WBF Convention Card

Category: Blue
NCBO: Croatian Bridge Federation
Event: All Events
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DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, ½ Level, Reopening)

Style: Aggressive on 1st level, normal on 2nd

Responses: natural; new suit F; Jump =PREE

After (1X) – 1M – (dbl) we play transfers

Reopening: jumps are intermediate [11-16] Hcp

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses, Reopening)

2nd position: (13,14) 15-17 (18) balanced hand

4th position: 1NT [8-14], does not show stopper

Responses: system on

In sandwich position 1NT by unpassed hand is NAT

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)

Style: wide range

Reopening: Stronger 10-14 Hcp; (5)6+ cards

Responses: Natural. 2NT=F, new suit =SemiF, good hand

Unusual NT: jump to 2NT or 4NT is two suiter (two lowest unbid suits)

DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Resp., Reopening)

Style: Michaels (unlimited); jump cue shows solid suit and asks for stopper

Responses: Natural.

Over unknown minor 3♣ P/C; 3♦ invit for Major

Reopening: same

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

Strong & Weak: Dbl is strong; 2♣ shows Majors

2♦ is♥or♠, 2♥/♠ is twosuiter with minor (5M – 4⁺m)

2NT shows both minors

Reopening: same

Passed Hand: same

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

Doubles: take out up to 4♥, general strength over 4♠.

Cue bids: primary asking for stopper

Jumps: leaping Michaels (5M-5m)

NT bids: 2/3NT-natural: 4NT-twosuiter

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

vs artif 1♣: dbl-♥, 1♦-♠

1♥/♠/NT two-suiter 4⁺-4⁺ shape/color/rank

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE

Over double of 1M we play trasnfers

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS AND SIGNALS

	Lead	In Partners' suit
Suit	2nd/4th	2nd/4th
NT	2nd/4th	2nd/4th
Subseq	2nd/4th *	2nd/4th
Other:	*Through declarer in NT we sometimes play attitude	

From doubleton honor we lead high; A asks for sp/att, K asks for count

L E A D S

Lead	vs. Suit	vs. NT
Ace	AK(+);Ax	AK(x); Ax
King	AK(+); KQ(+); Kx	AKQ(+); KQ10(+); KQx,Kx
Queen	QJx(+); QJ; Qx	AQJx(+);QJ9x(+); QJx; Qx
Jack	J10(+); Jx; KJ10(+)	HJ10(+);J108(+); J10x; Jx
10	109x;10x;H109(+)); HTx	109x;10x;H109(+); HTx
9	H9x, 9	H9x, 9
Hi-x	xXx	xXx
Lo-x	xxxX, xxxXx, xX, xXx	xxxX, xxxXx, xX, xXx

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit:1ST	count	smith	count
2ND	suit preference	count	suit preference
3RD		suit preference	
NT: 1ST	count	smith	count
2ND	suit preference	count	suit preference
3RD		suit preference	

count = (Hi Lo = odd), smith = (low encouraging in original suit)

Discard =count from suit we want to discourage (if possible)

Suit preference when lead and/or dummy require shift

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening)

Style: 7+ Hcp & support for unbid suits (especially Ms) or very strong

Responses: 1ST level is 0-8, jump is invitational, cue is 12+ Hcp

Reopening: similar

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES

Support double (after 1♦) bellow 2 in our major (can also pass)

competitive and cooperative doubles

After 1NT X Rdbl is penalty in direct seat

Maximum overcall dbl, Dopi, Ropi, lightner

Could be transfer in some sequences

Precision

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE:

1♣ = 16+ any, (could be 14+ if strong distributional)

1♦ = 10-15, 0+♦s (4405), 1♥/♠=5+ (longer minor possible)

2♣ = 6+♣s or 5♣/4M with decent club suit quality

2♦ = wagner (weak major one-suiter)

2♥/♠ = weak two-suiter with minor

2NT = 19-20

1NT response over 1M is F1 [0-12]

1NT opening: 14-16

2 over 1 Response: GF

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

Strong 1♣ and 1♦ negative response

Short 1♦ preparatory opening bid

2♦ Wagner

Transfer bids in special sequences

3NT opening bid shows weak minor preempt on 4th level

4♣/♦ opening bid shows that minor and 5card major preempt

1♦-1M-1NT- 2♣ is pupper to 2♦ (weak ♦ or any invitational)

1♦-1M-1NT- 2♦ is any GF

2♣-2♦ is reley

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

only when it is very clear that hand belongs to us

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

Psychics: rarely

Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg. Double	Description	Response	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand
1♣	yes	0	5♦	16+ Hcp 17-18 or 21+ if bal	1♦-negative (0-7), suits are natural 8+hp 1NT-[10+] balanced, 2♥-[8-9] balanced 2♠ and higher bids show (4441) Over intervention we play transfers.	1♣-1♦-1♥ =multi (nat, 21+ bal, 6♠s 8 tricks or 23+) Over 1♣-1♦ jumps are two-suiters, Over 1♣-1X jumps are splinters.	
1♦	yes	0	5♦	(9)10-15	1M-F1, 1NT-nF, 2m-GF, 3m-INV, 2♥(5-4Ms), 2♠- weak ♣or♦ or balanced invitational 2NT – weak ♣and♦ Over intervention we don't play transfers.	2-way check-back over 1NT (2♣ is puppet to 2♦) 1♦-1M-2oM = unbalanced 4card raise (2M is bal) 1♦-1M-2NT =balanced 6+♦s (3♦ is unbalanced)	
1♥	no	5	5♦	(9)10-15	1♠=F1; 1NT=F1 [0-12]; 2♣=2+cards GF, 2♦=5+cards GF; 3m is invitational; 2♠=any mini splinter, 2NT is 4⁺ card support (invitational or more) 3♥=preemptive 3-9 Hcp & (3)4+ cards; Over intervention we play transfers.	over 1♥-1♠ and 1♥-1NT: 2♣ can be 1) natural 5-4; 2) reverse (not 5-5) 2NT is ♥ one suiter GF 1♥-1♠-3NT shows natural raise to 4♠	1NT is not F
1♠	no	5	5♦	(9)10-15	same as after 1♥, except 3♥ is invitational	Similar as over 1♥,	
1NT	no	-	-	14-16 Hcp	NF stayman (doesn't promiss 4cM), 4suit transfers. 3M is (13)(54). Over intervention we play lebensohl and takeout doubles.		
2♣	no	5	5♦	(9)10-15	2♦-reley, 2M not forcing, 2NT is puppet to 3♣, 3♣ invit		
2♦	yes	0	2♠	Wagner 6+♥ OR 6+♠ [0-10]	2NT=F1; 3m = semiF, 3M=pass/correct, 4♣=bid suit bellow your suit, 4♦=bid your suit		
2♥	semi	5	-	5♥ and 5 ♣or♦ [0-10]	2NT=F1; 3♣ p/c; 3♦ invitational for M		
2♠	semi	5	-.	5♠ and 5 ♣or♦ [0-10]	2NT=F1; 3♣ p/c; 3♦ invitational for M		
2NT	no	-	-	19-20	Puppet stayman		
3♣	no	6	-	Weak three	natural, new suit is F1	3NT could be weak with support	
3♦	no	6	-	Weak three	natural, new suit is F1	3NT could be weak with support	
3♥	no	6	-	Weak three	natural, new suit is F1		
3♠	no	6	-	Weak three	natural, new suit is F1		
3NT	yes	-	-	7+cards in a minor	4♣=pass/correct		
4♣/♦	yes	6	-	6+cards in a minor AND 5card major	natural	**HIGH LEVEL BIDDING**	
4♥/♠	yes	6	-		natural	CUE , Splinters, fit showing jumps	
4NT	yes	-	-		natural	Key card blackwood (RKCB) 03-14 for ♦ or ♠; 14-03 for ♣ or ♥;	