

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Up to 17hcp
Responses: New suit is forcing
UCB with support & 10+ pts
(1nt) – P – (xfer) : xfersuit is takeout
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd pos: 15-17 sys on
4 th pos: 10-14 sys on
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak jump overcalls
Reopen: 11-15 hcp, 6+card
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue is Michaels
Jump Cue initially asks for stopper for NT
Cue in balancing position shows strong 2 suiter hand
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
ANTI: 2C= 5+D or both majors; 2D = 5+H or 4S and longer minor;
2H = 4Hs and longer minor; 2S = Spade suit
X is penalties
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Vs weak2: leb after X; 2NT 16-18 sys on; leaping Michaels ⁴
Vs multi 2D: 2M 4+, 2NT 16-18 sys on
Vs 2-Suit overcalls: X pen, Inv cue bids
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX hand ownership; 8/9+ points

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd and 4 th , MUD	Count/Low from Honour	
NT	4 th , MUD	Count/Low from Honour	
Subseq			
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK	AK	
King	AK+; KQ+	AK+; KQ+	
Queen	KQ+; QJ+	KQJ+; KQT+; QJ10+; AQJ+	
Jack	J109+; KJ109+	J109+; A/KJ109+	
10	109+; K109+	109+; A/K109+	
9	Mud	mud	
Hi-X	Doubleton	Doubleton	
Lo-X			
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Rev Attitude	Rev Count	O+2=Enc; E-2=S/P
Suit 2	Rev Count	Suit Pref	
3	Suit Pref		
1	Rev Attitude	Rev Count	O+2=Enc; E-2=S/P
NT 2	Rev Count		
3			
Signals (including Trumps):			
Re Att, Rev Count, Odds+2 & Even-2, rev smith peters, suit pref			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Up to 5Ds			
7 loser hands or better			
Resp: cue is GF			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative X through 5D (1 level 6+pts, 2 level 8+pts, 3 level 10+pts)			
SOS XX			
X of artificial bid shows that suit			
Lightner X for slams			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: NATURAL (Green)
NCBO: Ireland
PLAYERS: Hilary Dowling-Long & Gilda Pender
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5-card majors (semi-F 1NT), open heavy 1-bids; respond very light; 2/1 GF
Weak NT; 11-14;
Inverted minors
2C – 9+ playing tricks, balanced 23+
2D\2H\2S – weak; < opening bid
2NT – balanced, 20-22
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
LEBENSOHL⁵-SLOW
ESCAPING FROM 1NT DOUBLED - DONT¹
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Opps overcall a suit (or X) over our Cue/SPLinter/Art. Bid
X (or R) 1 st round control of the opp's suit
IMPORTANT NOTES

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	5D		1D 3+ cards ;1NT 8-10; Inv minor ³ , 2NT 13-15; 3NT 16-18	1 NT 15-17; 2NT 18-19	
1♦		3	5D		1M 3+ cards 1NT 8-10; 2D inv minor, 2C F1; 2NT 13-15;		
1♥		5 (4)	5D	May be 4 card opposite passed partner	1NT 6-12; 2x GF; 2NT 13-15; 3C = J2NT ⁶ 3M-1 limit		2C Drury
1♠		5 (4)	5D	May be 4 card opposite passed partner	1NT 6-12; 2x GF; 2NT 13-15; 3C = J2NT 3M-1 limit		2C Drury
INT				11-14, maybe single honour; 6 card minor; 5 card major	4 suit transfers; Texas	Lebensohl-Slow over interference	
2♣	✓	0	N\A	All strong hands inc 9+ playing tricks and 23+ balanced	2D 0/1 control, 2H 2 controls, 2S 3+ controls	2C-2D-2H GF; puppet stayman over 2NT	
2♦		5	N\A	Weak with 5+ ♦; usually 6+	2NT enquiry; new suit is F1R	Feature showing	
2♥		5	N\A	Weak with 5+ ♥; usually 6+	2NT enquiry; new suit is F1R	Feature showing	
2♠		5	N\A	Weak with 5+ ♠; usually 6+	2NT enquiry; new suit is F1R	Feature showing	
2NT			N\A	20-22 Balanced	3C-puppet, 3D\H – Trx, 3S – both minors or 1 minor slam try		
3♣		6	N\A	Weak with 6+ ♣; usually 7+	New suit F1R; jump to any game to play		
3♦		6	N\A	Weak with 6+ ♦; usually 7+	New suit F1R; jump to any game to play		
3♥		6	N\A	Weak with 6+ ♥; usually 7+	New suit F1R; jump to any game to play		
3♠		6	N\A	Weak with 6+ ♠; usually 7+	New suit F1R; jump to any game to play		
3NT	✓		N\A	Long minor with at most one outside stopper			
4♣				Pre-empt			
4♦				Pre-empt			
4♥				Pre-empt			
4♠				Pre-empt			
4NT	✓			Specific Ace Ask			
5♣				To Play			
5♦				To Play			
5♥							
5♠							
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						RKC-M 1430	
						RKC-m 3014	
						5NT specific K ask	
						1m – 2m – 4m RKC; 1m- 2m – any – 4m RKC	
						Gerber 1 st bid over NT	
						Cues 1 st /2 nd below game; 1 st above game	
						Forcing Pass	

Notes

1. DONT: Bidding a suit shows that suit and a higher suit. XX is a puppet to 2C for pass/convert by responder.

Suit: That suit and another

X: 5+ card suit, pd replies 2C, pass or convert

Jump suits are natural with length rather than strength

2NT – GF, 2 suiter.

2. Michaels: Cue bid shows the majors over a minor and a major/minor over a major – all 5/5, any strength.
3. Inverted minors: 1D – 2D is 10+ pts; 1D – 3D is weaker
4. Leaping Michaels: Over a weak major bid (at 2 or 3 level) bidding 4 minor shows the minor and the other major 5/5
5. Lebensohl: Over interference to 1NT opening, 2NT is a puppet to 3C for pass/convert by responder. SLOW means that is we bid 3NT or stayman via 2NT we do not have a stop in the suit shown by the opps – slow arrival no stopper (SANS).
6. Responding to a 1 Major opening: 2/1 is GF, example below of responding to a 1H opening.

1♥	1♠	natural, may be light if non-vul.
	1NT*	semi forcing, upto 12pts, 3 card support possible with 8 losers
	2♣*/♦*	13+ points, FG, 5+ cards
	2♥	support raise is real, 3+ hearts
	2♠*	showing exactly 5♠ and 3 card heart support (rare)
	2NT*	GF balanced, 3 card support possible
	3♣*	Forcing ♥ raise, GF, may incl a singleton, similar to the Jacoby 2NT
	3♦*	4-trump limit raise 10-12 points
	3♥*	Pre-emptive, 4+ trumps, < 6 HCPs,
	3♠	Weak splinter in spades 9-12 points
	3NT*	Choice of game, balanced, 13-15 HCPs
	4m*	Weak minor splinter 9-12 points
	4♥	Pre-emptive 5+ trumps, < 6 HCPs, unbalanced