



WBF Convention Card 2.19

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING	LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)	OPENING LEADS STYLE			
medium aggressivnes, jump sup=pre		Lead	In Partner's Suit	
jump cue resp=4+ card support mixed raise +	Suit	2nd/4th	2nd/4th	
after overcall in preempts, NS = F1	NT	2nd/4th	2nd/4th	Category: Green
2over1 response=non forcing, 1 over 1 F1 if not passed	Subseq	2nd/4th	2nd/4th	Country: Greece
	Other: In partner's suit if no fit is given small from xxx			Event:
				Players: Aris Filios - Thanassis Matziaris
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)	LEADS			SYSTEM SUMMARY
Natural 15+-18- responses as in 1NT opening, same in 4th position	Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
	Ace	AK(+),Ax(+)	count or UB	5cM 2over1 GF -rebid 15-17 NT best of minor 1NT response SF
	King	KQ(+), AK	att	
	Queen	QJ(+)	KQ(J/10)x(+),QJ(+)	
	Jack	J10	(HH)J(10)+, HHJ9(+)	
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)	10	109(x), HH10(+), 10x	HJ10x(+), 109(+)	
1-Suit: weak when non vulnerable idermediate(11+-15-) when VUL	9	98(+), HH9(+), 9x	98(+), HH9(+), 9x	
2-Suit: strong but NF	Hi-x	count or AT		1NT Openings: 14,5-17
	Lo-x	count or aT		2 OVER 1 Responses:GR-rebid
Reopen: good suit 6+ generally 1-suited hand	SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
(1m)-2m:♠+♥ (54+),(1M)-2M:OM+m (55+);	Suit:1st	Hi=DISC	Hi/lo=O	Hi=DISC
jump cue ask for stopper strong 1 suiter hand(semisolid+)	2nd	Hi/lo=O		Hi/lo=O
Over 2♦ (w M) 2♥,2♠,3♥,3♠ preempts 4m shows 5+m + 5+OM	3rd	S/P		S/P
	NT: 1st	same	same	same
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)	2nd			
2♣:♥+♠,4+/4+, 2one M;then 2M=P/C;3m=NF;2NT=relay	3rd			
2♥:♥+m;then 2♠/3m=NF, 2NT asks m can have GI with fit in M	Signals (including Trumps): Trumps:Hi-lo shows interest in ruff			
2♠:♠+m;then 3♥/3m=NF, 2NT asks m	When suit lead is clear and no count is needed follow dec			
double=at least equivalent to 1NT opening				
reopening the same but can be weaker	DOUBLES			
	TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)	may be weaker if good shape cue bid not GF			
Cuebids to show strong hands 1 or 2 suiters but not much defense	in competition dbl is generally t/o			
Jump overcall strong hand				
	SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES			
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS	SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES			when our side have shown more than 23+ hcp or vuln against not
VS strong club: dbl=M, 1♦=♥, 1♥=♠, 1♠=canape, 1NT=m, 2♣/♦/♥/♠ = either 6 catds	1m-(1♥)-DBL probably no 4♠,1m-(1♠)-DBL suggests 3+♥			
or 3 suite ith singleton in the suit bid	At 3+-level,RESP DBL: Useful values,any shape			
	COMP DBL,DBL by PRE: wants ruff			
	LEAD-DIRECTING DBL(L/D),MAX DBL,Most low-level DBLs=TO			
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE	NEG DBL of PRE O/C=USEFUL VALUES			IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
after 1M opening transfers through 2M with 2M=weak hand with support	Support DBL up to 2 level, support rdbl either 3 cards or strong hand			Psychs seldom
2♦over1♥ and 2♥over1♠ good hand (8-10) with support				Opening bids often on 10+
2NT=INV+ with 4 card support in M opening				Psychics:
2NT=preemptive over minor opening				

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS							
Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Dble thr	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣		2	7nt	Can be on xx with 4 cards in a balan	2♣:GF 5+ ♣, 4x = preemptive	1♣-1♦-1NT can have both M, 1♥/♠ is unbal	
1♣					3♣=mixed raise, 3♦♥/♠ spl, 2♥:5+♠-4+♥ 6-9, 2♠ same	2way-CB 2♣=inv, 2♦=GF	
1♦		4	7nt	Either 5+♦ or 4-4-4-1 (no ♦ singl.)	2♦:GF 4+♦, 3♣:mixed raise or 12+ splinters, 3M/4♣: mini	1♦-1M-1NTI-2♣-2♦=barely open, other 2cards	
1♥		5	7nt	10+	1NT SF, 2♣ art GF, 2♦ GF, 2♠=GI, 2NT=minisplinter	Gazzili, Extra length	2♣/♦=drury w 3 or 4 cards
1♥					3♣=mixed raise, 3♦=bal raise GI+,	3♠/3NT/4♣ trf splinters, 4♦ good raise to 4♥	
1♠		5	7nt	10+	same as in 1♥		
1NT			7nt	15-18- HCP	2♣=nfs 4 way trfs,texas trfs, 3♣= minors nf	1nt-2♣-2♥/2♠-3OM=GF with fit and a singleton	
1NT					3♦ minors GF, 3♥/3♠=spl w 5-4 m		
2♣	Yes		7nt	FGor23+HCP if BAL			
2♦	Yes			MULTI(... weak 2M; very weak	2♥/2♠/3♥/3♠=pass or corect		Weak in a M
2♥	Yes			8-11 6+ can have side suit	2nt=ask, other NF		2suiter with m
2♠	Yes			Same	same		
2NT			7nt	20-21HCP	3♣ for 5 or 4 cards where 3♥ no M, trf, 3♠ trf to 3NT with		
3♣				PRE: ...	NS = F1		
3♦				PRE: ...			
3♥				PRE: ...			
3♠				PRE: ...			
3NT	Yes			GAMBLING no outside A or K	4♣ pass or cor. 4♦=ask for sortness,5♣ pass or cor.	3nt-4♦-4♥/4♠ singleton 4nt=no singleton 5♣=singl.♦	
3NT					4♥/4♠=to play 4nt=inv	5♦=singl.♣	
4♣				PRE			
4♦				PRE			
4♥				PRE			
4♠				PRE			
4NT							
5♣							
5♦							
5♥							
5♠							
5NT							
HIGH LEVEL BIDDING							
cue:1st + 2nd round equally							
5NT: GSF, AUTOSPLINTER, DBL is regressive,							
EXCLUSION RKCB, JOSEPHINE, LIGHTNER, PASS, then pull is SLAM TRY							
RKCB-1430, SPL PODI, PORI, 5NT=odd Aces + void, 6x even aces							
after opon.dbl over cue bid rdbl first round control, continuation of cue bids							
shows at least the Queen or 2d round control							

System Notes

A. Opening bids

West	East	Description
1♣		Can be doubleton. Most balanced hands without 5c in another suit open 1♣
1♦		5+ cards or 4441
1♥		Natural opening. 5+ cards
1♠		Natural opening. 5+ cards
1NT		15-17 balanced or semi-balanced. Can have 5M or 6m
2♣		Natural strong opening, does not include semi-forcing bids with 6card Majors
2♦		Approximately 3-7 hcp weak in a Major. Hand evaluation depends on vulnerability
2♥		Approximately 8-11 weak in hearts. Hand evaluation depends on vulnerability.
2♠		Approximately 8-11 weak in spades. Hand evaluation depends on vulnerability.
2NT		(19)20-21 balanced. 5cM is possible
3x		Natural preemptive
3NT		1 st and 2 nd position: gambling without outside A or K.
4x		Natural preemptive

B. 3rd seat modifications

West	East	Description
2♦		Weak in a major. Can be 5cards
2♥		Hearts + minor (5/4+)
2♠		Spades + minor (5/4+)
3NT		To play

2. 2♠ opening and development (1st and 2nd position)

West	East	Description
2♠	2NT	Asking, at least game invitational
	3♣	i) GI with 6+ ♣ ii) Mild game invitation in ♠, values/length in ♣.
	3♦	i) GI with 6+ ♦ ii) Mild game invitation in ♠, values/length in ♦.
	3♥	Forcing with 6+ ♥
	3♠	Mild GI
	3NT	To play
	4x	Splinter
	4♠	To play
	4NT	RKCB
	5x	Exclusion RCKB

3. 2♥ opening and development (1st and 2nd position)

West	East	Description
2♥	2♠	5+ ♠. F1
	2NT	Asking, at least game invitational
	3♣	iii) GI with 6+ ♣ iv) Mild game invitation in ♥, values/length in ♣.
	3♦	iii) GI with 6+ ♦ iv) Mild game invitation in ♥, values/length in ♦.
	3♥	Mild GI
	3♠	Splinter
	3NT	To play
	4x	Splinter
	4♥	To play
	4♠	Exclusion RKCB
	4NT	RKCB
	5x	Exclusion RKCB

1NT opening

West	East	Description
1NT	2♣	Stayman can be w/o M

2♦/♥	Transfers (3 to suit shows min w 4 cards)
2♠	Transfer to ♣ (next suit shows max w fit)
2NT	Transfer to ♦
3♣	Minor 2-suiter weak, opener pass/correct
3♦	Minor 2-suiter strong
3♥/♠	Splinter, 5-4 in m and 3 cards in oM
3NT	To play
4♦	Transfer to 4♥
4♥	Transfer to 4♠

4. Major suit openings

West	East	Description
1♠	1NT	Semiforcing 5-11 (opener can pass with bal minimum)
	2♣	GF relay
	2♦	Natural GF, 5+♦
	2♥	Natural GF, 5+♥
	2♠	Natural
	2NT	4c support, bal and 12-14
	3♣	Mixed raise 6-9 with 4c fit
	3♦	i) Invitational with fit ii) 12-14 balanced with 3c
	3♥	Mini-splinter in some suit, 9-11 with 4+c fit
	3♠	Preemptive
	3NT	12-14 splinter in ♣
	4♣	12-14 splinter in ♦
	4♦	12-14 splinter in ♥
	4♥	Good preemptive raise to 4♠
	4♠	Preemptive

West	East	Description
1♥	1♠	Nat
	1NT	Semiforcing 5-11 (opener can pass with bal minimum)
	2♣	GF relay
	2♦	Natural GF, 5+♦
	2♥	Natural
	2♠	Mini-splinter in some suit, 9-11 with 4+c fit
	2NT	4c support, bal and 12-14
	3♣	Mixed raise 6-9 with 4c fit
	3♦	i) Invitational with fit
	3♥	Preemptive
	3♠	12-14 splinter in ♣
	3NT	12-14 splinter in ♦
	4♣	12-14 splinter in ♠
	4♦	Good preemptive raise to 4♥
	4♥	Preemptive

A. GAME TRIES AFTER MAJOR RAISE IN LEVEL 2

The general principles are:

- Next step after 2M raise is a general game try (2NT after 2♠, 2♠ after 2♥)
- Bid of a new suit in level 3 (or 2NT if 2♠ is occupied) is a short game try

West	East	Description
1♥	2♥	
2♠		General long game try
2NT		Short game try in ♠
3♣		Short game try in ♣
3♦		Short game try in ♦
3♥		Preemptive
3♠		Asking for shortness
3NT		Suggests alternative contract
4♣		Slam try with 5+♣
4♦		Slam try with 5+♦

West	East	Description
1♥	2♥	
2♠	2NT	Accept long game try in ♠

	3♣	Accept long game try in ♣
	3♦	Accept long game try in ♦
	3♥	Sign off

West	East	Description
1♠	2♠	
2NT		General long game try
3♣		Short game try in ♣
3♦		Short game try in ♦
3♥		Short game try in ♥
3♠		Preemptive
3NT		Suggests alternative contract
4♣		Slam try with 5+♣
4♦		Slam try with 5+♦
4♥		Slam try with 5+♥

West	East	Description
1♠	2♠	
2NT	3♣	Accept long game try in ♣
	3♦	Accept long game try in ♦
	3♥	Accept long game try in ♥
	3♠	Sign off

5. 1♦ opening

West	East	Description
1♦	1♥	Natural (4+ ♥)
	1♠	Natural 4+
	1NT	5-11 hcp semi-forcing
	2♣	GF
	2♦	Natural GF, 4+♦
	2♥	6-9, 5+♠ - 4+♥
	2♠	10-11, 5+♠ - 4+♥
	2NT	Natural Invitational
	3♣	Mixed raise 4+ support or 12+ some splinter
	3♦	Preemptive
	3♥/♠	MiniSplinters
	3NT	MiniSplinter in ♣
	4♣	Preemptive
	4♦	Preemptive
	4♥/♠	To play
	4NT	RKCB
	5m	To play

West	East	Description
1♦	1♥	Natural (4+ ♥) or GF any hand
1♠	2♣	GF Relay
2♦		Any minimum
2♥		Min 4-3-5-1
2♠		Transfer to 3♣ with 4-0-5-4 or 4-1-4-4
2NT		Natural maximum, after which all bids are transfers
3♣		Extra length (4-6) or 4-2-5-2 no club stop
3♦		Transfer showing 4-3-5-1 and 13+
3♥		Transfer showing 6-5
3♠		3c ♣

West	East	Description
1♦	1♥/♠	
1NT	2♣	Check back - any invitational hand +
	2♦	Weak hand with ♦ s/o

West	East	Description
1♦	1♥	
1NT	2♣	Check back - any invitational hand +
2♦		Minimum hand (barely opening bid)

2♥	2 cards in hearts (e.g. 3-2-5-3)
2♠	2 cards in spades (e.g. 2-3-5-3)
2NT	4 cards in clubs (e.g. 2-2-5-4)
3♣	2 cards in clubs (e.g. 3-3-5-2)
3♦	2 cards to a high honor in hearts

West	East	Description
1♦	1♠	
1NT	2♣	Check back - any invitational hand + Minimum hand (barely opening bid)
2♦		2 cards in hearts (e.g. 3-2-5-3)
2♥		2 cards in spades (e.g. 2-3-5-3)
2NT		4 cards in clubs (e.g. 2-2-5-4)
3♣		2 cards in clubs (e.g. 3-3-5-2)
3♦		2 cards to a high honor in spades
3♥		4 cards in hearts (e.g. 2-4-5-2)

West	East	Description
1♦	1♥	
1NT	2♣	
2♦	2♠	Asking for distribution
2NT		4 cards in clubs (e.g. 2-2-5-4)
3♣		2 cards in clubs (e.g. 3-3-5-2)
3♦		2 cards in hearts (e.g. 3-2-5-3)
3♥		2 cards in spades (e.g. 2-3-5-3)
3♠		♥ Hx

West	East	Description
1♦	1♠	
1NT	2♣	
2♦	2♥	Asking for distribution
2♠		2 cards in spades (e.g. 2-3-5-3)
2NT		4 cards in clubs (e.g. 2-2-5-4)
3♣		2 cards in clubs (e.g. 3-3-5-2)
3♦		2 cards in hearts (e.g. 3-2-5-3)
3♥		4 cards in hearts (e.g. 2-4-5-2)
3♠		♠ Hx

West	East	Description
1♦	1♥	
2♣	2♠	4 th suit F1
2NT		Min, nat, NF
3♣		Transfer to 3♦ - 6c or 5-4
3♦		Transfer - 3♥
3♥		Transfer
3♠		Transfer - 5♣
3NT		Max nat

West	East	Description
1♦	1♠	
2♣	2♥	4 th suit F1
2♠		Waiting bid
2NT		Min, nat, NF
3♣		Transfer - 6♦
3♦		Transfer
3♥		Transfer - 3♠
3♠		Transfer - 5♣
3NT		Max nat

West	East	Description
1♦	1♠	
2♦	2♥	4 th suit F1

2♠	Nat 3c
2NT	Nat NF
3♣	Transfer to 3♦ - 6c
3♦	Transfer to 3♥ - 4c ♥
3♥	Transfer to 3♠ - ♠Hx
3♠	
3NT	Nat max

West	East	Description
1♦	1♥	
2♦	2♠	F1 can be values only
2NT		Min, nat, NF
3♣		Transfer to 3♦ - 6c
3♦		Transfer to 3♥ - 3c ♥
3♥		♥ Hx
3♠		
3NT		Max nat

6. 1♣ opening

West	East	Description
1♣	1♦	Natural, either no 4 M or GF
	1♥	Natural (4+ ♥)
	1♠	Natural 4+
	1NT	5-11 hcp semi-forcing
	2♣	Natural GF, 4+♣ (usually 5)
	2♦	Invitational 6+(5+) ♦
	2♥	6-9, 5+♠ - 4+♥
	2♠	10-11, 5+♠ - 4+♥
	2NT	Natural Invitational
	3♣	Mixed raise 5+ support
	3♦/♥/♠	Splinters
	3NT	To play
	4♣	Preemptive
	4♦	Preemptive
	4♥/♠	To play
	4NT	RKCB
	5m	To play

West	East	Description
1♣	1♥/1♠	
1♠/1NT	2♣	Transfer to diamonds for s/o or any invitational hand
	2♦	GF any hand
	2NT	Natural invitational
	3♣/♦	5M – 5m inv

West	East	Description
1♣	1♥	
1♠/1NT	2♣	
2♦	Pass	Canape with 6+(5+) ♦
	2♥	Nat, Inv with 5+ ♥
	2♠	Nat, Inv
	2NT	Transfer to 3♣ with a weak hand 5+ clubs
	3♣	Canape inv
	3♦	Canape inv

West	East	Description
1♣	1♥	
1NT	2♦	
2♥		3 cards hearts
2♠		5 cards in ♣ – 2NT asks for ♥Hx or values for NT
2NT		4-3-3-3 – 3♣ asks for 4 cards: 3♦=♦, 3♥=♣
3♣		4(5) ♣-4♦ - 3♦ asks for ♥Hx or values for NT

West	East	Description
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1♣	1♠	
1NT	2♦	
2♥		3 cards spades
2♠		5 cards in ♣ – 2NT asks for ♠Hx or values for NT
2NT		4-3-3-3 -- 3♣ asks for 4 cards: 3♦=♦, 3♥=♥, 3♠=♠
3♣		4(5) ♣-4♦ - 3♦ asks for ♠Hx or values for NT
3♦		4♦-4♥
3♥		4(5) ♣-4♥

West	East	Description
1♣	1♥/1♠	
1NT	2♦	
2♥	2♠	Asks for further details
2NT		4-4 m
3♣		5 clubs
3♦		4♦-4♥ (after 1♠ response)
3♥	(after 1♠)	4(5) ♣-4♥

West	East	Description
1♣	1♥	
1♠	2♦	
2♥		3 card fit - 2♠ asks: 2NT=4♣, 3♣=5♣, 3♦=4♦
2♠		4♠-4m - 2NT asks for ♥Hx or values for NT
2NT		4♠-3-3-3
3♣		5 clubs

West	East	Description
1♣	1♠	
2♣	2♦	GI relay
	2♥	GF relay
	2♠	Nat
	2NT	GI
	3♣	Nat
	3♦	5+-5+ GF
	3♥	5+-5+ GF
	3♠	GI
	3NT	Nat
	4♦/♥	Splinters

West	East	Description
1♣	1♥	
2♣	2♦	GI relay
	2♥	Nat
	2♠	GF relay
	2NT	GI
	3♣	Nat
	3♦	5+-5+ GF
	3♥	GI
	3♠	Splinter
	3NT	Nat
	4♦	Splinter