## Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

## 1-level: Light

2-level: Sound
Responses: 1- and 2-level F1 if next hand pass, 2-level constructive if next hand bids, jumps are fit jump, jump in opener's suit is Splinter, double jumps are Splinter, Cue-bid is a
Good raise in overcaller's suit.
2NT is frequently "Good/Bad" from opener
After 1M overcall, 2NT in competition is 4c raise INV+

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

$15-18$ hcp $2^{\text {nd }}$ seat and $4^{\text {th }}$ seat over $1 \mathrm{M} .11-14$ hcp $4^{\text {th }}$ seat over 1 m . Same responses as after opening 1NT.

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

1-Suit: Light jump overcalls, but NOT bad red vs. green
2-Suit: 2NT $=2$ lowest suits ( $5+-5+$ ) weak/strong
Reopen: 11-13 HCP $6+$ card suit
(1M) $-\mathrm{p}(2 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{NT}=15-18$ red vs green, other VUL minors
Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)
Over m: Both Majors (5+-5+)
Over M: Other Major + * (5+-5+)
Jump cue-bid: Asks for stopper over 1M, ^+om (55+) over 1m.
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)

## $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ Both Majors

$2 \downarrow=\vee$ OR $\uparrow$
$2 \downarrow=\vee$ and a minor (usually longer)
$\uparrow=\uparrow$ and a minor (usually longer)
2NT = Both minors OR GF with any 2-suiter
${ }^{\text {th }}$ seat and after initial pass: DONT
VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)
Take out DBL
Cue-bid: Ask for stopper
Jump in m: That minor + other Major (5+-5+)
Over 3M: That minor + other Major (5+-5+)

## VS. Artificial Strong Openings

vs. strong 1*: DBL = v, 1* = $\uparrow, 1 \vee=2-4 \vee$ and 5+m, $1 \wedge$ $=2-4 a$ and $5+m, 1 N T=m, 2 \%=M$
vs. strong $2 *: D B L=M+m(5+-5+)$, $2 N T=$ Both $m(5+-$
$5+$ ), $3 \%=$ Both M $(5+-5+)$
Over Opponents' take out double
Rdbl: 9+ HCP, Of 1m: Fit-jump in M, jump in the other minor is 9+ with proper fit for opener. Of 1M: Transfers from 1NT, MiniSplinter. Of 2M: Transfers from 2NT.

| Leads and Signals |  |  |  |  |
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| Opening Leads Style |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |  | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| NT | ATT (possible $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ ) |  | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| Subseq | Attitude |  |  |  |
| Leads |  |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit |  | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | AKx $(x)$ |  | AK(x) |  |
| King | AK, KQ(x) |  | KQ(x), AKQ(x), AKJ10(x) |  |
| Queen | QJ(x) |  | QJ(x), HQJx(x), KQ109(x) |  |
| Jack | J10(x), KJ10(x) |  | J10(x), HJ10(x) |  |
| 10 | 109(x), H109(x) |  | 109(x), H109(x) |  |
| 9 | 9x |  | 9x, A98(x), J98(x) |  |
| Hi-x | Even number |  | xx, $\mathrm{xxx}, \mathrm{xxxx}(\mathrm{x})$ |  |
| Signals in order of priority |  |  |  |  |
|  | Partners lead | Declarer |  | Discarding |
| Suit: | Encrg/Discrg | Count |  | Encrg/Discrg |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count | S/P |  | Count |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | S/P |  |  | S/P |
| NT: | Encrg/Discrg | Smith |  | Encrg/Discrg |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count | Count |  | Count |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ | S/P | S/P |  | S/P |

## Signals (including Trump's)

Hi-Low = Discrg/Even number, Low-Hi = Encrg/Odd number Smith (NT): Hi-Low likes the lead from both. S/P in trumps (could be STD count when ruffing)

## Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

## Light style, also reopenings

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

Neg, Responsive, Support DBL to $2 v$, Competitive DBL $1 *-(1 *)$ - DBL shows $4+\vee, 1 m-(1 v)$ - DBL shows $4+\boldsymbol{n}$, $1 \mathrm{~m}-(1 \mathrm{~A})$ - DBL strongly suggests at least $4 \vee$



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| 1\％ |  | 2 | 4＾ | $11+$ HCP，2＋＊ <br> May have 2 cards $\%$ and 4 cards | $1 \star=4+\boldsymbol{v}, 1 \downarrow=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 1 \wedge=$ No M／not $10+$ hcp w／5＋＊ INVERTED m［Note 1］， $2 *=6-9 \mathrm{w} / 6(5)$－card $\leftarrow, 2 \mathrm{M}=$ Good 6 c GF， $1 \mathrm{NT}=11-12,2 \mathrm{NT}=13-15$ OR 19－20 $\mathrm{w} / 3-3-(3-4), 3 *=$ PRE NOT INV vs $18-19 N T, 3 x=$ void $w / 5+\boldsymbol{*}, 3 N T=16-18,3-$ 3－（3－4） | Accepts TRF if 3c and not 18－19NT［ Note 2］． Jumps w／4－card \＆extra（14＋／shape），Reverse ［Note 5］，1 $\uparrow-2 \star 2 *=$ GF var．hands， $2 \mathrm{M}=$ Nat， $\mathrm{GF}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=11-12,2-3 \boldsymbol{*}, 3 \boldsymbol{*}=11-12,4+\boldsymbol{*}$ ，no shortage， $3 \forall \vee \neg=$ Shortage， $3 N T=13-14,2-3 \star$ $1 \oplus-2 *, 2 N T=$ singleton ask； $3 *=$ min w／o， $3 \mathrm{x}=$ single， $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ max w／o | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TRF at the 1-level } \\ & 1 *-2 *=6-9,5+\infty \\ & 1 *-2 *=9+, 5+\infty \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 ＊ |  | 4 | 4＾ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 11+ HCP, 4+ } \\ & \text { Normally good suit if 3-3-4-3 } \end{aligned}$ | INVERTED m［Note 1］，2M＝Good 6c GF，2NT＝11－12，3＊ $=4+$ ，$\square 6-9$ HCP， $3 *=$ PRE NOT INV vs $18-19 N T$ ， $3 x=$ void， 3NT $=13-15 \mathrm{w} / 3-3-3-4$ | Similar as for $1 *$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \star-2 \star=6-9+w / 4+ \\ & 1-3 \\ & 1-9+w / 4+ \end{aligned}$ |
| 19 |  | 5 | 4＾ | 10－22 HCP，5＋＊ | 1 NT $=6-12$ HCP NF， $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ GF except rebid， $2 \star=$ GF except rebid， $2 \varphi=$ NAT， $2 \boldsymbol{n}=$ Shortage in a $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{INV}, 2 N T=4+\bullet G F$ ， $3 \star=$ SUPP normally BAL，INV， $3 \star=$ Shortage in $\AA \uparrow$ ，INV， $3 \vee=$ PRE， $3 \wedge / 4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void， $3 N T=13-15 \mathrm{w} / 3-3-(3-4)$ | 1 $\downarrow-2 N T, 3 x=$ NAT，not MIN $1 \vee-2 N T, 3 x-3 \vee=$ asks for singleton $1 \downarrow-2 N T, 3 x-3 N T=$ asks for cue Good raises［Note 3］1M－1NT－2NT：FG［Note 4］ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee-2=3 \text {-card raise } \\ & 1 \vee-2=4=- \text { card raise } \\ & 1 \vee-2 N T=\text { NAT, INV } \\ & 1 \vee-3 m=N A T, \text { INV } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1＾ |  | 5 | 4＾ | 10－22 HCP，5＋＾ |  | Similar as for $1 \downarrow$ | $1 \mathrm{~A}-2 \star=3$－card raise $1 \mathrm{~A}-2=4$－card raise $1 \mathrm{~A}-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ NAT，INV $1 \mathrm{n}-3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{NAT}$ ，INV |
| 1 NT |  |  | 4＾ | （14）15－17 HCP（Good 14 to 17） <br> May have 5c M，6c m，（5－4－2－2） <br> and singleton［Note 6］ | $2 \star=$ STAY， $2 \star / 2 \vee=$ TRF， $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{mSTAY}$ ， 2 NT ＝Bad doubleton somewhere， $3 x=$ Singleton GF， <br> $4 \stackrel{\wedge}{2} \boldsymbol{*}=$ TRF， $4 \vee / 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ To play | 1NT－2ヶ，2＊－2v＝pick a M；correct to $\uparrow$ w／ equal length． $2 x-3 *=$ Asking bid |  |
| 2＊ | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Strong, HCP }(22+) \text { OR tricks } \\ & (8,5+) \end{aligned}$ | $2 \star=$ Weak OR waiting w／2－suiter， $2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{GF} 6+$ ，2NT＝6＋w／5－5 minors， $3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{GF} 6+$ ， $3 \mathrm{M}=$ Shortage $6+$ ， $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ Solid suit | $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \star, 2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{F} 1,3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{GF}_{2} 3 \vee=4 \downarrow+5 \star+3 \wedge$ $=4 \wedge+5+\star, 2 M-3 *=2^{\text {nd }}$ negative，can stop in 3M |  |
| 2 ＊ | $\checkmark$ |  |  | 2－7 HCP 6c M OR 24＋NT（may be 5 c green vs red）［Note 7］ | $2 \vee / 2 \wedge=$ Pass or $2 \wedge / 3 \vee, 2 N T=$ Ask， $3 * / 3 \star=$ To play， $3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ Pass or $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Slam try $*, 4 \star=$ Ask for TRF， $4 \star=$ Slam try $\downarrow, 4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star-2 N T, 3 \star=\text { any MAX, } 3 \star=\text { MIN } \downarrow, 3 \vee=\text { MIN } \\ & \wedge, 2 \star-2 N T, 3 \star-3 \star, 3 \downarrow=\wedge, 3 \wedge=6 \downarrow \end{aligned}$ |  |
| $2 \vee$ |  | 6 |  | Good weak 2，6c $\vee, 8-11$ HCP ［Note 8］ | $2 \mathrm{n}=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Ask for shortage／strength， $3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{GF}$ ， <br> $3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ Preempt（can be raised）， $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 4 * / 4 *=$ Splinter， $4 N T=B W$ | $2 \vee-2 N T, 3 \star=6-4$ hand $w /$ any side suit， $3 \star=$ Shortage in a m，3n＝Shortage， $3 v=\mathrm{MIN}$ ， 3NT＝MAX no shortage， $2 \downarrow-2 N T-4 \star, 4 *=$ Void |  |
| 2＾ |  | 6 |  | Good weak 2，6c A．8－11 HCP ［Note 8］ | 2NT＝Ask for shortage／strength， $3 \mathrm{x}=$ NAT GF， $3 \mathrm{n}=$ Preempt （can be raised）， $4 \star / 4 *=$ Splinter， $4 N T=B W$ | $2 n-2 N T, 3 *=6-4$ hand $w /$ any side suit， $3 \star=$ Shortage m，3v＝Shortage， $3 \wedge=$ MIN， $3 N T=$ MAX no shortage， $2 \wedge-2$ NT－ $4 \stackrel{*}{2}, 4 \bullet, 4 \vee=$ Void |  |
| 2 NT |  |  | 4＾ | 20－21 HCP | $3 \star=$ PuppetSTAY， $3 \star / 3 \downarrow=$ TRF， $3 \uparrow=44+m$ <br>  |  |  |
| 3 x |  | 6 |  | PRE，ACC to VUL | $3 ゃ-3 *$ asks for $3 \vee, 3 \mathrm{~m}-3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{GF}$ ，after DBL competitive，3M－ $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ Control， $4 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{p}$ |  |  |
| 3NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Solid minor，gambling | 4＊＝p／c，4＊＝Ask for control | High Level Bidding |  |
| 4\％ | $\checkmark$ |  |  | 8－9 tricks with good v （max one looser） | $4 \diamond=$ Slam try with $\downarrow$ | 1430 Blackwood（over＊／ヶ／ヶ）and RKCB（over＊＊） |  |
| 4＊ | $\checkmark$ |  |  | 8－9 tricks with good a （max one looser） | $4 \vee=$ Slam try with＾ | Exclusion RKCB，DOPI／ROPI／DEPO |  |
| 4－4＾ |  | 6 |  | PRE，ACC to VUL | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \wedge=\text { To play } \\ & 5 \mathrm{~m}=\text { Cuebid } \end{aligned}$ | 5 NT is frequently pick a slam |  |
| 4NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Asks for specific aces | 5＊＝0 Ace， $5 \mathrm{NT}=2 \mathrm{Aces}, 5 \uparrow / 5 \mathrm{*} / 5 \mathrm{*} / 6 \boldsymbol{*}=$ that Ace | Splinter bids |  |
| 2＊ |  | 6 |  | 4th seat：11－13 HCP，6＋＊ | 2NT＝INV（responds shortage if going past 2NT） | Cuebids（Italian style），a lot of last train cuebids |  |
| 2M |  | 6 |  | 4th seat：11－13 HCP，6＋M | 2NT＝Ask for shortage／strength | Lightner DBL |  |

