Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

1-level overcalls may be light (especially NV)

Overcalls at the 2-level are normally sound.

After an overcall, a new suit at the 1- and 3-level are F1, a new suit at the 2-level are NF. After an overcall, a cuebid does not promise support for partner. Same principles after a reopening.

After 1M overcall, 2NT in competion is 4+c supp and inv+ (3c if no space)

1 NT-overcall (2./4.; Answers; Reopening)

15-18 hcp in all hands.

Same responses as after 1NT-opening.

Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

WJS at the 2-level (After 2+1♣-opening, 2♦ shows M's)
Constructive jump-shifts at the 3-level (red vs green) in 2nd hand
Unusual NT shows 2 lowest with jump

Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Cuebid of a minor (3+) shows both majors Cuebid of a major shows opposit major + & Jumpcuebid asks for stopper

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

VS weak NT (12-14 or weaker):

Dbl = takeout

2 ♣ = Majors, 2 ♦ = Multi (13+hcp)

 $2 \lor = 5c + \lor$, 8-12 hcp, $2 \land = 5c + \land$, 8-12 hcp

2NT = Both minors, 3m = Constructive

VS strong NT in direct seat (13-15 or stronger):

Dbl = equal strength +

2. = majors, 2. = Multi

2♥/♠ = 4(5)c + longer minor, 2NT = both minors

VS NT after pass or VS strong NT in 4.seat:

Dbl = one-suiter, 2♣ = ♣ + higher suit, 2♦ = ♦ + M

2♥ = majors, 2♠ = ♠, 2NT = strong 2-suiter

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

Generally: Dbl = takeout, 2NT = 15-18

VS Ekren: Dbl = penalty interest, 2♠ = T/O in minors

VS Multi: Dbl = usually take out of ♠, 2NT = 15-18

Leaping Micheals VS 2x, 3 ♣ og 3 ♦.

VS. Artificial Strong Openings

VS strong 1... Yeslek (suction), double = ♦ or both majors

VS strong 2. Yeslek (suction), double = ♦ or both majors

Over Opponents' take out double

Rdbl = 10+/penalty interest Transfers from 1NT after 1M – (dbl)

Leads and Signals

Opening Leads Style

	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3 rd /5 th (4 th from 6c)	3 rd /5 th (4 th from 6c) 3 rd from inner seq	
NT	ATT (possibly 3 rd /5 th) 3 rd /5 th (3 rd from inner seq)		
Subsea	Mostly attitude (3rd/5th if not)		

Leads

Card	VS suit	VS NT	
Ace	AKx(x)	AK(x)	
King	AK/KQ(x)	KQ(x)/KQJ(x)/KQT(x), $AKQ(x)$	
Queen	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)	HQJ(x)/QJ(x)/KQT9(x)	
Jack	HJT(x)/JT(x)	HJT(x)/JT(x)	
10	HT9x/T9(x)	HT9x/T9x	
9	9(x)	H98(x), 9(x)	
HI-X	Even number	Xx, Xxx, xXxx(x)	

Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding
Suit: 1	HIGH = ENC (on honour o.lead – low otherwise)	H/L = EVEN	LOW = ENC
2	H/L = EVEN	Lavinthal	H/L = EVEN
3	Lavinthal		
NT: 1	HIGH = ENC (on honour o.lead - low otherwise)		LOW = ENC
2	H/L = EVEN	H/L = EVEN	H/L = EVEN
3	Lavinthal	Lavinthal	

Signasr (trumps included): Smith: HIGH = likes from both sides, Lavinthal in trumphs, H/L = odd if we show length in trumphs.

Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Normal takeout doubles may be light with good distribution Equal-level-convertion.

Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Neg, responsive doubles, comp, supportdoubles thru 2 ♥, lead directing doubles – but dbl from overcaller in his suit indicates another lead.
1♣ - (1♦) – dbl = 4+♥, 1♣ - (1♥) – dbl = 4+♠. Lighter doubles vs game/slam.



WBF

Convention card





Category: RED

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System summary

General approach and style

Natural based system with transfers after 1.4 and 2-over-1 is GF except rebid of a minor. 3rd hand openings may be light.

1♣: 3(2)+♣, might be balanced with 3(2)♣4•. 1▼: May be 44M 14,5-17 NT (5(6)M,6m, singelton og 5422 are allowed) 1NT: 1st/2nd/3rd NVvsVUL: (8)9-12(13)

2 ◆, 2 ♥ og 2 ♦- openings have different meanings based on VUL.

Preempts may be very weak NV vs VUL

Special bids that may require defense

1 ♣ - 1 • /1 ♥ = Transfer - 1 ♣ - 1 ♠ = • or 6-9NT,

1♣ - 2♦/2♥ = Transfer (weak or strong), 1♣ - 2♠ = 6-9 5+♣ 1NT 1st/2nd/3rd NVvs<mark>VUL</mark>: (8)9-12(13)

2 ♦ (Non-vul/all red/red vs green): Weak Multi 5c/weak Multi 6c/8-11 6c+

2♥ (green vs red / green / red): Both M's / 4-10 hcp 6c ♥ / (8)9-11 hcp 6c ♥

2♠ (green vs red / green / red): 5c♥ + 5c ♦/♣ / 4-10 hcp 6c ♠ / (8)9-11 hcp 6c ♠

1M – 2♦ = Nat F1 or 3-7 hcp with 3(4)c support 1♥ - 2♠ = any minisplinter, 1♥ - 3m = ♥-raises, 1♠ - 3♣ = minisplinter in a

minor, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) = 3\(\frac{1}{2}\) = 7-11 4c-supp or 11-12 3c-supp

Gazilli and some transfers after overcalls/doubles [NOTE 6]

Special forcing pass sequences

Standard forcing pass sequences.

Important notes that don't fit elsewhere

The suit above the trumpsuit at the 4-level are usually used as BW. If declarer has shown excact distribution, we do not give count signals, but play attitude. All hcp-ranges are approximate – we frequently upand downgrade.

Psychics

Seldom

Opening	Art	Min. #	Neg. X tthru.		Livgård-Aa Norway Open		
Q		2	Z +	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1*	(x)	3(2)	4♥	3(2)+♣ (may have longer ◆) (8) 11+ hcp (May be 2+♣ rarely with 4432)	1 • /1 • = 4 + • /4 + ♣, 1 ♣ = • or 6-9 NT, 1NT = 10-12 hcp, 2 ♣ = Inv. Minor [NOTE 2], 2 • / • • / ♠ (3-7 hcp or 15+ hcp) 2 ♠ = 5 + ♣ 6-9 hcp, 2NT = 13-15/19-20 hcp, 3 ♣ = 5 + ♣ 0-5 hcp $3x = void$, $3NT = 16-18 hcp$ [NOTE 1]	1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ = 3+♥, 1♣ - 1♠ - 1NT = may have singelton ◆ 1♣ - 1♦ - 2♥ = 4♥, minimum 1♣ - 1♠ - 2♦= minorbased hand, does not promise extras X-Y-Z/NT,	1. \div - (1.) - dbl = 4+ \checkmark , 1 (1.) - 1. = 4. + \checkmark 5-10 hcp pass - 1 2. \checkmark = 5. + 4+ \checkmark , inv
1 ♦		4(3)	4♥	4+ ♦ (may be 3♦ rarely with 4432) (8) 11+hcp	Natural answers, 1NT = 6-9 hcp, 2M = strong, Inverted minor [NOTE 2], 3♣ = 6-9 hcp with ◆-support, 3◆ = 0-5 hcp with ◆-support 3M = void, 3NT = 13-15 bal	1	Pass - 1♦ - 2M = 5cM + 4c+♦ inv
1♥		4	4♦	5+♥ or 4(+) ▲4+♥ (8) 11+hcp	2♣ = Nat, but can be 3c with longer $•$, 2 • = nat F1 or 3-7 hcp with $•$ -support, 2 • = 8-11 hcp with 3(4) •-support, 2 • = Minisplinter in any suit (not GF-hands) 2NT = 4c-support,GF [NOTE 8), 3 • = 4c • 7-11 hcp, 3 • = 3c • 11-12 hcp, 3 • = Preemptive, 3 • $4 • 4 • 4 •$ void, 3NT = 13-15 3c-support bal [NOTE 3 and 5]	1 ▼ - 2 ◆ - 2 ▼ = Not inv vs weak raise, 1 ▼ - 2 ◆ - 2/3x = Nat inv vs weak raise, 1 ▼ - 2NT - 3x = nat, not minimum, 1 ▼ - 1 ♣/1NT - 2 ♣ = 15+ or 6+▼ 11-14 hcp, 1 ▼ - 1 ♣/1NT - 2 ▼ = 5(+) ▼ + 4+ ♣ 11-14 hcp 1 ▼ - 2 ♣ - 2NT = asks, 1 ▼ - 3 ♣ - 3 ◆ = re inv. X-Y-Z/NT, After double => transfers	2-way Drury, 2NT = minors Minisplinters
1 ♠		5	4♥	5+♠ (8) 11+hcp	2♣ = nat, but can be 3c with longer ♦/♥, 2♦ = nat F1 or 3-7 hcp with ♠-support, 2♠ = 8-11 hcp with ♠-support, 2NT = support GF [NOTE 8), 3♣ = Minisplinter in a minor, 3♦ = 4c♠ 7-11 hcp or 3c♠ 11-12 3♥ = Minisplinter, 3♠ = preemptive, 3NT = 13-15 3c-supp bal 4x = void [NOTE 4 and 5]	1♠ - 2♠ - 2♠ = Not inv vs weak raise, 1♠ - 2♠ - 3x = Nat inv vs weak raise, 1♠ - 2NT - 3x = nat, not min 1♠ - 1NT - 2♠ = 15+ or 6+♠ 11-14 hcp 1♠ - 1NT - 2♠ = 5(+)♠ + 4+♠ 11-14 hcp After double => transfers	2-way Drury, 2NT = minors Minisplinters
1NT		1	4♥	(14) 15-17 hcp 5M, 6m, singelton, 5422. 1 st /2 nd /3 rd NVvsVUL: (8)9- 12(13) 6m, 5422 (singleton)	2♣ = Stayman, 2 • / • = Trf, 2♠ = weak doubleton in any suit, 2NT = weak or strong, minorbased hand, 3♣ = Singelton in a major, 3 • = Puppet Stayman, 3M = Slamtry 4♣/4 • TRF 2♣ = NF Stayman, 2 • = relay, 2M = NF, 2NT = ♣ or GF with 4/5M 3♣ = Minors NF, 3x = To play, 4x = To play [NOTE 10]	1NT - 2♠ - 2♥ - 2♥ = normally both majors, weak 1NT - 2♠ - 2♥ - 2NT = GF relay 1NT - 2♦ - 2♥/2♠ = ♠/♥	
2*	Х			Strong unbal 22+ bal	2 ◆ = Relay, 2M = Nat GF, 2NT = minor, 3m = Nat GF 3M = 4cM + 6c+ ◆	2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ = 25+NT or nat 2♣ - 2♦ - 2M - 3♣ = Second negative	
2♦	Х	5 6		Green: 5cM, 4-8 hcp	$2 \checkmark = P/C$, $2 \spadesuit = Nat$, NF, 2NT = relay, $3 \clubsuit = Nat$, NF [NOTE 11] $3 \spadesuit = Inv \text{ with } \checkmark$, $3 \checkmark = P/C$, $3 \spadesuit = Inv \text{ with } \spadesuit$	2 + 2NT: 3 = 5c , 3 = 5c , 3 = 5c + 5m, 3 = 5c + 5c , 3NT = 5c + 5c	
		6 6		All RED: Multi, 6cM 4-8 RED VS GREEN: 6k ♦ 8-11 4 th : 9-13 hcp, 6c♦	2 ▼/2 ♠ = P/C, 2NT = Relay, 3m = NF, 3 ▼ = P/C, 3 ♠ = Nat F1 4 ♣ = Asks for transfer, 4 ◆ = Asks suit, 2NT = singleton? Natural vs 2 ◆ showing ◆		
2♥		4 6 6 6		G vs R: 4+♠ 4+♥ 4-10 hcp Green: 4-10 hcp 6c♥ RED: 8-11 hcp 6c♥ 4 th : 9-13 hcp 6c♥	2NT = Relay, 3M = preemptive 2NT = singelton?, 3♣ = Art F1 2NT = singelton?, 3♣ = Art F1	2♥ - 3♣ - 3♦ = Minimum, 2♥ - 3♣ - 3♥ = Extras with "bad" suit, 2♥ - 3♣ - 3♠ = Extras with good suit	
2♠	х	- 6 6		G vs R: 5c♥ + 5c ♦/♣ 4-10 hcp Green: 4-10 hcp 6c♠ RED: 8-11 hcp 6c♠ 4th: 9-13 hcp 6c♠	2NT = relay, 3♣ = P/C, 3♦ = Inv ♥, 3♥ = To play 2NT = singelton?, 3♣ = Art F1 2NT = singelton?, 3♣ = Art F1	2 v - 3 s - 3 v = Minimum, 2 v - 3 s - 3 v = Extras with "bad" suit 2 v - 3 s - 3 s = Extras with good suit	
2NT		1	4♥	(19) 20 -21 hp 5M, 6m, singelton, 5422	Mod Puppet Stay and transfers 3♠ = minors, 4♣ = slamtry ♥, 4♦ = slamtry ♠ 4♥ = slamtry ♣, 4♠ = slamtry ♦	High Level Bidding	
3x				Preemptive, may be very weak NV vs VUL 4 th : 9-13 hcp, 7c suit	$3x = F1$. $3 \div - 4 \div / 3 \div / \checkmark / \div - 4 \div = BW$ $3 \div - 3 \bullet = asks suit quality$	BW: Generally are the suit above the trumpsuit used as 0314-RKCB. If the suit above is used as BW, 4NT is a cuebid in the "missing" suit 4NT/5♣/5♦/5NT as BW in some cases. If the answer promises 0/3 or 1/4 you will always raise to slam with 3 or 4 aces. [NOTE 7]	
3NT				Solid minor 3rd/4th: To play	4♣ = P/C, 4♦ = Asks cue, 4M = To play, 4NT = asks suit length	Cuebid – Italian style Last train, DOPI/ROPI/DEPO with disurbance	
4♣,♦				Preemptive		5NT is frequently pick-a-slam.	
4♥,♠				To play			
4NT				Asks specific ace	5♣ = no aces, 5♦/♥/♠ = ace, 5NT = 2 aces, 6♣ = ace		