# **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

1 level: (very) light. (1x)-1y-(p)-2x=promises rebid 2 level: sound Cuebids: Good raise with support Responses 1-level: F1, 2-level: constructive, 3 level = nat FG Double jumps are fit jumps (+fit non jumps)

### 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

15-18 hcp any seat. System on.

Nilslands slinkningar if doubled (rdbl = one suit, suit bid shows the bid suit and the one above, pass asks for rdbl; either to play, or to show a two-suiter with rounded or pointed suits (or ++).

## Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak jump overcalls, 2 NT = two lowest,  $5^+-5^+$ , wide range. Leaping Michaels, also over 3M, also  $4^{th}$  seat (vs Multi, suit+ $\mathbf{v}$ )

### Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Over m = both M. Wide range Over  $M = other M + \clubsuit$ . Wide range

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

VS strong NT: Dbl = Normally 4 + 5+another suit, but other distributions frequently occurs (4-4, 4-6+, 5-5). 2\*/ = \*/ + \*, 2\* =natural, 2\* =natural, 2NT =wide range with \*, OR both majors, strong. Vs weak NT (11-13 or less) = Multi/Landy

VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

#### T/O dbl

Leaping Michaels (5<sup>+</sup>-5<sup>+</sup>, FG) over 2M/3M, all seats Cuebid: ASK for stopper

# VS. Artificial Strong Openings

Yeslek: any bid shows the suit above the suit bid, or the two others, dbl =  $\diamond$  OR  $\checkmark+\diamond$ , NT= $\diamond+\diamond$  OR  $\diamond+\diamond$ (if doubled, pass is suggestion to play, xx asks p to bid next suit, (normally to play own suit) all other bids p/c) Vs Strong 2 $\diamond$ : x= $\diamond$ , 3 $\diamond$ =M, 2NT = minors, otherwise natural

#### Over Opponents' take out double

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Rdbl: 10+ HCP
1-over-1 = F1
2-over-1 = NF (except 1 \checkmark / \bigstar - (x) - 2 \checkmark / \checkmark =good raise M)
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Leads and Signals									
Opening Leads Style									
	Lead	Lead							
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> , top of sequence			3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>					
NT	4 <sup>th</sup> best (low x may from longer suits), from bad suits	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>							
Subseq	Attitude when opening a new suit								
Leads									
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. Suit		Vs. NT					
Ace	AK/AKx/AKxx(x)		AK/AKx/AKxx(x)						
King	KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(	x)	KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)/AKJT						
Queen	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)		AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)/ KQT9						
Jack	HJT(x)/JT(x)		HJT(x)/JT(x)						
10	HT9x/T9x		HT9x/T9x						
9	J98/9x		J98/98xx						
x	$Hx \mathbf{x} x/xx \mathbf{x}(x)$ $Hxx \mathbf{x}/xx$		Hxx <u>x</u> / <u>xx</u> x	$\underline{x}xx(x)/\underline{x}xx(x)$					
Signals in order of priority									
	Partners lead	Decla	arer	Discarding					
Suit:	Encrg/discrg	Count	t, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	Encrg/discrg					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Count, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	S/P		Count, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P			S/P					
NT:	Encrg/discrg	Smith	-Peter	Encrg/discrg					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Count, 3rd/5th	Count	t, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	Count, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P	S/P		S/P					

Low=odd number or encouraging, High= Even number or discouraging 5/6 level: A for attitude, K for count

A-lead vs suit: for attitude, give count only if Qxx or Jxxx in dummy

## Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

# Light style, also reopenings

## Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Support dbl and rdbl, responsive dbl, negative dbl, competitive dbl  $1 \div -(1 \diamond) - db = \checkmark$ ,  $1 \checkmark = 4.5 \diamond$ ,  $1 \diamond = < 3 \diamond$ ,  $1 \bigstar -(pass) - 1x - (x) - xx =$  suggest to play (HHxx+ in suit).



Psychics

May occur

Opening	Art	Min.#	Neg. D. thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding and interfered auctions	
1*		2	4	Include all 4333/4432-hands Could open light if distributional, 11+ hcp with balanced hands	<b>1 ●</b> = <b>●</b> , <b>1 ●</b> = <b>6</b> -8 NT/ weak with <b>◆</b> / weak with both m, inv with <b>◆</b> or GF with <b>◆</b> (could have GF 5+ <b>◆</b> , 4+M) 1 NT=9-10 (11) hcp, balanced, 2NT = nat, inv, 4 <b>♣</b> 2 <b>♦</b> = inverted minor, at least invitational, 2 <b>♦</b> = weak 2 <b>♥</b> / <b>♦</b> = 6 cards, 3-7 hcp, 3 <b>♣</b> = preemptive, 0-6 hcp 3 <b>♦</b> / <b>♥</b> / <b>♦</b> = void	$1 \bullet - 2 \lor = 4 \lor 11-12 (13) \text{ hcp}$ $1 \bullet - 1 \lor = 3 \lor \text{ any distribution, or 4 \lor \text{ and stronger}}$ (semi)balanced hand (strength depending on vul because of weak NT non vul), xy and xyz NT $1 \bullet - 2 \bullet - 3 \bullet = \text{weak unbalanced, } 1 \bullet - 2 \bullet - 2 \text{NT} = 12-13$ (14) balanced , $1 \bullet - 2 \bullet - 2 \bullet = \text{nat, strong, OR}$ (17)18- 19NT Passed: Transfers and Inverted minor on. xy-NT and xyz on, except when partner denies 3-card support. xy(z) o if interfered auctions. Fit jumps $1m - (2M) - 2NT = \text{Lebensohl (always)}$ SWITCH(off if passed): $1 \bullet - (1 \bullet 2 \bullet)$ transfers $(1 \bullet - (1 \bullet) - 2 \bullet = \lor, 2 \lor = \bullet)$ $1 \bullet - (1 \lor) - 2 \lor = 6 + \diamondsuit, 2 \bullet = \text{inv minor}$		
1 🔶		4/5	4♠	4 only if 4-4-4-1	Inv minor, $3 = 4+$ , 6-9, 2M=6+, 3-7, double jumpshifts = void	Natural, xy-NT, xyz	As above	
1 🗸		5	4	11+ if balanced	2 ◆ 2/1=GF unless rebid suit OR 4-7 3+♥ support, 2♥=8-11 2 ▲= Mini-splinter in one m, exactly invitational, 3♣=4+♥, bal inv, 3♦= single ♠, inv, 3♥=pre, 2NT=4+♥, GF. 4♠=To play	2NT-3NT=(17)-18-19 bal. 2NT-3x=nat, not min. 2NT-3x-3 $\checkmark$ =asks for singleton, 3/4x = singleton, 3NT = start cuebid	$1 \lor -2 m =$ values in bid m, $3+ \lor$ , inv $1 \lor -2 NT =$ both minors SWITCH: $1 \lor -(1 \bigstar/2 \bigstar)$ - transfers $1 \lor -(dbl) - 1 nt/2 \bigstar =$ transfers	
1 🛦		5	4♠	As above	1NT=NF, 6-11 hcp, $2 \checkmark$ = Nat GF OR 4-7 $\bigstar$ supp, $2 \bigstar$ = 8-11, $3 \clubsuit$ = Mini-splinter in one m $3 \blacklozenge$ = 4+ $\bigstar$ , bal inv, $3 \checkmark$ =single, inv, $3 \clubsuit$ =pre, 2NT=4+ $\bigstar$ , GF, $4 \clubsuit \checkmark$ $\checkmark$ veroid		As above Weak raise reversed if double $1 \spadesuit -(dbl) - 1 nt/2 \clubsuit/2 \blacklozenge = transfers$	
1NT			4 <b>▲</b> 3◆	15-17 vul and 4 <sup>th</sup> seat (5M/6m/single/5-4) (8) 9-12 non vul (8) 9-15 3 <sup>rd</sup> non vul/vs vul	After strong NT: $2 = \text{Stayman}, 2 \neq / \forall / \texttt{A} = \text{transfers}, 3 \neq / \texttt{A} = (5) 6 + \texttt{A} / \texttt{A}$ $+4 \forall \text{ASK 5-card M}, \forall / \texttt{A} = \text{singleton}, \text{GF}, 2 \text{ NT} = \text{ASK 5 card M},$ $\text{GF 4} = \text{trf to } \forall, 4 \notin = \text{trf to } \bigstar, 4 \forall / \texttt{A} = \text{to play}$ After weak NT: $2 \Rightarrow = \text{Weak Stayman}, 2 \notin = \text{GF Stayman},$ $2 \forall / \texttt{A} = \text{to play}, 2 \text{NT} = \text{inv}, 3 \text{m} = \text{to play } (9-15 \text{ NT}, \text{as after strong})$ NT), $3 \text{M}: 6 + \text{cards}, \text{very mild distrib.game try}, 4 \text{NT} = \text{quant}$	<ul> <li>1NT-2NT-, 3♣= 6 card one m, 3♦ = no 5-card M Break transfer: 2NT=4+max, 3x=Nat HHxxx, 3 card support.</li> <li>1NT-3x-4x=super fit</li> <li>1NT -2♣-2♦-2M=5 card suit, inv</li> <li>1NT -2♦-2x-2NT=asks for distribution</li> </ul>	Contested auctions If natural interference: Bid=NF, t/o dbl (also with a passed hand). If art. int., dbl = inv+ If natural interference: T/o dbl If artificial interference: dbl = inv+	
2*	Х			Normally 20+ hcp, may be weaker w playing tricks	$2 \neq \text{weak}$ . $2 \neq / \Rightarrow \text{Nat}$ , $5 + \text{hcp}$ , $2\text{NT}=\text{balanced}$ , $7 + \text{hcp}$ , $3\text{m}=$ Nat, at least Hxxxx, $6 + \text{hcp}$ , $3\text{M}=4\text{M}+5+ \diamond$ , $3\text{NT}=\text{solid suit}$ , no outside strength	$2 \div - 2 \diamond - 2 \checkmark / \diamond - 3 \bigstar = 2^{nd}$ neg (rele if response $3 \bigstar +$ ) $2 \bigstar - 2NT - 3 \bigstar = ASK 4$ card suits, $2 \bigstar - 2 \diamond - 3M = 5 + \diamond - 4M$ , $2 \bigstar - 2M - 3M - 3/4x = single$ , $3NT = bal slamtry$		
2•	Х			Min. 4-4(5 vul)M. 3- 10 hcp, playing strength dep on vul.	$2/3/4 \checkmark / \bigstar$ to play, 2NT/3 $\clubsuit$ = asking 3 $\blacklozenge$ = slam try in $\blacklozenge$	$2 \diamond - 2NT - 3 \bigstar / 3NT = 4-4$ in M min/max, $2 \diamond - 2NT - 3 \bigstar / \checkmark = 5 + \checkmark$ and $4 \bigstar / 5 + \bigstar$ and $4 \bigstar , 2 \diamond - 2NT - 4 \bigstar / \diamond =$ void and min. 5-5. $2 \diamond - 3 \bigstar 3 \diamond =$ minimum		
2¥		6		Weak, 3-10, dep vul	2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1	2♥-2NT-3♥= min, no 1/0, 3NT = max, no 1/0	4 <sup>th</sup> seat: 11-15, 6 <sup>(+)</sup> -card suit	
2♠		6		As above	2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1			
2NT			4♠	20-21 hcp	<b>3</b> $\bullet$ = Puppet Stayman ( <b>3</b> $\bullet$ = denies M, 3NT=5 $\bullet$ ; 4NT from opener= Blackout.) <b>3</b> $\bullet/\bullet$ = transfers, <b>3</b> $\bullet$ = slamtry m (4 <sup>+</sup> -4 <sup>+</sup> ), 4 $\bullet$ = slamtry with $\bullet$ , 4 $\bullet$ = slamtry with $\bullet$ etc.If interference: over m:dbl=penalty, over M: dbl=neg, if art: dbl=strength	High Level Bidding		
Зx		6		Preemptive, according to vul	3♣ - 3♦=trf, to play in ♥or ♠(light inv) or pick a game. New suit FG. After dbl competitive. 3M-4m = cuebid, 4M=To play	RKCB (0314), Exclusion RKCB (all jumps to the 5-level when trumps is agreed), DOPI/ROPI/DEPO. 5NT in unclear situation: pick a slam. If trump Q denied, we can switch trump to a previous bid suit.		
3NT				1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> seat: solid m	4♣ = p/c, 4♦=ASK short suit,4M=To play,4NT=ASK length	Splinters		
4♣,♦		6		Natural, preemptive	4M = To play	Cuebids, last train cuebids		
4♥,♠		6		Natural. To play	Any bid: Cuebid.	Lightner dbl		
4NT	Х			Ask, specific aces	$5 = $ none, $5 \neq 46 $ that specific ace			