



| <b>Defensive and Competitive Bidding</b>  |
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| <b>OVERCALLS</b> (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level)  |
| 1-level: Aggressive 2-level: Sound<br>Responses to 1-level overcalls:<br>Cue bid = a) Good raise b) BAL INV c) any GF<br>2NT = 4-card support major, Jump = Mini-Splinter<br>New suit at 2 level = NOT FORCING<br>1 over 1 = F1 |
| <b>1NT OVERCALL</b> (2ND/4TH Live; Responses)   |
| 15-18   |
| <b>JUMP OVERCALLS</b> (Style; Responses)  |
| 1♣ - 2♦ = 55 major<br>1x - 2NT = Both minors (c+h over 1♦ if natural)<br>1M/2M - 4m = m+other M   |
| <b>DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS</b> (Style; Responses;)   |
| 1♣ - 2♣ = Natural<br>1♣/1♦ - 2♦ = 55 majors<br>1M-2M = Other major + Clubs<br>Jump cue-bid = Asks for stopper (1♣ - 3♣ = preemptive)  |
| <b>VS. NT</b> (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)  |
| Dbl= 4♠ + longer minor, 2♣ = Both majors<br>2♦/2♥ = Transfer ♥/♠, 2♠ = Clubs.<br><br>Both have passed: Dbl = ♠ + another, 2♣ = ♣+♥, 2♦ = ♦+♥  |
| <b>VS. PREEMPTS</b> ( Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)  |
| T/O doubles;<br>2NT : 15-18 HCP<br>Cue-bid; Asks for stopper at 3-level ; 2-suiter at 4-level<br>4NT=Strong 2-suiter  |
| <b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS</b>   |
| vs. 1♣: Dbl = Majors; 1NT = 4♠ + minor; 3NT=To play<br>vs. 2♣: Dbl = Majors; 2NT = 4♠ + minor   |
| <b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE</b>  |
| 1-level bids = F1<br>1♥ - Dbl - 2♦ = Balanced INV with 3-card support<br>1♠ - Dbl - 2♥ = Balanced INV with 3-card support<br>1♥/1♠ - Dbl - 1NT = Unbal INV with 3-card support  |

| <b>Leads and Signals</b>   |  |                                  |            |
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| <b>Opening Leads Style</b>   |  |                                  |            |
|  | Lead   | In Partner's Suit                |            |
| Suit   | Normally 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> |            |
| NT   | Normally 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> |            |
| Subseq   | Attitude when opening a new suit   |                                  |            |
| Other  | Against 5- level contracts or higher:<br>Ace: asks enc./disc. King: asks for count |                                  |            |
| <b>Leads</b>   |  |                                  |            |
| Lead   | Vs. Suit   | Vs. NT                           |            |
| Ace  | Ax(x), AKx(x), AKJTx   | Ax(x), AKx(x)                    |            |
| King   | AK, KQx(x), KQT9(x)  | KQx(x), KQT(x), AKJTx            |            |
| Queen  | AQJ, QJ, QJT,  | AQJ, QJ(x), QJT,KQ109            |            |
| Jack   | HJT(x), JT(x)  | HJT(x), JT(x)                    |            |
| 10   | HT9x, AQT(x), T9x  | HT9x, AQT(x), T9x                |            |
| 9  | H98x, 9x   | H98x, 9x                         |            |
| X  | Hxxxx, xxxxx   | Hxxxx, xxxxx                     |            |
| <b>Signals in order of priority</b>  |  |                                  |            |
|  | Partners lead  | Declarer                         | Discarding |
| Suit: 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Low = enc  | Count                            | Low = enc  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Suit pref (S/P)  | S/P                              | S/P        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Count  |                                  | Count      |
| NT 1 <sup>st</sup> :   | Same   | Smith/count                      | Same       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Same   |                                  | Same       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Same   |                                  | Same       |
| High-low = even, Low = encrg. Smith vs NT: High = Like                                   |  |                                  |            |
| <b>Doubles</b>   |  |                                  |            |
| Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)  |  |                                  |            |
| Light style, Cue-bid only force  |  |                                  |            |
| Special, Art. and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's  |  |                                  |            |
| Negative/responsive thru 4♦<br>Competitive thru 4♦<br>Support doubles to show 3-card fit |  |                                  |            |

| <br>EBL  | <br>Convention<br>Card |
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| Category  | Green  |
| Country   | Norway   |
| Event   |  |
| Players   | Ole Berset Bjørn Olav Ekren  |
| <b>System Summary</b>   |  |
| <b>General Approach and Style</b>   |  |
| Light opening style<br>5-card majors, 1♦ = 4+ (usually not 3343), 1♣ = 2+<br>1NT = 14-16<br>2♥/2♠ = NAT weak, 3-9   |  |
| <b>Special opening bids that may require defense</b>  |  |
| 2♦ <b>red</b> = NAT weak, 3-9<br>2♦ <b>green</b> = At least 44 in the majors, 3-9   |  |
| <b>Special bids that may require defense</b>  |  |
| 1♣ - 1♦ = a) 6-9 NT b) NAT c) Strong balanced<br>1♣ - 1♥/1♠ = May have longer diamonds<br>1♣ - 2♦ = 6-card major, weak<br>1♣/1♦ - 2♥ = GF with support<br>1♣/1♦ - 2♠ = INV with support |  |
| 1♥/1♠ - 2♣ = a) INV+ with 3 card support<br>b) Natural, F1<br>c) Balanced GF  |  |
| <b>Important notes that don't fit</b>   |  |
| <b>Psychics</b>   |  |
| Rare  |  |

| Opening | Artificial | Min. cards | Neg. dbl. thru | Description   | Responses   | Subsequent Auction  | Passed Hand Bidding         |
|---------|------------|------------|----------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1♣      | X          | 2          | 4♠             | 44 majors if 2 clubs<br>All 4333 shapes               | 1♦ = a) 6-9 NT, b) Natural c) Strong balanced, 1NT = 10-11,<br>2♣ = 8-11, 5+clubs, NF<br>2♦ = 6-card major, weak<br>2♥ = GF with 5+clubs, 2♠ = INV with 6+clubs, 2NT = BAL GF |   |                             |
| 1♦      |            | 4          | 4♠             | 4+card, usually not<br>3343                           | 2♣ = Natural, F1,<br>2♦ = 6-10, 4+diamonds, NF<br>2♥ = GF with 4+diamonds, 2♠ = INV with 4+diamonds, 2NT = BAL GF   |   |                             |
| 1♥      |            | 5 (4)      | 4♠             | 5+cards<br>(may have 4 in 3.rd seat)                  | 1NT = Nat, NF.<br>2♠ = 4H, 5-8 any singleton, 2NT = GF with 4+H<br>3♣ = 7-11 4+H, no singleton, 3♦ = 9-11, 4+H, any singleton;  |   | 2♣ = Toronto 3-card support |
| 1♠      |            | 5 (4)      | 4♥             | 5+cards<br>(may have 4 in 3.rd seat)                  | 1NT = Nat, NF.<br>2♦/2♥ = 5+cards, F1<br>2NT = GF with 4+S, 3♣ = 4+S, 5-8 any singleton,<br>3♦ = 7-11, 4+S, no singleton, 3♥ = 9-11, 4+S, any singleton                       |   | 2♣ = Toronto 3-card support |
| 1NT     |            | -          | 3♠             | 14-16, any 5332, 5422 &<br>6322 shape possible        | 2♣ = Stayman, 2♦/2♥ = Transfer, 2♠ = INV+ 6-card minor;<br>2NT = INV, 3x = Singleton GF; 4♦/4♥ = Transfer ♥/♠   |   |                             |
| 2♣      | X          | -          | 7NT            | Strong artificial                                     | 2♦ = 0-7, 2NT = 8+ BAL, 3♥/3♠ = Singleton, 5-8,<br>3NT = 55 majors, 5-8   |   |                             |
| 2♦      |            | 6 (5)<br>- |                | <b>Green</b> Weak two, 3-9<br><b>Red</b> 4+♥ 4+♠, 3-9 | <b>Green</b> : 2NT=F1, 2♥/2♠ = Nat. NF, 3♣/3♥/3♠ = nat, INV, 3♦ = Pre<br><b>Red</b> : 2NT=F1, 3♣ = INV major or any GF, 3♦ = GF minor, 3♥/3♠ = Pre                            | 2♦ - 2NT → 3♣ = Bad suit, 3♦ = OK suit,<br>3♥/3♠ = Singleton max, 3NT = Max   |                             |
| 2♥      |            | 6 (5)      |                | Weak two<br>(may have 5 in 3.rd seat)                 | 2NT = F1, 2♠ = Nat. NF, 3♣ /3♦ = NF, 3♥ = Pre, 3♠ = NAT INV   | 2♥ - 2NT → 3♣/3♦/3♠ = Singleton   |                             |
| 2♠      |            | 6 (5)      |                | Weak two<br>(may have 5 in 3.rd seat)                 | 2NT = F1, 3♣ /3♦ = Nat, NF, 3♥ = F1, 3♠ = Pre   | 2♠ - 2NT → 3♣/3♦/3♥ = Singleton   |                             |
| 2NT     |            | -          | 3♠             | 22-24 BAL   | 3♣ = Puppet, 3♦/3♥ = Transfer, 3♠ = Minor;<br>4♣ = Gerber, 4♦/4♥ = Transfer ♥/♠   | Slam Conventions  |                             |
| 3x      |            | 6          |                | Pre   | 3♥/3♠ = NF, 3♣ - 3♦ = Key-Card, 3♦/3♥/3♠ - 4♣ = Key-Card  | Cue bids: 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> round controls up the line<br>Splinter<br>5NT<br>Key-Card Blackwood<br>Exclusion Blackwood<br>DOPI/ROPI |                             |
| 3NT     |            | -          | Solid major    |   |   |   |                             |
| 4♣, 4♦  |            | 7          |                | Pre-emptive   | 4♣ - 4♦ = KC, 4♦ - 5♣ = KC,<br>4NT = To play  |   |                             |
| 4♥, 4♠  |            | 6          |                | Gambling  | New suit = Cue-bid, 4NT = KC  |   |                             |
| 4NT     | X          | -          |                | Asks for specific aces                                | 5♣ = 0 Aces, Suit = the Ace, 5NT = 2 Aces   |   |                             |