Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

1 level: (very) light. Transfers when p overcall 1M and RHO x.

2 level: sound

Cuebids: Good raise with 3 support

Responses 1-level: F1, 2-level: constructive, 3 level = nat FG

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

15-18 hcp except 4th 11-15. System on. xx =sos after 1nt overcall.

Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

L Michaels, also over 3M, also 4th seat ♥/ opp mm over 3mm

Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Over m = both M. Wide range.

Over $M = \text{other } M + \clubsuit$. Wide range.

(non-)Leaping Michaels (5+-5+, FG) over 2M/3M, all seats

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

VS strong NT: Dbl = strong (15+), Multi/Landy 2 = majors, $2 = \text{maj$

1m - (1NT) - 2 = MM, 1M - (1NT) - 2 = mm, 2 = 2 + M, 5 + oM

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

T/O dbl. Cuebid: ASK for stopper

Vs unusual oc: Lower = inv p suit, higher = inv unbid suit, "open" = nat GF

VS. Artificial Strong Openings

Vs Strong 1/2 : Double = majors, NT = minors, 2 :

Vs Presicion $1 \Leftrightarrow x = t/o, 2 \Leftrightarrow = majors, 2NT = minors$

Vs Multi: x = t/o of spades (or very strong), 2NT = 15-18 bal,

leaping Michaels – 5+ bid suit + 5+♥

Vs 3NT: x = t/o, $4 - \phi = both majors, better <math>\phi/\phi$

Over Opponents' take out double

Rdbl: 10+ HCP 1-over-1 = F1 2-over-1 = NF

Leads and Signals
Opening Leads Style

	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3 rd -5 th , top of sequence, inner sequence	3 rd -5 th	
NT	Attitude, top of seq. and int. seq	3 rd -5 th	

Subseq Attitude when opening a new suit

Leads

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx/AKxx(x)	AKx/AKxx(x)
King	AK/KQx/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)	AK/KQx/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) T
Queen	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)/ KQT9
Jack	HJT(x)/JT(x)	HJT(x)/JT
10	HT9x/T9x	HT9x/T9x
9	A98, Q98, J98/9x	A98, Q98, J98/98xx
x	Hxxx/xxx(x)	Hxxx/xxxx(x)/xxx(x)

Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding
Suit:	Rev att	Count, 3 rd /5 th	Rev att
2 nd	S/P	S/P	Count
3 rd	Count, 3 rd /5 th		SP
NT:	Rev att	Rev Smith trick 2	Rev att
2 nd	S/P	S/P	S/P
3 rd	Count, 3 rd /5 th	Count, 3 rd /5 th	Count

Signals (including Trump's):

S/P in trump First discard is enc/disc, main signalling method later is S/P. 5/6 level: A for attitude, K for count

A-lead vs suit: for attitude, give count K lead and Jxxx in dummy

Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light style, also reopenings

Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Support dbl and rdbl (also over 1 ♦), responsive dbl, negative dbl, competitive dbl.

1 - (1 - 1) - dbl = 4 - 1 - 5 + 4





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General Approach and Style

Natural, 5-card majors, better minor Responses: Nat, but skip diamonds if weak.

1NT =15-17 May have 5 card major, 6 card minor, singleton, 5422.

2-over-1 Responses: GF

Multi weak only 2 Major, 2H,S 8-11 6MM

Special bids that may require defence

2 ♦: Weak Multi (only one major) (0) 3-7 hcp Very light opening bids if distributional 1ST G vs. R Transfer responses if opps double 1MM for t/o Transfer responses over (b) 1MM (X)

Special forcing pass sequences

Important notes that don't fit

Psychics

Rare but may occur

Opening	Art	Min. #	Neg. D. thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding and interfered auctions
1 &		3	7H	Could open light if distributional, (11)12+ hcp with balanced hands	1 ← nat. Denies 4-card MM unless GF. 2 ← inverted minor, at least invitational, 2 ← 6-9,	xyz-NT. 1 *-1x-3 *= <u>very</u> strong. 1 *-2 *-3 *= weak unbalanced, 1 *-2 *-2NT= both majors stopped, 12-14, 3MM = singleton, 1 *-2 *-2 *= nat rev, 3NT= 18-19 bal, 3 *, 1 *-2 *(-3 *)-4 *= RKCB.	Passed: Inverted minor on. xyz-NT on. Fit jumps. $1m - (2M) - 2NT = Lebensohl (always)$ $1 \Box - (1 \Box) - X = 4 \spadesuit$, $1S = 5 +$
1 ♦		3	7H		Inv minor, $3 = 4 + 6.69$, $2M = GF$, double jump shifts = void	Natural, xy-NT, xyz. As above.	As above
1♥		5	7D	5+♥ Could open light if distributional. 11+ if balanced	2/1=GF, 2♥=3+♥, 4-6 hp, 2♠= GF, 6+card suit, 3♣ inv 3♦= mixed raise 7-9, 3♥=weak, 2NT=4+♥,GF, 3♠=undisclosed singleton, 10-12 hp, 3nt 4♣ ♦=void, 4♠=To play, 4NT=BW, 4 aces	Long suit trial bids. 1M - 2NT-3NT=18-19 bal. 2NT-3x=nat, not min. 2NT-3x-3 = asks for singleton, 3/4x = singleton, 3NT = start cuebid. 1x-1y-2x-2NT = forcing with support → 3 = undisclosed singleton, 3 = medium hand, 3M = min	$1 \checkmark -2 \checkmark / $
1 🛦		5	7H	As above	1NT=NF, 6-11 hcp, $2 \triangleq 5$ -11, $3 \triangleq \checkmark = inv$, mixed, natural, $3 \triangleq = weak$, 2NT= $4+ \triangleq 6$, GF, 3NT = undisclosed singleton, 10-12 hcp, $4 \triangleq 6 \checkmark = void$	1M - 1NT - 2NT = art GF, 5+M. As above	As above. Transfer responses if opps double t/o. On also if passed hand. Transfer to M = good raise.
1NT				15-17 (5M/6m/single/5-4)	4-way transfers. $2 = \text{Stayman}$, $3x = \text{singleton}$ (3s will not have 4 hearts), GF, $4 = \text{trf}$ to \checkmark , $4 \checkmark = \text{trf}$ to \land , $4 \checkmark / \land = \text{to play}$	Super Stayman (3♣, /2♠ over 2♥ (heart used for clubs when H-bid can't be natural)). 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♣=55majors, slam try. Break transfer: 2NT=3max, cheapest break in suit: 4 card supp, max, 3x=Nat 5332, 3 card support. 1NT-3x-4x=super fit	Contested auctions Transfer Lebensohl. If natural interference: Bid 2-level=NF, t/o dbl (also with a passed hand). If art. int., dbl = inv+ - penalty oriented. INT x xx 5 Card minor
2*	X			Strong. Normally 20+ hcp, could be weaker with playing tricks	2 ◆ = weak (0-5 unbal, 0-7 bal, possibly waiting). 2 ♥/♠ = Nat, 5+ hcp, 2NT=bal, (7)8+ hcp, 3m= Nat, at least Qxxxx, 7+ working hcp, 3M = 6+cards semisolid, no outside strength, 3NT= 6+ solid suit, no outside strength	$2 \div -2 \checkmark -2 \checkmark / -3 \div = 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ neg}$, $2 \div -2 \checkmark -3 \div -3 \div = $ nebulous, $2 \div -2 M -3 M -3 /4 x = \text{single}$, $3NT = \text{bal slam}$ try. Mandarin kitchen splinter $(2 \div -2 \checkmark -2 \checkmark / -3 NT = \text{strong slam try}$, undisclosed singleton)	2.4 - interf – $x/xx = 0-5$ hcp.
2♦	X			Weak Multi, 2-7 hp, one (5)6-card major	2/3 ♥/♠= p/c, 4♣=bid suit below, 4 ♦= bid suit, 4♥/♠ to play, 2NT=asking	2 ♦ - 2NT - 3 ♣ = max, 3 ♦ = bad w ♥,3 ♥ = bad w ♠,	If x: $xx = bid$ your suit, $p = \blacklozenge$, $2M = nat$ If overcall $2M$: $x = pass$ if your suit p
2♥		6		8-11 hcp	2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1, $4m = void$	$2 \lor - 2NT - 3 \lor = min, no 1/0, 3NT = max, no 1/0$	4 th seat: 11-15, 6 ⁽⁺⁾ -card suit
2♠		6		As above	2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1		
2NT				(19)20-21 hcp	$3 \clubsuit$ = Puppet Stayman ($3 \blacktriangledown$ = no M, $3NT=5 \blacktriangledown → 4 \blacktriangledown$ = xfr, $4 \blacktriangledown 6$?) $3 \spadesuit / \blacktriangledown$ = transfers, $3 \spadesuit$ = slamtry m (4^+-4^+), $4 \clubsuit$ = slamtry \blacktriangledown , $4 \spadesuit$ = slamtry \spadesuit etc. If interference: over m:dbl=penalty, over M: dbl=neg, if art: dbl=strength	High Level Bidding	
3x		6	7H	Preemptive, according to vul	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), DOPIB/ROPIB/DEPO. 5NT in unclear situation: pick a slam. Josephine NOT used. "wrongly" asking for Trump Q implies 5NT and 6 level mild grand slam tries	
3NT				1 st /2 nd seat: solid m	4♣ = pc, 4♦=Ask short,4M=To play,4NT=Ask length,5♠ gs try		
4♣,♦		6	7H	Natural, preemptive	4M = To play	Splinters Cuebids, last train cuebids	
4♥,♠		6	7H	Natural. To play	Any bid: Cuebid.	Lightner dbl	
4NT	X			Asks for specific aces	5♣ = no aces, 5♦ ♥ ♠ 6♣ that specific ace		