# Defensive and Competitive Bidding

## Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

may be weak 1-level (lead direction)

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

15-18 NT system ON.

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

2NT: 2 lowest unbid suits, weak or strong

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

Michaels after 1M (other M+♣), weak or strong

(1 - 2 = 4, 1 - 2) both Majors)

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

Vs strong (from 13 + NT)

X=4(+) + 5+minor

2♣= both M

2♦♥♦ = transfer (if  $\clubsuit$  = more solid than  $3 \clubsuit$ )

3 level NAT preemt

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

Take-out DBL

Over 3mi - 4mi = both M

2M/3mi/M.. 4m=m+ one M

(3M) - 4NT = both minor

#### VS. Artificial Strong Openings

Over 1♠: Dbl = Majors, NT= minors

#### Over Opponents' take out double

XX = 9 + hp,

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Leads and Signals									
Opening Leads Style									
		Lead		In Partner's Suit					
Suit	3 <sup>r</sup>	grd-5 <sup>th</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>					
NT	3r	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>					
Subseq	Α	Attitude when playing a new suit							
Leads									
Lead		Vs. Suit		Vs. NT					
Ace		AKx/AKxx(x)		AK/AKx/AKxx(x)					
King		AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)		KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)					
Queen		AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)		AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)					
Jack		HJT(x)/JT(x)		HJT(x)/JT(x)					
10		HT9x/T9x		HT9x//T9x					
9		9x, (H98(x))		9x, 9xx, 98xx(x), H98x(x)					
X		3rd /5th		Hxx / Hxx <u>x</u> /xxx/ <u>xx</u> xx					
Signals in order of priority									
	Dartners land Declarer Discording								

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding
Suit:	Enc/Discrg	Count	Enc/Discrg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Count	S/P	Count
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P		S/P
NT:	Enc/Discrg	Count	Enc/Discrg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Count	S/P	Count
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P		S/P

In General: low/high = encouraging

### Doubles

## **Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)**

Support double / negative double /

Sound style, light reopenings

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

RDBL in transfer seq shows 3 card support at 1&2 level.



#### Special bids that may require defence

1 - 2 = inv MM (at least 5-5)

#### Special forcing pass sequences

1X - bid -pass may be forcing. 2♣ -bid-pass=4+hp

#### Important notes that don't fit

1♣ (1♦) 1♥ = 4+♠

 $1 \clubsuit (1 •) 1 • = \text{ exactly } 4 • \text{ and } 4 + \checkmark$ 

 $1 \clubsuit / 1 \spadesuit (1 \heartsuit) - 1 \spadesuit = \text{denies } 4 + \spadesuit$ 

#### **Psychics**

occurs

Opening	Art	Min.#	Neg. D. through	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1*		2	3♠	11-22 hp (usually 1♣ with same length in ♣&◆)	1♦=4+♥, 1♥=4+♠, 1♠=6-9 "NT" or any hand 4+♦, 1NT=10/12 (no inv vs 11-13), 2♠=8-11 5+♠, 2♦=MM inv, 2♥=GF 4+supp, 2♠ = inv 6+♠, 2NT=12-13 bal, 3♠ pre-empt 5+♠, 3♦♥♠ = preempt, 4M to play	Accept transfer with most hands with 3crd (or 4crd) support, jump to 2 level with 4crd support and 11-13 opening.	1♣-2♥♠= inv 5card+ support
1♦		4	3♠	11-22 hp	2♦ 4+ supp 6-10hp (//new suit = single)		As 1 ❖
1♥		5	3♠	11-21 hp	1NT= 6-11hp, 2♣= natural OR inv ♥, 2♦= nat F1 2NT GF w 4+♥, 2♠=5-8 single?, 3♣=no sinlge 7-12, 3♦=9-11 single? 3♠4♣♦ = void, 3♥4-7 preempt	1♥-2♥: 2♠3♣♦= shortness inv+, 2NT= any hand inv+. 1♥-2NT 3-nat extra. (3cards+), 4mi=void.	2N both minors
1 🖍		5	3♠	11-21 hp	1NT= 6-11hp, 2♠ = natural OR 3(4) card supp inv., 2♦= nat F1, 2♥= nat GF, 2♠=nat 5-8, 2NT GF w 4+♠, 3♣= 5-8 ? single., 3♦=7-12 no single, 3♥= single? 9-11, 3♠= 4-7 4+♠, 4♠♦♥ = void	Same as after 1♥	2N both minors
1 NT			2♠	14-16 May have 5M, 6m, single H 5422	2♣=Stayman, 2♦♥♠NT= transfer 3-level single	1NT-2♣ // 2♦-2♥= pick a major, to play, 2♠ inv. 1NT-2♠ // 2NT=support,// new suit shortness ST	
2*	x	0		Any strong hand. If balanced 22-24	2♦ =wait (any hand), 2♥♠/3♠♦ nat GF 2NT=at least 5-5 in ♣♦ GF 3♥♠= max 1 card. 3nt = 5+5+ in ♥♠, no slaminterest	2♣ - 2•// 2Ma = F1 2♣ - 2•// 2Ma - 3♣ = second negative	
2♦		6 (5)		Weak (5/7-10) with ◆	2M NF/3♣ = F1		
2♥		6 (5)		Weak (5/7-10) with ♥	2♠3♣♦ = F1, 2NT= asking for singleton or void, 3♥= pre-empt		
2♠		6 (5)		Weak (5/7-10) with ♠	Similar as above		
2 NT				20-21 balanced May have 6m/5M (5422)	3♣= puppetstayman, 3♦♥= transfer, 3♠=minors, 4mi= transfer M slamtry (♣=♥), 4M= slamtry mi (♥=♣)	Slam Conventions	
3x				Preempt	New suit F1	0314 RCKB, Dopi Ropi, Splinter bids, Cuebids (1st 2nd controlls)	
3NT				Solid Major	4♣ ask for suit below	•	
4♣,♦				Preempt			
4♥,♠				play			