

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
NV very light, 1 level responses Forcing, 2 lvl responses NF const,
Jump cue weak, 1X 3X mixed, Jump shift Forcing NAT
After X, TFR. TRF to opener's suit is a cue bid. 2N = 4card raise
TRF to our suit is weak, bidding suit is constructive.
PH NV showing a limit raise after a double promises a top honor
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
Direct 15-18, systems on
Balancing after 1M open 12-16 HCP; after 1m open 11-15 HCP
Over balance, Range asking stayman and systems on
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: Unusual NT)
PRE, decent trick taking hands
UNT: lowest 2
1♣ 2♦: Both majors; 1m-2♥ = 4 ♠s, longer ♥s.
Reopen: Intermediate
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style: Response; Reopen)
(1X) P (1Y) 2X is always Michaels
(1m) P (1N) 2♣ Both majors longer ♥; 2♦ longer ♠
(1M) 2M 4 OM + ♠s
(1♦) 2♦ Michaels unless 1♦ could be short, then 2♥ & 3♦
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Direct vs Strong & Weak: 2♣ Majors, 2♦ 5+♥, 2♥ 5+♠,
2♠ 4♠ & 5+m, 2N 4♥ & 5+m, X is penalty
By PH or balancing: DBL ♣+M or ♦s, 2♣ Ms, 2♦ ♦+M, 2M NAT
VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
(2M) 3M: Strong 1-suiter
Lebensohl after takeout of 2M but 2N NAT after 2♣/♦ NAT.
(2M) 4m: 5m+5OM GF, (2M) 4M: minors, better than 4N
(2♣) X (P) 2♦ Lebensohl
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Against 1♣: X majors, 1N majors 55, 2♦ 1 Major,
2♥/♠ 5+ Major, 4+ minor, 2NT minors
Against 2♣: X clubs
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
TRF after 1M open and X
TRF after 1♦ Precision and X
TRF after 1m (NAT) and X; some ART 2-lvl bis

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3/5	3/5	
NT	4 th best	3/5	
Subseq	3/5 through dummy, 2/4	3/5 through dummy, 2/4	
Other: Against NT, 4 th best/attitude through dummy			
LEADS [Note 0]			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Ax(x), AK	AKx(x)+	
King	AKx+, KQ	Asks unblock/count	
Queen	KQx+, KQ, QJ, AKQx	KQx(x), KQJx(x), AKQx	
Jack	QJx(x), QJ	QJx(x), KQJx(x)	
10	JTx(x), AJT(x), KJT(x)	JTx(x), AJT(x), KJT(x)	
9	T9x(x)	T9x(x)	
Hi-X	Xx or raised partner	xx, xxx, xxxx	
Lo-X	3 rd /5 th	4 th best	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	UD ATT	UD CT/STD SP	UD ATT
Suit 2	UD CT	STD SP	UD ATT
3	SP	STD SP	UD ATT
1	Same	STD SP	Same
NT 2			
3			
Signals (including Trumps): Trump SP; UDCA: SP in smith situation			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style: Responses; Reopening)			
Aggressive at 1 level ; 2M shows 5+ 8+ Cue = MM+ const or good hand			
Equal level conversion after PRE at 4♦ or lower			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
(1♥) X (3♥) X good 3♠, maximal, snapdragon, responsive doubles			
XX after overcall is double shows 2 card raise and values			
Support X/XX			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Red
NCBO: USBF
PLAYERS: Joe Grue and Brad Moss
EVENT: Open
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd seat non-vulnerable and 4 th seat NV&V Precision
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd vulnerable sound natural system with relays
1N: 14-16 1 st /2 nd NV, 12-16 3 rd NV, 15-17 1 st /2 nd /
GF Relays over 1M, 2/1 bids generally show special hands
Very light 3 rd hand NV openings
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
1♦-2♥ & 1♣ NAT-2♦: 5+♠ 4+♥ less than INV
1♦-2♠ & 1♣ NAT-2♥: 5+♠ 4+♥ INV
1♦-3♣: both minors less than INV
1♥-1♠: like forcing NT, any number of ♠
1♥-1N: FG relay
1♥-2♣: 5+♠ constructive to INV
1♠-2♣: FG relay
1♠-2♦: 5+♥ constructive to INV
1♠-3♣: 6+♥ wide ranging
2♦: 10-15 (43)15, 4414, or 4405 when playing Precision except
in 3 rd seat NV, then natural 10-15
3N: 1 st /2 nd 5+-6+ or 6+-5+ Majors
Very light favorable vul overcalls
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
PH opponent raises partner's preempt to game
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: Occasional

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				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	✓	0	NO	16+ ART F1 1/2/3 NV + 4 th	ART 1♠ 0-7, 1♥ 12+, 1♠♥ 8-11, 1N♥ 8-11, see [1]	1♣-1♦ [2], 1♣-1♥ [3], 1♣-2♣[5], others [4]	Notes [6] & [7]
1♣		3	4♥	11+ NAT 1/2/3 V	1♥/1♠/1N NAT 2♣ Inverted, 2♦/♥ 5+♠ 4+♥, see [8]	Note [9]	Note [10]
1♦	✓	2	4♥	10-15 2+ 1/2NV+4, 3+♦ 3NV	1♥/1♠NAT, 2♣/2♦ FG, 2♥/2♠ 5+♠ 4+♥, 3♠+ [11]	1♦: 1♥ [11], 1♠[12], 2♣[13], 2♦ [14]	Note [15]
1♦		3	4♥	11+ NAT 1/2/3V	1♥/1♠/1N NAT, 2♣ FG, 2♦ Inverted,	GF relay after 1N rebid;	1♠-(1N)-2♣ Majors
					2♥/♠ 5+♠ 4+♥ less than INV/INV	1♦-1♥-1♠-2♣ weak preference or GF relay	
1♥		5(4 3 rd)	4♥	10-15 1/2/3NV+4, 11+ 1/2/3V	1M+1 F NT, +2 GF ASK, +3 5+OM constructive,	1♥-1♠ now TRF, 1N is ♠ or BAL	Rev Drury, 2M+1 miniSPL
					+4 3-LIMIT, +5 simple raise. 3M-2 4-LIMIT, 3M-1		TRF over 1M open 3 rd NV
1♠		5(4 3 rd)	4♥	10-15 1/2/3NV+4, 11+ 1/2/3V	PRE, 3M Mixed, 3M+1 mini SPL, higher=SPL[16/17]		TRF after X
INT			4♥	14-16 1/2NV, 12-16 3NV,	STAY, JAC, 2♠ ♠/BAL, 2N ♦, 2NT Puppet,	1N-2♦-2♥-2♠ minors GF; Retransfers	Rubensohl over 2M, Negative
2♣		6	4♥	10-15 1/2/3NV+4	2♦ ASK, 2M INV, 2N ♣ or 55GF, 3♣♦♥TRF	2♣-2♦-2♥ 4M, 2♠ ♠+shortness, 2N BAL,	PH same, sys on over 2♦, X
2♣	✓		4♥	22+ or GF 1/2/3V	2♦ GF, 2♥ NEG, 2♠ 8-11BAL, 2N M, 3♣/♦ ♦/♠,	2♣-2♦-2♥ TRF Kokish, 2♣-2N-3♣ now TRF	X is takeout
2♦	✓	0	4♥	10-15 1/2NV+4 (43)15/4414/4405	2M/3♣ Play, 2N ASK, 4♠ to 4♦ for slam try,	4♠ to 4♦ for slam try, 4♦ to 4♥ to sign off,	
2♦		6	NO	PRE 1/2/3V, Wide range 6+ 3NV	PRE: 2♥/♠ NAT F, 2N ASK NAT: no agreements	PRE: TRF after 2♦-2♥/♠	TRF after X, X penalty after PRE
2♥		6	NO	PRE 1/2/3V+4, Wide range 3NV	2N ASK, new suits NAT F, 4♣ Preempt KC	TRF after 2♥ 2♠	TRF after X, X penalty after PRE
2♠		6	NO	PRE 1/2/3V+4, Wide range 3NV	2N ASK, 3♠=♥F, 3♦ NAT, 3♥=♠F, 4♣ Preempt KC		
2NT			4♥	20-21 1/2/3V, 22+-24 1/2/3NV+4	3♣ Stayman, 3♦/♥ TRF, 3♠ Relay to 3N w/ 5♠+4m		
					or minors, 4♠/♦/♥ TRF, 4♠ 5♦ (332)INV, 4N INV		
3♣		6	NO	PRE	3♦ Relay, 3M INV, 3N/4M Play, 4♣ NF,	After 3♦-3♥ (forced): P to play, 3♠->3N to	
3♦		6	NO	PRE	4♣ Preempt KC	3♥ relay to 3♠	
3♥		6	NO	PRE	4♣ Preempt KC		
3♠		6	NO	PRE	4♣ Preempt KC		
3NT	✓	6-5	NO	PRE 1/2 6+♠-5+♥	4♣ Slam try, 4♦ pick ♥/♠, 4M Play, 4N ♥ RKC	4♣ relays 4♦, then 4M slam try, 4N ♠ RKC	
4X		7	NO	PRE			
4NT				Ace asking	5♣ 0, 5♦ 1, 5♥ 2, 5♠ 3, 5N 4		
5♣						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦						3014 RKCB, 3014 Kickback	
5♥						ZZ Spiral Scan, Mulberry	
5♠						Splinters	

NOTE 0: Leads

Against suits, 3/5 + Rusinow, 2/4 through declarer

Against NT, 4th best except 3/5 in partner's suit, 2/4 through declarer, Rusinow

Rusinow exceptions:

Not on if preemptor leads a different suit

Not in partner's shown suit, including implied suits ie (1S)-X, partner has "shown" oM.

Not on in dummy's or declarer's known suit.

NOTE 1: Responses to 1♣ Precision Opening

- 1♦ 0-7
- 1♥ 12+ not hearts unless 3532 with balanced shape then 2♣ after 1♠
- 1♠ Hearts 8+
- 1N 8-11 spades
- 2♣ 8-11 all balanced hands
- 2♦ 8-11 5+ diamonds with a second suit
- 2♥ 8-11 5+ clubs with a second suit
- 2♠ 8-11 single suited diamonds with shortness or 7222
- 2N 8-11 single suited clubs with shortness or 7222
- 3♣ 8-11 6322 with diamonds
- 3♦-3NT 8-11 4441s DTL, Mulberry after

NOTE 2: Rebids after 1♦ Response to 1♣ Precision Opening

- 1M F1, 4+ bid Major, could have longer minor
- 1N 17-19(20) 1st/2nd/3rd NV. 18-19(20) 4th Full system on.
- 2♣ 16-21 5+ bid minor, no 4M
- 2♥ Kokish, either a strong 2 in ♥ or 24+ balanced GF
- 2♠ Strong 2-bid in spades
- 2N 21-22
- 3m 5+ bid minor, FG no 4M
- 3M Splinter with 55m, FG
- 3N To play

After 1♣-1♦-1M, 2♣/2♦ show 6-7 <2M/3M. Over 2♣, 2♦ is a weak relay.

NOTE 3: Rebids after 1♥ Response to 1♣ Precision Opening

- 1♠ Relay
- 1N/2♣/2♦/2♥ 5+♠/♥/♦/♣
- 2♠ 16-18 Any 4441 or 544 with 5♠ specifically
- 2N 16-18 Any void 544 with 5♥
- 3♣ 16-18 Any void 544 with 5♦
- 3♦/♥/♠ 16-18 0445/4045/4405

After 1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠, 1N+ are as 1♣ - 1N+ but now show 12+ HCP

NOTE 4: 1♠, 1N, 2♦ 2♥ Responses to 1♣ Precision Opening

After these bids all showing 5+ in ♥/♠/♣/♦, the next step starts a shape showing relay.

Steps 2-4 show 5+ in the other three suits down the line. Over 1♠ and 1NT: Step 5 shows 4450 or 4441 hands. Steps 6-8 are void splinters. Over 2♦ and 2♥: Step 5 sets the suit shown by responder and demands cues. Higher steps do not exist.

NOTE 5: 2♣ Response to 1♣ Precision Opening

- 2♦ Relay
- 2♥/♠ ♠/♥
- 2N Modified asking, only game and major interest
- 3♣/♦ ♦/♣

NOTE 6: Passed Hand Responses to 1♣ Precision Opening

- 1♦ 0-6, except 4th seat V then 0-7
- 1M Other Major, 7-9, except 4th seat V then 8-11
- 1N Natural 7-9/8-11 NV/V
- 2♣+ All drop down a level from UPH responses, 7-9, except 4th seat V then 8-11

NOTE 7: Competition after 1♣ Precision Opening

In general, we show suits in reverse order (♠/♥/♦/♣) over interference, with NT always being natural. Pass is 0-7, X is GF. Example:

1♣ (2♣ Natural)-2♦/2♥/2♠ show ♠/♥/♦; 2N Natural

Against suction, pass then double is a GF in the single suit opponents could have.

Bidding the fourth suit shows a 3-suited hand. NT is always natural.

NOTE 8: Responses to 1♣ Natural Opening

- 1 level NAT
- 2♣ Inverted
- 2♦/♥ 5+♠, 4+♥ less than INV/INV (also applies after DBL/overcall)
- 2♠ PRE
- 2N 12+ GF
- 3♣ Mixed (also after DBL/overcall)
- 3♦/♥/♠ SPL
- 3N 16-18

NOTE 9: Subsequent Action Over 1♣ Natural Opening

- 1♣ - 1♦ - 2♦ shows reverse values
- 1♣ - 1♥ - 3♦ shows 6+♠ 3♥
- 1♣ - 1♥ - 4♣ SPL in ♦ for ♥
- 1♣ - 1♥ - 4♦ 5 level drive
- 1♣ - 1♠ - 3♦/♥ 6+♠ 3♠ SPL
- 1♣ - 1M - 1N now 2♦ is GF relay, 2♣ is a relay to 2♦ with a variety of hands

NOTE 10: Responses to 1♦ Precision Opening

- 1♥/♠ 4+
- 1N Up to 11
- 2♣ 3+♣, FG unless 6+♣ or both minors invitational, By PH, NAT, NF
- 2♦ 5+♦, FG, unless 6+♦ invitational or 5+4+ mm invitational. By PH, natural NF
- 2♥ 5+♠ 4+♥ non-invitational, same by PH
- 2♠ 5+♠ 4♥ invitational, same by PH
- 2N 12-13
- 3♣ 5+4+ mm non-invitational
- 3♦ 6+♦ non-invitational
- 3♥/♠ Preemptive
- 3N 14-16, opener not expected to bid again
- 4♣/♦ Preemptive
- 4♥/♠ & 5♣/♦ To play, Wide range
- 4N Ace asking (0/4, 1, 2, 3)

NOTE 11: Rebids after 1♥ Response to 1♦ Precision Opening

- 1♠ All hands 4+♠, now 2♣ is GF relay, 2♦ INV hands
- 1N Balanced no 4♠ now 2♦ is GF relay, 2♣ INV hands
- 2♣ 5+4+mm, not 64
- 2♠ 6♦ 3♥, good hand
- 2N Good raise, splinter
- 3♣ Good concentrated 55mm NF
- 3♦ Denies 3♥
- 3♥ Concentrated 6+♦, 4+♥
- 3♠ 7♦ solid
- 3N Raise with void in other major
- 4♣ Void
- 4♥ Gambling probably 65

NOTE 12: Rebids after 1♠ Response to 1♦ Precision Opening

- 1N Natural, can be 1444, 1(43)5 or 1453, not supposed to be 22(45), now 2♦ is GF relay, 2♣ INV hands, 2♥ puppets 2♠ for slam try, 2N puppets 3♣
- 2♣ 54+ either way
- 2♦ 6+, could have 4♣
- 2♥ 6-3
- 2♠ May have 3 only if 3-4-5-1 or 3-1-(54) not great, or 63
- 2N 4 card splinter + good hand
- 3♣ 55 strong concentrated, NF
- 3♦ Denies 3♠
- 3♥ Good 5-6 NF

NOTE 13: Rebids after 2♣ Response to 1♦ Precision Opening

- 2♦ 5+, 2♥ relay
- 2♥ Weak NT
- 2♠ 4+♣, unknown splinter
- 2N Min, 4441
- 3♣ Usually 5, balanced
- 3♦ Some extras, decent suit

NOTE 14: Rebids after 2♦ Response to 1♦ Precision Opening

- 2♥ Weak NT (2-4♦)
- 2♠ 4+♦ unknown splinter, 2N asks
- 2N Wants to declare
- 3♣ (41)-3-5, 3♦ asks
- 3♦ 4+♦ balanced

NOTE 15: Competition after 1♦ Precision Opening

- 1♦ (1N) 2♣ is majors
- 1♦ (X) XX, 1♥, 1♠ are TRF
- 1♦ (1♥) 2♥ is 6+♠
- 1♦ (1♥) 2♠/3♣ is both minors INV/weak
- 1♦ (2/3♣) TRF by UPH

NOTE 16: Responses to 1♥ Opening

- 1♠ Like a forcing NT; any number of ♠
- 1N FG relay
- 2♣ 5♠ constructive – inv
- 2♦ Limit raise with 3♥
- 2♥ Natural constructive
- 2♠ 6+♠, anything Precision, < inv in nat. Resps like weak 2 (3♣ good ♥, 3♥ to play)
- 2N Jacoby
- 3♣ Limit or bad GF or good 1M-4M in natural
- 3♦ Preemptive raise
- 3♥ Mixed
- 3♠ Mini-splinter anywhere with exactly 1
- 3N/4♣/♦ Max splinter (3N spade SPL) with exactly 1
- 4♥ Wide range
- 4♠ To play
- 4N Straight aces
- 5♣/♦ To play

Over a 3rd seat NV 1♥ opening, 1♠ through 2♦ are transfers, with 2♦ showing a limit raise

NOTE 17: Responses to 1♠ Opening

- 1N Less than GF
- 2♣ FG relay
- 2♦ 5♥ (sometimes 6) constructive—invite
- 2♥ 3 card limit raise
- 2♠ Constructive
- 2N Jacoby
- 3♣ 6+♥ wide ranging
- 3♦ Limit or bad GF or good 1M-4M in natural
- 3M PRE/mixed raise
- 3N Weak splinter somewhere, not void
- 4♣/♦/♥ Good splinters, not void
- 4♠ Wide ranging

Over a 3rd seat NV 1♠ opening, 1N through 2♥ are transfers, with 2♥ showing a limit raise

NOTE 18: Responses to 1N Opening

Over 14-16 or 15-17 NT:

- 2♣ Stayman
- 2M Transfer, 2♦ includes minors FG
- 2♠ ♣ or balanced
- 2N Puppet
- 3♣ ???Low information puppet, 3♦ shows no 5M
- 3♦ 4441 or 445 with shortness in minor
- 3M SPL in bid Major, 4 cards other major, 44 or (45) minors
- 4♣ Gerber
- 4♦/♥ Texas
- 4♠ 5♦ (332) INV
- 4N 4333 INV

Over a 12-16 NT 3rd seat NV:

- 2♣/♦/♥ Same as 15-17
- 2♠ Weak with ♣, ♦ or both
- 2N INV with ♣+♦
- 3♣/♦ NAT INV
- 3M 3 card Major, 55 ♣ & ♦