Defensive and Competitive Bidding

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level)

1-level: Aggressive   2-level: Sound
Responses to 1-level overcalls:
  Cue bid = a) Good raise b) BAL INV c) any GF
  2NT = 4-card support major, Jump = Mini-Splinter
  New suit at 2 level = NOT FORCING
  1 over 1 = F1

1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses)

15-18

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses)

1♣ - 2♦ = 55 majors
1x - 2NT = c+d,
1M/2M/3M – 4m = m+other M

DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses;)

1♣ - 2♣ = Natural
1♣/1♦ - 2♦ = 55 majors
1M-2M = Other major + Clubs
Jump cue-bid = Asks for stopper (1♣ – 3♣ = preemptive)

VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)

Dbl = 4♠+ minor, 2♣ = Both majors,
2♦/2♥ = Transfer h/s, 2♠ = 55 s+c

1NT – p – p – 2♦ = One maj "weak",
          2♥/2♠ = Nat, opening values

After pass: 2♦/2♥/2♠ = Nat, x=8-10 in balancing pos

VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)

T/O doubles;
2NT : 15-18 HCP
Cue-bid; Asks for stopper at 3-level ; 2-suiter at 4-level
4NT=Strong 2-suiter

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

vs. 1♣: Dbl = Majors; 1NT = 4s + minor; 3NT=To play
vs. 2♣: Dbl = Majors; 2NT = 4s + minor

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE

1-level bids = F1
1M – Dbl – Transfers starting at 1NT (clubs),
          transfer to 2M = INV with 3.card support

Leads and Signals

Opening Leads Style

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	Normally 3rd-5th	3rd-5th
NT	Normally 3rd-5th	3rd-5th
Subseq	Attitude when opening a new suit	
Other	Against 5- level contracts or higher: Ace: asks enc./disc. King: asks for count	

Leads

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

Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding
Suit: 1st	Low = enc	Count / SP	Low = enc
2nd	Suit pref (SP)	SP	SP
3rd	Count		Count
NT 1st:	Same	Smith/count	Same
2nd	Same		Same
3rd	Same		Same

High-low = even, Low = encrg.   Smith vs NT: High = Like

Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light style, Cue-bid only force

Special, Art. and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Negative/responsive thru 4♦
Competitive thru 4♦
Support doubles to show 3-card fit (through 4-level)

Convention Card

EBL

System: Natural

Category	Green	
Country	Norway	
Event		
Players	Ole Berset	Bjørn Olav Ekren

System Summary

General Approach and Style

Light opening style
1♣ = 2+
1♦ = 4+ (usually not 3343)
5-card majors
1NT = 14-16
2♦ = 17-19 NT (2NT with strong 19)
2♥/2♠ = NAT weak, 3-9

Special opening bids that may require defense

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1♣ - 1♦ = a) 6-9 NT b) NAT c) Strong balanced
1♣ - 1♥/1♠ = May have longer diamonds

1♣/1♦ - 2♥ = GF with support
1♣/1♦ - 2♠ = INV with support

1♥/1♠ - 2♣ = a) INV+ with 3 card support
          b) Natural, GF
          c) Balanced GF

Important notes that don't fit

Psychics

Rare

Opening	Artificial	Min. cards	Neg. dbl. thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣	X	2	4♠	44 majors if 2 clubs All 4333 shapes	1♦ = a) 6-9 NT, b) Natural c) Strong balanced, 1NT = 10-12, 2♣= 8-11, 5+clubs, NF 2♦ = Natural GF 2♥= GF with 5+clubs, 2♠= INV with 6+clubs, 2NT = BAL GF		
1♦		4	4♠	4+card, usually not 3343	2♣= Natural GF, 3♣= Natural INV 2♦ = 6-10, 4+diamonds, NF 2♥= GF with 4+diamonds, 2♠= INV with 4+diamonds, 2NT = BAL GF		
1♥		5 (4)	4♠	5+cards (may have 4 in 3.rd seat)	1NT= Nat, N. 2♣=a) INV+ with 3 hearts b) Natural GF c) Balanced, GF 3♥ = 4H, 5-8 any singleton, 2NT= GF with 4+H, 3♣= Natural INV, 2♠ = 7-11 4+H, no singleton, 3♦= 9-11, 4+H, any singleton;		2♣ = Toronto 3-card support 2♦= Toronto 4-card support 3♣/3♦ = Nat, Inv
1♠		5 (4)	4♥	5+cards (may have 4 in 3.rd seat)	1NT=Nat, NF. 2♣=a) INV+ with 3 spades b) Natural GF c) Balanced, GF 2♦/2♥ = 5+cards, F1, 3♣= Natural INV 2NT= GF with 4+S, 3♠ = 4+S, 5-8 any singleton, 3♦ = 7-11, 4+S, no singleton, 3♥ = 9-11, 4+S, any singleton		2♣ = Toronto 3-card support 2♦= Toronto 4-card support 3♣/3♦ = Nat, Inv
1NT		-	3♠	14-16, BAL 5c-M or 6c-mi possible	2♣ = Stayman, 2♦/2♥ =Transfer, 2♠ = Artificial GF, 2NT = INV, 3♣ = Puppet, 3♦ = GF c+d, 3♥/3♠ = SI c/d, 4♣/4♦ = trans h/s		
2♣	X	-	7NT	Strong artificial	2♦= 0-7, 2NT= 8+ BAL, 3♥/3♠=Singleton, 5-8, 3NT = 55 majors, 5-8		
2♦			3♠	17-19(-) NT 5c-M or 6c-mi possible	Pass = Weak 4+ diamonds, 2♥ = F1; includes sign-off sp/cl 2♠ = Transfer to 2NT (GF or to play 2NT), 2NT = 4+h hearts		
2♥		6 (5)		Weak two, 3-9 (may have 5 in 3.rd seat)	2NT= F1, 2♠/3♣/3♦ = Not forcing, 3♥ = Pre, 3♠= NAT INV 4♣= Key-Card	2♥ - 2NT → 3♣/3♦/3♠=Singleton	
2♠		6 (5)		Weak two, 3-9 (may have 5 in 3.rd seat)	2NT= F1, 3♣/3♦/3♥ = Not forcing, 3♠=Pre, 4♣= Key-Card	2♠ - 2NT → 3♣/3♦/3♥=Singleton	
2NT		-	3♠	19(+) - 21 BAL 5c-M or 6c-mi possible	3♣ = Puppet, 3♦/3♥ = Transfer, 3♠= Minor; 4♣/4♦/4♥/4♠ = SI two suits above (h/s/c/d)		

Slam Conventions

Opening	Artificial	Min. cards	Neg. dbl. thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction
3x 3NT		6 -		Pre Solid major	3♥/3♠= Not forcing, 3♦/3♥/3♠ - 4♣= Key-Card, 3♣ - 3♦= Key-Card	Cue bids: 1st and 2nd round controls up the line Splinter 5NT Key-Card Blackwood Exclusion Blackwood DOPI/ROPI
4♣, 4♦		7		Pre-emptive	4♣ – 4♦ = KC, 4♦ – 5♣ = KC, 4NT = To play	
4♥, 4♠		6		Pre-emptive	New suit = Cue, 4NT=KC	
4NT	X	-		Asks for specific aces	5♣=0, Suit= the Ace, 5NT=2 Aces	