## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING <br> OVERCALLS(Style; Responses; 1/2level; Reopening)

Aggressive style at Ivl1, sound overcalls for IvI2
Reopening: Very often, even with marginal holdings.
Response: new suit on level $2=N F$, lev $1=F 1$, lev $3=G F$

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-18 HCP+stopper, Transfers and Stayman Reopening: $1 \mathrm{NT}=12-16,2 \mathrm{NT}=20-22$ Transfers and Stayman
after after

## JUMP OVERCALLS(Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Agressive in NV, sound in V
2NT: 55+ two lowest unlimited
Reopening: Weak opening strength and solid 6 card suit

## DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses;

 Reopening)Michaels and Leaping/non leaping Michaels
Jump cue bid: solid 7+ minor suit, asking for stopper

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

Always multi-Landy
$2 \mathrm{C}=$ Majors, $2 \mathrm{D}=1$ Major, $2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors, $3 \mathrm{lv\mid}$,
NAT NAT

DBL: Pen, from passed hand: $4 M, 5+m$

## VS.PREEMPTS( Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)

 TO doubles up to 4 H , Leaping MichaelsAfter dbl of 2M: Lebensohl slow

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

After strong 1C or 1C-p-1D
DBL: majors $(4+, 4+), 1 \mathrm{x}:$ NAT, $1 \mathrm{~N}: \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{m}(5+, 5+)$, 2 D : majors( $5+, 5+$ ), 2N: minors, 2X: NAT
After strong 2C DBL: majors $(5+, 4+), 2 N$

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE

RDBL $=$ strong, $10+$ HCP, mostly BAL, 2NT: limit raise or better Transfers after 1M - (DBL), and after 1H - (1S)

LEADS AND SIGNALS

## OPENING LEADS STYLE

## Lead

Suit $\quad 3 / 5$ (3rd from even length)
NT Attitude

Subseq $3 / 5$ or Attitude

LEADS
Ace $\quad A, A K x(+), A x(+)$

## EBL Convention Card

## in Partner's Suit

3/5 (3rd from even length) Category: Red
3/5 (sometimes Attitude)
Country:

## Event:

 Hungary3/5 (3rd from even length)

## Vs. NT

$A, A x$, strong suit
$K Q(+), K x, A K(+)$
KQT9(+), QJ(+), AQJ(+), Qx
$\mathrm{JT}(+), \mathrm{KJT}(+), \operatorname{AJT}(+), \mathrm{Jx}$
T9(+), QT9(+), KT9(+), AT9
$(+), \mathrm{Tx}$
9x
bad suit
good suit

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Suit:1st | Attitude | Count | Attitude |
| 2nd | Count | Suit preference | Count |
| 3rd | Suit preference |  | Suit preference |
| NT: 1st | Attitude | Smith or count | Attitude |
| 2nd | Count | Count if 1st was Smith | Count |
| 3rd | Suit preference | Suit preference | Suit preference |
| Signals: |  | Smith: <br> high=encouraging |  |
| Low = encouraging, even |  |  |  |

After 1 C transfers, ie $1 \mathrm{D}=$ Hearts, $1 \mathrm{H}=$ Spades, $1 \mathrm{~S}=$ balanced or diamonds After $1 \mathrm{nt}-2 \mathrm{X}$ and $1 \mathrm{X}-2 \mathrm{Y}$ (jump): Rubensohl: under $2 \mathrm{nt} \mathrm{Nat} \mathrm{NF}, \mathrm{2NT-3H} \mathrm{xfer} \mathrm{(5+}$ card) INV +
After weak 1NT-2X: Transfer Lebensohl: under 2nt Nat NF, 2NT weak with any long suit or GF with clubs, 3C to 3 Sp xfer ( $5+$ card) INV+
Michaels; Leaping Michaels
Vs 1NT: Multi Landy
After (weak two) DBL (pass): Lebensohl slow: 2NT asks for 3C bid, 3X nat inv, $2 x$ or 2NT-3C-3X weak
Lebensohl: with GF hands: 2NT with stopper, cue-bid with $4 \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{NT}$ without either
Also Lebensohl situations: (1M)P(2M)X(P),(1X)P(2Y jump, weak) X, etc SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

At and below IvI3 in forcing situations: Pass = penalty or strong distributional, DBL = balanced type hand

## IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

Transfers are a common part of system
Psychics: Rare

| OPEN | $\begin{gathered} \text { TICK IF } \\ \text { ART. } \end{gathered}$ | MIN NO. OF CARDS | NEG. DBL. THRU | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 C |  | 2 | 4H | 10-22HCP, Can be 4D2C if balanced | $1 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{H}, 1 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{Sp}, 1 \mathrm{Sp}=\mathrm{D}$ or balanced, inverted minors, 2NT bal GF | Three-way checkback after all 1X-1Y1Z: | Rubensohl if $1 \mathrm{x}-2 \mathrm{Y}$ (jump) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Jump bids are NAT weak, except: | 2C=forcing to 2D (invitation mostly) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2D: 5+C 6-9(10) | $2 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{GF}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ weak or GF with C |  |
| 1D |  | 4 | 4H | $10-22 \mathrm{HCP}$, Only 4 if (4441), otherwise 5+ | NAT style, 2NT bal GF | Same as above |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Inverted minors, 3C: (4)5+D 8-9(10) |  |  |
| 1H/Sp |  | 5 | 4D/4H | 10-22HCP, if weak can be 6 minor 5M | $2 / 1 \mathrm{GF}, 1 \mathrm{NT}$ semi forcing, $1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{Sp}$ is 5cards with GF hands | 1M-1S/1NT-2C: NAT or 15+ BAL or 17+ any | Drury |
|  |  |  |  |  | Bergen and Jacoby raises with 4+card support |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Splinters |  |  |
| 1 NT |  |  | 4H | BAL/semiBAL, possible 5card M or 6card m | Stayman, 4way transfers, Double transfers |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 10-13 HCP in NV 1-2 and NV V 3 |  |  | Transfer Lebensohl |
|  |  |  |  | 14-16 in NV NV 3-4, NV V 4, V |  |  | Rubensohl over Ivl2 |
| 2 C | X |  | X | $22+$ HCP or $16+$ with 9+ playing tricks | 2D waiting, 2M/3m transfer $6+$ cards with $2=$ high honours, $2 N T=55+$ majors |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $2 \mathrm{C}-2 \mathrm{D}-2 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{GF}$ balanced or any distribution with $5+\mathrm{H}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 2D/H/ } \\ \mathrm{Sp} \end{gathered}$ |  |  | X | Weak 2, Non vul = 5+cards 3-8 HCP | 2NT asking, new major forcing, new minor non forcing | 4C: asking key cards |  |
|  |  |  |  | Vul $=6+$ cards 6-10 HCP |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Non vul against vul: 5+ cards 0-8 HCP | non forcing natural bids, except 2NT asking |  |  |
| 2 NT |  |  | 4H | (19)20-21 BAL/semi BAL | Puppet stayman/Xfers/minor Stayman |  |  |
| 3 X |  |  | X | $6+$ cards, Non vul 5-6 playing tricks, vul: 6-7 playing tricks |  | High Level Bidding |  |
| 3 NT | X | 7 |  | Gambling, solid 7+ cards minor suit with max 1 K outside | 4/5 minor P/C | RKC with majors and ORKC with minors |  |
| 4C/D | X |  |  | $7+\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{Sp}$ cards, $\sim 8$ playing tricks, no 2 small doubleton in 1-2, nat in 3-4 |  | Cuebids, Exclusion RKC |  |
| 4M |  |  |  | $6+$ cards, Non vul 6-7 playing tricks, vul: 7-8 playing tricks |  | Last train, Serious 3Sp/3NT |  |

