

## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

### OVERCALLS – Style and Responses

1-level: sound (occ. weak with passed partner), seldom 4-card  
 2-level: sound, frequently only 5-card  
 Responses: PRE jump raises, jump CUE to 3-level=mixed raise, jump 2NT=SUPP, INV+, New suit at 1-level F1, Reopening: may be weaker - CUE forcing

### 1NT OVERCALL RESPONSES

2nd:	15-18	same answers as after 1NT-opening
4th live:	15-18	2♣=Stayman
Reopen:	11-16, maybe no stopper	2♣=ASK range and M, others NAT

### JUMP OVERCALLS

2M=4-c w longer minor  
 Others weak

### UNUSUAL NT

2NT=sound two-suiter (two lowest)  
 Reopen: 2NT=19-21 BAL

### DIRECT CUE-BID

Over NAT m-openings (=3+ cards or 1♣=4-4-3-2 or 1♦=3-3-2-5):  
 2x= Sound two-suiter 55+ highest+other

Over short minor openings: 2m=NAT 2D=♥+♠

### VS. NT

: 2♣=both majors 2♦=6+Maj weak  
 2H/S = 6+ opening hand

Double by passed hand=S + other suit

### VS. PRE-EMPTS

Dbl=T/O thru 3♦  
 Against 3M: D=T/O, 4Cl/D=5+ w 5+other Major  
 Two-suiters: Cue=highest unbid+lower unbid  
 jump to 3M=4-c w longer minor

### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG 1♣/♦ or 2♣/♦ OPENINGS

X=both majors  
 1/2NT=minors

### OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE-OUT DOUBLE

after 1♣:TRF  
 after 1♦: 2m=NF  
 after 1♥/♠: 1NT thru 2 below opening suit=TRF;  
 2NT shows support, other jumps=PRE  
 after 2♣/♦/♥/♠: suit bids=NF

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

### LEADS

SUIT	primarily 1st / 3rd / 5th
NT	primarily 1st / 3rd / 5th
SUBSEQUENT	2nd / 4th thru declarer

From an interior sequence the third card is lead

Against suit we lead small from xxx

K asks count; at 5+ level, when OP has 3-level+ PRE or shown 10+c in two suits

Against NT sometimes 4th is led when 3rd is a high small card

In partner's supported suit we may lead highest from xxxx

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx(+)	AK(+)
King	AK, KQ(+), AKQ(+)	KQ(+), AKQ(+)
Queen	QJ(+)	QJ(+), (KQJx)
Jack	J10(+)	J10(+), AQJ(+)
10	109(+), KJ10(+)	109(+), HJ10(+)
9	9x, H109(+)	9x, 98(+), H109(+)
Hi-x	Sx, SxSx, HxSxxx	Sx(+), HxSx, HxSxSx
Lo-x	HxS(x), xxS, HxxxS, xxxS	HxS, HxSxS

### SIGNALS

	Partner's lead	Declarers lead	Discarding
1st	Hi=Discg	Hi/Lo=odd	Hi=Discg
2nd	Hi/Lo=Odd	Smith in NT	Hi/Lo=odd
3rd	Suit preference		Suit preference

### TAKEOUT DOUBLES

3+M unless 17+ except (1♠)-DBL-(P)-1NT(negative=0-6/7); 2ns  
 CUEBID=mostly F to suit agreement

RESP DBL: 8+hcp

(1m)-DBL-(1M)-2M=NAT

### SPECIAL ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES

Support DBL/RDBL when RESP has 3-c support

Maximum overcall double

Most low-level doubles = T/O

## SYSTEM SUMMARY



### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE NAT 5-c Major

1♣: RESP's TRANSFER

5-card majors - 1NT NF

2D MULTI

1NT Opening: 14-16(15-17vul)

2 OVER 1 Responses: FG

### SPECIAL OPENINGS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

1♣	BAL OR NAT
2♦	MULTI, weak Major OR strong D
2♥	10-13 6+suit
2♠	10-13 6+suit
3NT	1st/2nd Pos=Solid H/S 3rd/4th Pos=To play

### SPECIAL COMPETITIVE BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

1♥/♠-2NT (FG)

Some transfers in competition

### IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DONT FIT ELSEWHERE

Conventional defenses vs ART systems/openings

Checkback two-way Stayman

Many (scrambling) lebensohl 2NT bids

### PSYCHIC OPENINGS

Rare (occasional weak 3rd hand openings)

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Opening bids	No. of cards	Leg.-X thru	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 ♣	2	4 ♥	a/11-13(12-14vul) balanced b/17-19(18-19vul) balanced b/4+C 11-22Hcp	1 ♦=4+H 0+  1 ♥=4+S 0+  1 ♠= a/6-11 bal wo 4c Maj b/9+w Diamonds c/FG w Diamonds, might have major 1NT= a/GF balanced wo Major b/FG w Clubs 2 ♣=6-10 5+Cl 2D/H/S=4-8 6+suit 2NT=NAT INV 3C=NAT INV 3D/H/Sp=6+Cl 12-15 short D/H/Sp 4C/D=TRF 4H/S	1H=2-3H BAL 11-13(12-14) OR 2-3H w 5+Cl 1NT=17(18)-19 BAL 2S=4-c Support unbalanced,3D=4-c support balanced 1S=2-3S BAL 11-13(12-14) OR 2-3 S w 5+Cl,1NT=17-19 3D=17-19BAL 4-c Sup, 3H=4-c support BAL 17(18)-19 2D=17-19BAL  2NT=ASKING	
1 ♦	4	4 ♣	11-22 4+D UNBALANCED	1H/S=NAT 4+suit 1NT=NAT 6-11 2C=NAT FG 2D=GF 4+D 2H/S=4-9 6+suit 3C= 9-11 4+support INV. 3D=PRE 5-9 3H/3S/4C=VOID w support	1NT/2CL/2D=TRF  2NT=ASKING	No checkback Stayman
1 ♥/♠	5	3 ♥	11-22 5+	1NT=6-11 NAT 2Cl/D/H=NAT GF 2M=8-11 3+support 2S(on 1H)=5-9 6+suit 2NT=INV+ 4+support 3Cl/D/H=NAT INV 3M=PRE 4+support 4Cl/R=VOID 4+support	2Cl=14+ 2D/H/S=11-14 NAT  2NT=F 3C=MIN, 3D=EXTRAS NO SHORTNESS 3H/S/NT=EXTRAS w SHORTNESS in C/D/other Major	
1 NT		3 ♦	14-16, (semi)BAL(15-17vul may have 5-card M	2 ♣=STAY, does not promise M if strong; 2 ♦=a/6+minor b/4-c H w longer minor c/5+H 2H=4+S 2S=GF BAL 3C=PUPPET 3D a/to play b/GF both minors 3D=GF 4441, 3H=GF 1444, 3S=GF 4144		
2 ♣	0	3 ♠	a/20-21BALb/25+BALc/FG ANY	2 ♦=relay,2M/3Min weak		
2 ♦	0		a/5-9 6+Maj b/Strong w D	2 ♥=REL,2NT=ASKING,3C/D/S=NAT F,3H=P/C	After 2NT:3C=good weak,3D=weak w H,3H=weak w S	
2 ♥/♠	6		10-13 6+	2NT=ASKING,3D=NAT or INV,3Cl/OM=NAT F,3M=PRE	After 2NT:3C=6-4,3D=BAL or MIN with singleton,3H/S/NT=EXTRAS,short in C/D/H	
2 NT	2		22-24 BAL	3C=STAYMAN,3D/H=TRF,3S=minors	AFTER 3D/H:ACCEPT shows 3+ support	
3 ♣/♦	6		PRE, indicates 2/3 topH ½ seat	3M=NAT F	<b>SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS (including slam-interest bids)</b>	
3 ♥/♠	6		PRE, loose	4m=CUE; 3 ♠=F1	CUE=1st/2nd round controls are shown equally (except SPL in partner's suit)	
3 NT			1st/2nd=solid Maj: else=to play		RKCB 1430	
4 ♣/♦	7		PRE, weak	4 ♥/♠=NAT	5NT from 5X: General grand slam try after RKCB, else RKCB	