| Defensive and Competitive Bidding |
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| Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening) |
| 1-level: Light 2-level: Sound |
| 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening) 15-18 in both seats. Responses are same as after opening 1NT. |
| Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) <br> Weak, normally 6+ card <br> $1 x-2 N T$ : Two lowest unbidded suits |
| Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses) <br> Over m: Both major (at least 5-5) <br> Over M: Other major + a minor (at least 5-5) <br> Jump cue: Ask for stopper |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { DBL=Strong } \\ & 2 *=\text { Both majors } \\ & 2 \star=\text { One major } \\ & 2 \vee / 2 \wedge=4 \text { major }+ \text { a minor }(5+) \\ & 2 N T=\text { Both minors } \end{aligned}$ |
| VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids) |
| Informative DBL \|2NT=15-18 |
| VS. Artificial Strong Openings |
| VS 1*- dbl=both majors, 1NT=both minors |
| Over Opponents' take out double |
| RDBL=10+ <br> 1level round forcing <br> 2level non forcing, except 2NT |


| Leads and Signals |  |  |  |
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| Opening Leads Style |  |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| NT | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| Subseq | Attitude when opening a new suit through declarer. 3rd-5th remaining. |  |  |
| Leads |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) |  |
| King | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT $(\mathrm{x})$ | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) |  |
| Queen | AQJ (x)/QJ(x)/QJT (x) | AQJ( x )/QJ( x )/QJT ( x ) |  |
| Jack | $\mathrm{HJT}(\mathrm{x}) / \mathrm{JT}(\mathrm{x})$ | HJT(x)/JT(x) |  |
| 10 | HT9x/AQT(x)/T9x | HT9x/AQT(x)/T9x |  |
| 9 | H9x/9xx | H9x/9xx |  |
| X | Hxxx/HT9 $/$ /xxxx(x) | Hxxx/HT9x/ $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{x}(\mathrm{x}$ ) |  |
| Signals in order of priority |  |  |  |
|  | Partners lead | Declarer | Discarding |
| Suit: | Attitude | Count | Attitude |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count | Count |  |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ |  |  |  |
| NT: | Attitude | Count | Attitude |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count |  | Count |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ |  |  |  |
| Signals (including Trump's): <br> Hi-Low=Discrg/Even number, Low-HI=Encrg/Odd number Smith against NT. Hi-Low likes the lead from both hands. Lavinthal in obvious positions. |  |  |  |
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| Doubles |  |  |  |
| Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening) |  |  |  |
| Light at one-level and balancing position. Sound at two-level. |  |  |  |
| Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's |  |  |  |
| NEG+Responsive+Support DBL \& RDBL |  |  |  |



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| 1\% |  | 2 | 3 | 11-21 hp May have 2* and 4 | $1 \star=4+\bullet, 1 \bullet=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=6$-10 hp no 4-card major or $\bullet$, $1 \mathrm{NT}=11-12 \mathrm{hp}, 2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ inverted minor, $2 \diamond / \downarrow=$ very weak or strong with $6+\bullet / \wedge, 2 \boldsymbol{A}=$ invite with $5+\boldsymbol{*}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=13-15,3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ preempt with $\boldsymbol{\star}, 3 \star / \boldsymbol{\wedge} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\operatorname{void}$ in suit and $6+\boldsymbol{*}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=$ balanced $16 / 17$ | $1 \bullet-1 \diamond-2 \bullet=13 / 14$ and $4 \bullet, 1 \bullet=3 \bullet$ any hands or $4 \vee$ and 11-12/18-19 |  |
| 1 |  | 4 | 3 | 11-21hp | Inverted minor, 2Major weak, 2NT=11/12, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=6-9$ with $\uparrow 3 \star=$ preemptive | $1 \star-1 \wedge-2 *-2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ not forcing, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ game forcing, $3 \boldsymbol{v}=\mathrm{GF}$ with at least 5-5 in Major |  |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5 | 3 | 11-21hp | 1NT=6-12hp, $2 * / *$ GF if not rebid suit, 2NT=Jacoby GF, $2 \uparrow / 3 \star=$ mini-splinter in $\uparrow / * / \star, 3 *=$ Balanced invite $\mathrm{w} / \bullet, 3 \vee=$ preemptive, $3 \wedge / 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 4 \star=$ splinter | $1 \vee-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \boldsymbol{*} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ at least 3 in the suit, $4 \boldsymbol{*} / \star=$ void, $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ void in $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ and minimum, $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ void and maximum, 3NT=18/19 <br> $1 \vee-1 N T-2 N T=G F$ | $1 \vee-2 \boldsymbol{*}=3 \vee$ invite $1 \vee-2 \diamond=4+\bullet$ invite |
| 14 |  | 5 | 3 | 11-21hp | Similar as for 1v <br> $3 \boldsymbol{*} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ mini-splinter in $\boldsymbol{\bullet} / \boldsymbol{\star} / \star, 3 \star=$ balanced inv. | Same as for 1v | Same as for 1v |
| 1 NT |  |  |  | (14)15-17 hp May have 5M or 6m, 5-4-2-2 or singleton | $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ stayman, $2 \star / \vee=$ transfer, $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ search for minors, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ invite, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ invitational, $4 \boldsymbol{\star} / 4 \star=$ TRSF to $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ | 1NT-2*-2 -2 |  |
| 2* | X | 0 |  | Strong forcing to $2 \mathrm{NT} / 3 \mathrm{M}$ | $2 \star=$ waiting bid, $2 \bullet / \wedge=5+\vee / \wedge$ and 7+hp, 2NT-7+ no 4+-card Major, 3minor=natural | $2 *-2 *-2 N T=20-21,3 \vee / \wedge=4$ in major suit + longer $2 *-2 *-2 N T-$ bid=same as after opening 2NT |  |
| 2 | X | 0 |  | 0-7 and 5/6 in <br> 1 M or strong NT | $2-2 \mathrm{M}=$ pass or correct, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ asking, 3minor=natural, 3Major=preempt | No VUL: $2 \star-2 N T-3 \boldsymbol{*}=\max (3 \star=$ ask for suit, bid opposite suit), $3 \diamond / \vee=\min$ with $2 \star-2 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{NT}=25-27 \text { balanced }$ |  |
| 2 |  | 6 |  | 8-10hp with 6v | $2 \boldsymbol{v}-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ forcing for one round, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ asking for single | $2 \downarrow-2 N T-3 *=$ sidesuit, $3 \bullet=$ single m, $3 \uparrow$ single |  |
| $2 \wedge$ |  | 6 |  | Same as 2v | Similar as $2 \vee$ |  |  |
| 2 NT |  |  |  | 22-24 | $3 *=$ puppet stayman, $3 \star / \vee=$ TRSF | Slam Conventio |  |
| $3 x$ |  | 6 |  | Preemptive | New suit forcing for a round | RCKB 0314 <br> Exclusion blackwood |  |
| 3NT |  |  |  | Gambling, usually solid minor | $4 \star=$ pass or correct, $4 \star=$ ask for cuebid, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ ask for extra length. | Splinter and Mini-Splinter DOPI/ROPI |  |
| 4*, |  | 8 |  | Preemptive | 4nt=blackwood | Cuebids |  |
| 4•, ^ |  |  |  | Play | New suit=cuebid | Lightner DBL |  |
| 4NT | X |  |  | Ask for specific aces | $5 \boldsymbol{*}=0$ aces, $5 \diamond / \downarrow / \wedge=$ that ace, $5 \mathrm{NT}=2$ aces, $6 \boldsymbol{*}=\boldsymbol{*}$ ace |  |  |

