEB, 1m-1♥-1NT/2NT can have 4♠

New suit forcing after 1 level overcall New suit jump is preemptive after 1 level overcall

SPECIAL & SLAM CONVENTIONS

One-Way-Checkback – 2♠; 2♠/♦ relay = extras, rest min Transfers to Major after – 1M-1NT, 1♦-1M, 1♥-1♠ BW 1430, 5NT after BW = grand slam try Frequent (mini)Splinters, optional 4m BW, Doroszewicz

Defense against 2♦ MULTI and similar after 2♣/♦/♥ = 44+♥♠

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Dbl = 5+M 12+; 2 \checkmark = 15+ (semi)BAL; 2 \spadesuit = 15+ on minor;

2NT = minors 8-14 or \leq4 L; 3 \spadesuit / \spadesuit = 8-14 (5)6c; 3 \checkmark / \spadesuit = 6c, \sim5 L;

4 \spadesuit / \spadesuit = 5+m5+\checkmark

Dbl after 2X on Majors = penalty oriented;
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PSYCHES

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-OPENING	Minimum number of cards	HCP A=4, K=3, Q=2, J=1	BAL = balanced hand (4333, 4432, 5332) – 2 cards in all suits, max 8 cards in 2 suits SEB= semi-balanced hand (5422, 5431, 6322, 6331, 4441) – 9 cards in 2 suits (4441 is an exception) or 6card in 1 suit UNB = un-balanced hand (5521, 5440, 5530, 6421, 6430, 7321,7222, 7330) – 10 cards in 2 suits (5440 is an exception) or 7cards in 1 suit GUL = goulash hand (6511, 6520, 7420, 7411, 8card) – 11+ cards in 2 suits or 8+ cards in 1 suit; TH = top honor (A, K, Q); L = losers – missing A, K, Q; SRT = shortness – mostly singleton or void				
Q	O- W		Opening description	Responses	Further bidding		
1♣	2-5♣ 2-5♦ 5+♣	12-14	12-14 BAL, ♦ can be longer OR	1♦/♥ = TRANSFER, 0+ HCP, 4+♥/♠; 1♠ = 6-12 HCP, BAL (rarely with 4M) or weak with minor(s) 1NT = 10-12 HCP; 2♠ = GF, usually no 4M, BAL or any minor(s);	General style in constructive bidding: We give preference to 4+M and the opener distinguish <2, 3c., 4c. fit 1X-1Y-1NT = no fit <2 Accepting the transfer or rebidding own suit shows 3c. fit and min;		
	(4414)	11-19(21)	11+ 5+♠ (4414)	$2NT = 5 + 45 + 7$, 6-7 TL or ≤ 4 TL; $3NT = 13 - 16$ HCP; $2 / 7 / 4 = 9 - 11$ HCP, 6-card; $3 / 7 / 4 = 5 - 9$ HCP, 7-card	2. from both sides shows extra and is asking for partner strength and		
1+	2-5♣ 2-5♦	18-20	18-20 BAL, ♣ can be longer OR	1 ♥/♠ = 5+ HCP, 4+card; 2NT = $5+♠5+♥$, 6-7 TL or ≤4 TL; 1NT = GF + relay, usually without 4M; 3NT = 13-16 HCP;	distribution. Transfer Gazzilli from the opener, 1-way checkback from the responder.		
1	5+ ♦ (4441)	11-19(21)	11+ 5+• (4441)	2♣ = 6-9 HCP (5)6+♣, or 10-12 HCP no 4M; 2♦ = NF, 6-9 HCP, 3+♦; 3♦ = PRE with $4+♦$; 2♥/♠/3♣ = 9-11 HCP, 6-card; $3♥/♠$ = ~5-9 HCP, 7-card	3 rd level jump by opener shows distributional extra 55 or 7c 2 nd level rebid by responder is weak (except 2♣), 2NT = ♣ weak or GF+		
1♥	5+♥	11-19(21) 7-5(4) L	5+♥, excluding the 2 nd level openings	1 = 5+ HCP, 4+card; $2 \triangleq /3 \triangleq /4 = 9-11$ HCP, 6-card; $3 \triangleq =$ PRE, 7-card 1NT = 5-10, no fit; 2NT = 11-12 BAL, no fit; $2 \triangleq =$ GF+ without fit or $4 \triangleq ; 2 \triangleq =$ 3+ \forall , 9+ HCP or AK+; $2 \neq 3 \neq /4 \neq =$ 4-9, fit BAL/SEB/UNB; $3 \neq /4 \neq =$ 11-14, splinter $4 \neq /4 \neq =$	3 rd level rebid by responder is GF and unbalanced (55, (6)7+) 2NT rebid = • After 1♣/♦ = 6+m 3+M • After 1♥/♠ = GF with 55, 7c, Major fit		
1♠	5+♠	11-19(21) 7-5(4) L	5+♠, excluding the 2 nd level openings	1NT = 5-10, no fit; 2NT = 11-12 BAL, no fit; 2♣ = GF+ without fit and 5♥; 2♦ = GF, 5+♥; 2♥ = $3+♠$, $9+$ HCP or AK+; 2♠ $3♠$ /4♠ = 4-9, fit BAL/SEB/UNB; $3NT/4♠$ /♦ = 11-14, splinter $\Psi/♠$ /♦;	General style after overcall: Negative double, NS = Natural F1, 2 nd level jump = 6c INV; 3 rd level jump = PRE; 2NT/cuebid after 1M = with fit, lower shows HCP, higher more shape; 2NT/3NT/cuebid after minor = natural with stopper, INV+ ask		
1NT	2-4(5) ♥/♠ 2-5(6) ♣/◆	(14)15-17	(14)15-17 HCP NT-oriented 5♥/♠, 6♣/♦ possible	2 = Stayman, does not promise 4M; $2 \checkmark / \checkmark = \text{transfer}$, $5 + \checkmark / \checkmark$; $3 \checkmark = \text{GF} +$, Puppet Stayman; $2 \checkmark = 6 + \checkmark$; $2 \text{NT} = 6 + \checkmark$; $3 \checkmark / \checkmark = 54 + \checkmark + \checkmark$, GF+, SRT \checkmark / \checkmark ; $3 \checkmark = \text{Quantitative} +$, no 4M $4 \checkmark / \checkmark = \text{transfer}$ to $6 + \checkmark / \checkmark$; $4 \checkmark / \checkmark / 5 \checkmark / \checkmark = \text{natural}$, tactical; $4 \text{NT} = \text{minors}$, tactical;	1NT-2♣-2♦-3♥/3♠ = SMOLEN 4M5OM, GF+; 4♣/♦ = 5♠5♥ 6 L and SRT 1NT-2♣-2♥/♠-OM = slam try with M fit, 3m = GF, 4+ in another minor;		
2♣	Strong	20+ 20+ 18+ (<4L)	20+ (6+ TH) any distribution 18+ UNB 7+card (64) ≤4 L	2♦ = 4-11 HCP – A, K or QQ and better, any distribution 2♥ = 0-3(5) HCP – max QJ, sometimes QQ or rarely K empty 2♠ = (10)12+ HCP – AKK/AAQ or better 2NT = 54+ ♥♠, 3-8 HCP; or 5♠5♥+, 9-11 HCP 3♠/♦/♥/♠ = 3-8 HCP, double-transfer with 6+cards ♥/♠/♠/♦ with no better option for other contracts	2&-2 \checkmark -2 \checkmark / \bullet -4 \checkmark / \bullet = min, 3 \checkmark / \bullet = extra, 2NT = fit, max Transfers without fit, 2 \bullet /3 \bullet = can be BAL without fit, 3 \bullet / \bullet / \bullet = good 5+card \bullet / \checkmark / \bullet or 6+card 2 \bullet -2 \checkmark -2 \bullet = asking \rightarrow 2NT = nothing useful; 3 \bullet / \bullet = (4)5+ \checkmark / \bullet ; 3 \checkmark / \bullet = (5)6+ \bullet / \bullet ; 2 \bullet -2 \checkmark -2NT/3X = NF, 5+card; 2 \bullet -2 \checkmark -2NT-3NS = NF, 5+card; 2 \bullet -2 \bullet -2NT = (S)BAL, 3X = 5+card Major, 6+card minor		
2*	5+♥	~7-11 6c ~9-13 55	6+M, ~7-11, 7-8 L 5+M 5+m, 9-13 ~6 L 65 M+m / ≤4 L 5M5m 18+	2♥ = automatic, can be SRT in ♥; 2♠ = 5+♠, INV+; 2NT = GF+ ask; 3♠ = GF+, ♥ fit, ask; 3♦ = INV opposite 6c. with ♥ fit; 3♥/4♥ = PRE/to play	Bidding after overcall Dbl = Penalty; NS = values with (semi)fit;		
2♥	5+♠	18+ 55 7+ 65 +		$3 = 6 + 4 = 5.6 \text{ I INV} \cdot 4 = \text{volume} + \text{fit}$	NS jump = suit + fit, 2NT = INV+ asking		
2♠	5+♣/5+♦	~9-13 or 18+	5+ 2 5+ 4 , ~9-13 ~6 L or 18+ ≤3 L OR any 65+	2NT = INV+, asking; 3/4/5♠/♦ = to play. 3♥/♠ = NAT, NF 2♠-2NT-3♠ = 9-11, 55, 3♦/♥/♠/NT = 12-14 single ♠/♥ / void ♠/♥	Bidding after overcall		
2NT	5+♥/5+♠	7+ 65+	5+ ♥ $5+$ ♠ , 9-14(16) ~6 L or 18+ ≤3 L OR any 65+	3♣ = ♥ fit and asking; 3♦ = ♠ fit and asking; 3M/4M/3NT = to play	Dbl = Penalty; REST = logical bidding		
3NT	7+♥/♠	~9-14	Solid 7+card Major, no outside Ace	4♣ = slam try with 3 aces; 4♦ = slam try with 2 aces; 4♥/♠ = to play	2M = minimum, ~7 TL; 2M+3 = 2-suiter (10cards), ~5 TL;		
3♣/ ♦/ ♥/♠ 4♣/ ♦/ ♥/♠	6+ 7+	(6)8-11(13) (6)8-11(15)	PREEMPTIVE 3 rd seat can be wider range	Natural, 3♣-3♦ = ask for 3-card Major; 3m-4om = slam invite, 3m-4m = PRE	2M+1 = extra, \sim 6 TL; 2M+2 = GF, max \leq 5 TL; 3M = 6♥, unbalanced minimum, \sim 6 TL		