#### DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

Generally full system responses and rebids for 1 over 1 overcalls (1x)-1M-(p)-2 = art. good hand, but not FG if overcaller rebids 2 • Reuben advances when we overcall 2 •

2NT response to 2 level overcalls = good raise, usually 4+ support, or 3 and strong

# 1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)

Direct 1NT = 15-bad 18

System on with transfer into oppo's suit = stopper ask Bidding oppo's M after stayman = 5+oM Balancing 1NT = 11-15

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## JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak jump overcalls

 $(1 \clubsuit) 2 \spadesuit = \text{majors if } 1 \clubsuit \text{ is short or better minor}$ Reopening 2NT is 19-21

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

 $(1 \clubsuit) 2 \clubsuit = NAT \text{ if vs short or better minor}$ 

Michaels and unt (any strength)

(1m) 3m and (1M) 3M = stop ask

#### VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)

Strong NT defence (inc.14-16 NT): Multi-Landy, X = 4M5+m Weak NT defence (inc.13-15 NT): Multi-Landy, X = pen PH defence: X = one minor or MM, 2m = 5m4M, 2M = nat

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

X = takeout, leaping and non-leaping Michaels Jumping to 3N generally shows a long minor (3M) 4M = good 4oM bid

(4m) 4NT = natural

#### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1 a or 2 a

1 ♦ = 4 or 1 √ 1 = inverted, 1 NT = 2 non-touching

2♣ = WJO in next suit or two suited next higher suits (also applies after 1♣-p-1 ◆)

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

 $XX = \text{values (now } 1^{\text{st}} X \text{ from either player} = \text{t/o, subsequent} = \text{pen)}$ System on over 1 m(X)

Transfers over 1M (X)

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### OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead (including in Partner's Suit)		
Suit	3/low		
NT	Att; top/2 <sup>nd</sup> from xxx, 2 <sup>nd</sup> from xxxx, 3 <sup>rd</sup> from xxxxx		
Subseq			

Other:

Honour lead asks for unblock - 1 below or r/att from 2 below/any higher

LEADS	K from AK@5-level or vs 4m	rom AK@5-level or vs 4m (asks for rev count)		
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT		
Ace	AK(x)+, Ax	AK(x)+		
King	KQ(x)+, AK doubleton	AKJ10(x)+, AKQx, KQ(x)+		
Queen	QJ(x)+	KQ109(+),KQJx, QJx(+), AQJ(+)		
Jack	J10x(+);	J10(x)+; AJ10, KJ10		
10	10x; H109x (+)	10x; H109(x)+		
9	9x, 109x (+)	9x, 109x (+)		
Hi-X	3 <sup>rd</sup> /low, Xx, X	Xx, XXx, xXxx		
Lo-X	$3^{rd}$ low – xxX, xxXx xxXxxx	HxSx (+); HxS; xSx		

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Lo = enc	Hi = odd	Lo = enc
Suit 2	Hi = odd	S/P	S/P
3	S/P		Hi = odd
1	Lo = enc	Hi = odd	Lo = enc
NT 2	Hi = odd	S/P	S/P
3	S/P		Hi = odd

Signals (including Trumps):

S/P in trumps

#### **DOUBLES**

#### TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

(1x)-X-(1M)-X = pen

Jumps are PRE over oppo's value-showing XX

X = freq t/o

# SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Negative, Responsive X, Support X (up to 2♠)

G/T doubles

Lightner doubles

X of SPL when red = asks for lead of higher-ranking suit

#### W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Green NCBO: England

PLAYERS: Giles IP / Andy COPE / Oscar Selby

#### SYSTEM SUMMARY

#### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

5 Card Majors, 14-16 NT (15-17 3rd/4th)

1 = Natural / (11)12-13 NT / 17-19 NT (may have 5)

with transfer responses (light responses possible)

 $1 \bullet = 4 + \bullet$ , unbalanced

Weak-only Multi 2♦ - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> NV (can be very weak)

Ekren 2♦ - 3<sup>rd</sup> seat or vul (at least 44MM)

Weak Two in ♥ & ♠

# SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

## 1 level responses

TRF responses to 1 4 (1 = No 4cM, unless FG with 5+)

1 - 1NT = FG with 5+, occasionally BAL

1 - 2 = weak both majors (at least 5-4), 5-9pts

 $1 \clubsuit - 2 ♦ / 2 ♥ =$ weak **or** strong jump shift in ♥ / ♠

1♣-2♠ = both minors (5-5), weak or FG

 $1 \leftarrow -2 = \text{Art FG } ( \rightarrow \text{ or BAL})$ 

 $1 \diamond -2 \diamond = \text{FG } 5 + \clubsuit$ 

 $1 \leftarrow -2M = WJS$ 

1m-2NT/3m = PRE/mixed (mixed/INV for •)

1♥-1♠ = 5+♠

1 ♥-1N = NF 5-11, may routinely have 4 ♠

1M-2 = Art FG ( , or BAL )

1 ♥-2 ♦ and 1 ♠-2 ♥ = good 3 card raise

 $1 - 2 = 5 + \checkmark$ , 9 + pts

#### 2 level responses

2 = GF or 20-21 bal

 $2 \bullet$  = weak in either M (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> NV), weak MM (3<sup>rd</sup> or vul)

2M = weak

# IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

Transfers in competition in many different situations

# **PSYCHICS: Uncommon, but possible**

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OPENING	TICK	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1.*		2	5♥	Natural / (11)12-13NT / 17-19NT (may have 5♦)	1 ◆ = 4 + ♥; $1 ♥ = 4 + ♠$ , $1 ♠ = no 4cM$ , unless FG w/ $5 + ♦1NT = FG with 5+ ♣$ , occasionally BAL $2 \clubsuit = \text{MM Weak}$ , $2 ♦ / 2 ♥ = 6 + \text{M TFR}$ , weak or strong $2 \spadesuit = \text{both minors}$ , weak or FG; $2\text{NT} = \text{PRE}$ $3 \clubsuit = \text{mixed}$ , $3x = \text{PRE}$	1★:1red-complete = wk NT or unbal with 3 card supp (may have 4 card supp if min), then 3 way CB 1★:1♠, 1NT = weak NT, then art. continuations 1★:1♠, 2♠ = (17)18-19 bal, then art. continuations 1♣:1red, 2NT = 16+pts, 45 or 36 1♣:1red, 3♠ = (17)18-19 balanced 4M raise	System on after $1 \text{ (}1 \text{ (}1\text{ /}X\text{)}$ Transfers over $1 \text{ (}1\text{M)}$ and $1 \text{ (}2\text{M)}$
1 •		4	5♥	Natural unbalanced freq 5+ ♦ unless 4 ♦ (441) 4 ♦ 5 ♣ poss but rare	$1NT = 5-11$ , $2 = FG \bullet$ or BAL, $2 \bullet = FG 5 + 2M = WJS$ , $2NT = 4 + 4 \bullet$ , $< 8pts$ 3m = Nat INV, $3M = Nat$ , PRE	Many Art. rebids after $1 \cdot 1M$ $1 \cdot 1M$ , $2 \cdot = 6 \cdot 10-14$ or any $18+1 \cdot 1M$ , $2NT = 16+pts$ , $45$ or $36$	Transfers over $1 \bullet (1M)$ , $1 \bullet (2/3 \clubsuit)$ and $1 \bullet (2M)$ Trf rebids on after $(X/1 \spadesuit)$ in $4^{th}$
1 🕶		5	5♥	Natural 10-22	1 ♠ = 5+♠, 1NT = 5-11, NF. May have 4 ♠ 2 ♣ = Art. GF, 2 ♦ = 3M INV raise, 2 ♥ = 7-9 2 ♠ = 4+♥ FG, 2NT = mixed, 3 ♣ = 55mm INV 3 ♦ = 4M INV raise, 3 ♥ = PRE, 3 ♠ = 4 ♥, any SPL, 3NT/4m = voids	Transfer rebids after $1 \lor :1 \land /1NT$ and $1 \land :1NT$ $1M:2 \spadesuit -2 \blacklozenge = $ any min $(2 \lor = $ relay, $2 \spadesuit = 3M $ supp) $1M:2 \clubsuit - $ art. rebids for non-min and extreme shapes 1M:2M-1/2M-2NT = First train, asks for cue 1M:2M-1/2M-3NT = 17-19 balanced, CoG	System on after 1M (1 $\spadesuit$ ) Transfers over 1M (X or 2/3 $\clubsuit$ ) 1M (3x) 4 $\spadesuit$ = S/T in M 1M (3x) 4 $\spadesuit$ = GF in M 1 $\spadesuit$ (3 $\blacktriangledown$ ) 4 $\blacktriangledown$ = GF w/ $\blacktriangledown$ cue
1 🛧		5	5♥	Natural 10-22	1NT = 5-11, NF $2 = \text{Art. GF}, 2 = 5 + \checkmark, 9 + \text{pts}, 2 \checkmark = 3M \text{ INV raise}$ 2 = 7 - 9, 2NT = $4 + 6 + 6$ , $3 = 55 + 6$ = $4 - 6$	1 ★:2 ★ & 1 ★:2NT- 1 <sup>st</sup> step = any min (then relay for shortage), 2 <sup>nd</sup> step = non-min, no shortage, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> step = non-min, short ★/◆/oM 1 ★:2 ◆-2NT = inquiry with responses like Swedish, 3 ★ = GF ★ or ♠, 3M = good min	Trf rebids on after (X) in 4 <sup>th</sup> As PH: 2 = best 4 card raise, 2M-1 = 3 card raise, 2N = mixed. Fit jumps
INT		1	-	14-16 (15-17 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> ) (upgrades + semi-bal shapes poss)	2♣ = Stayman, $2 • / 2 • = trf$ , $2 • = range$ ask or ♣, 2NT = puppet, $3 • = •$ , $3 • = minors$ 5-5 FG 3M = short 31(54) FG, $4 • = 55$ MM min FG, $4$ red = trf	1NT:2 $\clubsuit$ , 2 $\spadesuit$ :2N = 5 $\spadesuit$ inv 2 <sup>nd</sup> round trfs after 1NT:2red, 2M (2 $\spadesuit$ = asks) 1NT:2NT, 3 $\clubsuit$ = no 5M, then 3 $\spadesuit$ = $\spadesuit$ , 3 $\spadesuit$ = $\spadesuit$ , 4 $\spadesuit$ =pick Smolen after 1N-2 $\clubsuit$ -2 $\spadesuit$ and 1N-2N-3 $\spadesuit$	Transfer Lebensohl (FASS) 2N = s/o in suit or 4oM FG 1NT (2♥) 3m = switch inv+, otherwise transfers from 3♣ Leaping Michaels, 4oM-1 = trf
2*	✓	1	-	FG or 20-21 balanced	$2 \bullet = \text{relay}, 2 \bullet = 5 + \spadesuit, 2 \spadesuit = \text{MSS FG}, 2\text{NT} = 6 + \clubsuit \text{ S/T}, 3 \spadesuit = 6 + \spadesuit \text{ S/T}, 3 \spadesuit = 55 + \text{MM}$	$2 \div : 2 \checkmark$ , $2 \checkmark : 2 \checkmark$ , $2N = 20-21$ bal, then stayman and trfs, with $3 \checkmark / 3 \checkmark = 5 + \checkmark$ and cyphered minor, FG $2 \div : 2 \checkmark$ , $2 \checkmark : 2N / 3 \checkmark =$ weak sign off in minor $2 \div : 2 \checkmark$ , $2N = 24-25$ bal	X = 0-4 Pass = forcing If they $X$ , $2 \bullet = 5+ \checkmark$ , sys on
2 •	✓	1	-	Weak in either major (NV 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> )	2M/3M = P/C, $2NT = inquiry4 = asks$ for tfr, $4 = bid$ your major, $4M = to$ play	2 ◆:2NT; 3m = cyphered min, 3M = oM max	If they X, Pass = suggestion RDBL = general values
2 •	✓	-	-	Both majors, at least 4-4 (VUL or 3rd)	2M/3M = NF, 2NT = inquiry, 3 new = forcing	2 ♦ :2NT; 3 ♣ = 5/4 min, 3 ♦ = 4/4 min, 3M = max, smolen, 3NT = 4/4 max, 4m = short, 5/5 max	If they X, Pass = suggestion RDBL = general values
2♥		5	-	Weak	$2NT = \text{inquiry}, 2 \blacktriangle = NF, 3 \blacktriangle = 6+ \blacktriangle FG, 4m = SPL$ Delayed $4 \clubsuit = PMKC$	$2M:2N, 3 = \max \text{ w/shortage (then Swedish)}$ $2M:2N, 3 = 6-4MM, 3M = \min, 4L = \text{ nat}$	X of overcall = pen 2NT still inquiry
2 🏚		5	-	Weak	2NT = inquiry, 4m/4♥ = SPL, Delayed 4♣ = PMKC	1	
2NT		-	-	22-23 balanced	3 = stayman, $3 = red = trf3 = MSS$ , $4L = 2$ -under S/T	Smolen after $2N-3 - 3 + 3$ 2N-3 red, $3$ complete = fit, $2N:3 - 3 = 5$ , not $3$	
3 suit		6	-	PRE	3 - 3 =  asks for 3cM; $3 - 4 $ , $3$	3 + 3 - 3 = no 3cM, 3 = 3 = 3	X of overcall = pen
3NT	✓	7	-	4 of a minor pre-empt	4 = P/C, 4 = S/T	HIGH LEVEL BIDDI	NG
4m 4M	✓	7	-	Good 4M opening (1st/2nd) PRE	4 ♦= interest; 4 ♥ = to play, 4N = RKCB 4N = RKCB	Kickback – 4 of the bid above 4 of the trump suit is RKCB (3014), Exclusion KC ditto PMKC 01122, 3 <sup>rd</sup> round CTRL ask (1 <sup>st</sup> step = 0, 2 <sup>nd</sup> step = 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> step = 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> round controls) DOPI/ROPI, Italian cue bids, Non-serious 3M-1, last train bids	