## Defensive and Competitive Bidding

## Overcalls (Style; responses: I/2 level; reopening)

## General Style = Sound

Reponses: Jump Raise = Preemptive
Cue-Bid = Forcing raise
New Suit $=$ Forcing - jump shift $=$ fit
In Balancing Position: Same

## Take-out double:

General Style = Can be light / shaped
Responses: Natural. Cue bid = Forcing

INT overcalls (2nd/4th live; responses; reopening)
2 nd Position $=15-17$
Responses: Bid as INT opening
Natural

| 4th Position $=10-14$ |
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| Responses: Natural |

Jump Overcalls: (Style; responses; unusual NT)
T-Suit:Weak, 2NT = forcing responses: new suit is forcing
2-suit:- 12-2
Reopen: Cue = any good two suiter. 2NT = |9-2|
Direct and Jump cue Bids (Style; responses; reopen)
Direct Cue Bid = Michaels (Note I)

Vs NT (vs Strong/weak; reopening; pH
Landy (Note 3)
Vs preempts (doubles, cue-Bids; jumps; NT bids
Take out doubles thru 48

## Vs Artificial Strong Openings

Over Opponents take out double
New suit forcing at I-level
Jump Shift non-forcing
Double Jump = Splinter / 2NT = limit raise or better

| Leads and Signals |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Opening Leads - style |  |
| Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | 3rd/5th 3rd/5th |
| NT | 4th 3rd/5th |
| Subseq |  |
| Other 2nd from 4 small |  |
| Leads |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit Vs. NT |
| Ace | $A K x: A x x x(+) \quad A K ; A K x(+)$ |
| King | KQ; AK; KQ109x KQ; AKJIO(x); KQ109(+) |
| Queen Qj; Qjx(x) QJ; Qjx(+);AQJx(+);KQx(+); |  |
| Jack | J10; Jl0x(+); KJIOx(+) JI0; 10 l (+); KJI0x(+) |
| 10 | 109; 109x(+); H109x(+); 10x 109; |
| 9 | $9 \mathrm{x} ; 98 \mathrm{x}(+) \quad \mathrm{H} 98 \mathrm{x}(+)$ |
| Hi-x | Sx; xxS Sx; ; xSxx |
| Lo-x | HxS; HxSx(+); $\mathrm{xSxx}(+) \quad \mathrm{HxS} ; \mathrm{HxxS}(+)$; |
| Signals in order of Priority |  |
| Partner's Lead Declarer's Lead Discarding |  |
| 1 suit | Hi = E Same Same |
| 2 suit | $\mathrm{Hi}=$ encouraging |
| 3 suit | S/P |
| INT | lo = E Same Same |
| 2NT | lo = encouraging |
| 3NT | S/P |
| Signals (including trumps): |  |
| Echo in trump suit shows ability to ruff |  |
| Takeout Doubles (Style; responses reopening) |  |
| May be light with classic shape |  |
| Cue $=\mathrm{F}$ until a suit is bid twice; |  |
| New suit = FI |  |
| Reopen: same as above |  |
| Special, artificial and competitive doubles/redoubles |  |
| Responsive Dbl:After T/O Dble thru 4 $\checkmark$; after o/call thru 49 |  |
| Repeat same suit dble by Neg doubler = Take out (See Note 8) |  |
| Over minor Michaels: Major = stopper |  |
| Over or be | Michaels: cue bid in opponents' major = limit raise |

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|  | System Summary |
| :---: | :---: |
| General approach and Style |  |
| Natural, 5-card Majors |  |
| Longer Minor - is if 3.3 |  |
| Limit jump raises over majors |  |
| INT response $=$ not forcing |  |
| INT Opening: 15-17 |  |
| 2 over I response: Promises rebid (See Note 7) |  |
| Special Bids that may require defence |  |
| 20 Opening = strong, near Game Force - any suit,(s) any shape |  |
| $2 \diamond$ Opening $=$ Weak $\diamond 6+(6-10 \mathrm{HCP})$ |  |
| 29 Opening = Weak Major 6+ (6-10 HCP) |  |
| 24 Opening = Weak Major 6+ ( 6-10 HCP) |  |
| 3NT Opening = Gambling |  |
| 2NT Overcall = two lower unbid suits |  |
| Michaels Cue-bids (Note I) |  |
|  | Negative Doubles to 34 |

## Special Forcing Pass Sequences

## Important notes that don't fit elsewhere

Double Jump in new suit $=$ Splinter if minor over major
Jump Cue Bid by Opener = Splinter raise

## Psychics:

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|  |  |  |  | Description | Responses | Subsequent Auction | Modifications over Competition and with Passed Partner |
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| Pass |  |  |  | Not an Opening Bid |  |  |  |
| 128 |  | 3 | 32 | II-2I HCP | Single raise weaker than double raise <br> Strong jump shift (1\&-2 any) | 4th suit forcing: game forcing; Reverses by opener forcing; <br> by responder $=$ Game forcing; Third suit $=1$ Round Force | Jump Cue-bid over overcall = Splinter Cue bid for overcall = asks for a stopper Jump shift pre-emptive over overcalls |
| $1 \diamond$ |  | 3 | 32 | II-2I HCP | Single raise weaker than double raise <br> Strong jump shift (1)-2 any) | As above <br> - NOTE 5 - | As above |
| 18 |  | 5 | 34 | II-21 HCP | INT not forcing, $5+$ points Raises $=$ limit. 2NT = FG with trump support | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raises = limit. Re-raise = Pre-emptive } \\ & \text { General principles as above } \end{aligned}$ | Cue bid over Comp = Strong Raise |
| 14 |  | 5 | 39 | 11-21 HCP | As for 18 |  | As for 18 |
| INT |  |  |  | 15-17 balanced | Jacoby Transfers: Note 9 | Over Stayman: rebids are Major invitational, minor forcing | Dble at 3-level shows values. Dbl at 2-level is $\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ |
| 28 | $\square$ |  | 32 | Artificial, strong - near Game Force, any suit,(s) any shape | Natural; positive requires good suit; $2 \diamond=$ negativ, less than 8 points |  | Natural |
| 2 - |  | 6 | 3s | 6-10 HCP | New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum | 3NT = AKQxxx | Natural |
| 2 |  | 6 |  | 6-10 HCP | New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum | 3NT = AKQxxx | Natural |
| 24 |  | 6 |  | 6-10 HCP | As for $2 \bigcirc$ opener | As for $2 \bigcirc$ opener | Natural |
| 2NT |  |  |  | 20-21 balanced | Jacoby Transfers; <br> Puppetstayman Note 9 | Note 9 | Natural Dbl = Penalties |
| 32 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | New Suit forcing |  |  |
| 3 |  | 7 |  | e-emptive |  | Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids) |  |
| 3 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | 3s Natural. Minors = cue-bid | Five - Ace Blackwood: RKCB (Note 6) Cue Bids |  |
| 35 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | $4 \bigcirc$ Natural. Minors = cue-bid | Splin GSF |  |
| 3NT |  | ) |  | natural, 24-25 | Natural | No Changes Allowed: |  |
| 4\% |  | 8 |  | Pre-emptive | Natural |  |  |
| $4 \checkmark$ |  | 8 |  | Pre-emptive | Natural |  |  |
| 4NT |  |  |  | both minors |  |  |  |

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## Supplementary Sheet

## Note 1: Michaels Cue Bids:

(1\&) $-2 \%$ is natural
$(\mathrm{l} \diamond)$ or (1club) $-2 \diamond$ Both majors 5(+)/5(+)
$(18)-2 \vee \quad 54$ minor
(14) - $24=5$ + 5 minor

All jumps in known suits are PRE (but may be tactically strong)

## Note 2: Lebensohl: no

Note 3: Landy: (vs No Trump)

## Penalty Double

2e shows at least four cards in each major suit = Landy
$2 \Delta / P / \wedge=$ Natural
INT-2日 - ?
$2 \diamond=$ relay to play the better major
2NT = strong inquiry (cue-bid!)

## Note 4: Opener's Splinter Raise

Opener's rebid I level above either a jump shift or a forcing reverse is a game-forcing splinter raise.

## Note 5: Responses after NT rebid

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\(1 \diamond-1 \diamond \quad 1 \vee-1\rangle\)
INT - 2e = checkback Stayman, asking for min/max and lenght in heart/spade
INT - \(3 \bigcirc=\) forcing
    \(3 \diamond=\) Nat. forcing
1\%-I \(\vee 2 N T\) - 3e Nat. Forcing (2NT denies 4 card suit)
1\&-I \(\diamond\) INT - 3e = forcing
3rd suit: one round force
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4th suit: one round force but 3 level responses or further bids by responder are game forcing
Note 6: R K C B (4NT asks for 5 key cards, 4 Aces + King of Trumps)

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Responses: 5e = 4 or 1
    5\diamond=3 or 0
    5}=
    54 = 2 + Queen ofTrumps
    5NT = 2 + a void
    6% = 1 + a void
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## Note 7: Non Forcing Sequences

| 14-20 | 19-24 | 1-20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 $2 / 1 / 10-30$ | 2-1/ - 2 ¢ | $2 \wedge / 1 /-2 N T$ |
| 14-2* | IM-2 lower |  |
| 24-34 | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ extra values |  |
| 18-14 |  |  |
| e-30-limit |  |  |

## Note 8: Take Out Double

18- $1 \diamond-X=$ denies 4-card major
1\%-1 $1 \bigcirc-X=$ denies 49
Take Out Double by Opener: shows three card support for responder and a non-minimum hand or a strong hand

## Note 9: Responses to 1NT and 2NT Opening

a) Stayman

INT - 2e:

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\begin{aligned}
& 2 \diamond=\text { No Major } \\
& 2 \triangleleft=4 \oslash \\
& 2 \triangleleft=4
\end{aligned}
$$

b) Transfers

INT - $\quad 2 \diamond=5+\diamond$
$29=5+$
$24=5+2$
2NT $=\mathrm{Nat}$
$30=5+\diamond$

2NT - same/ only transfer in majors 2NT - pass - 3 clubs: puppetstayman 2NT - (pass) - 3 Spade $=5$ Spade, 4 Heart
c) $\quad$ INT $-3 \Delta / \vee / \perp=$ strong, Natural
d) Subsequent Bids:

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INT-2%
2 any-3g = forcing
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