## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

 OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening) 1 level seldom a 4 card suit (normally 5), range is $8-16$ pts 2 level $5+$ Cards - 10+ Points if good suit or good shape NVul Responses: Unass.Cue Bid $=10+$ points and 3 card support 1NT immediate Overcall shows 15 to 17 Points system on All jump overcalls are Weak
## 1NT OVERCALL ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)

$2^{\text {nd }} 1$ NT Overcall shows 15 to 17 points
$4^{\text {th }} 1$ NT Overcall shows 11 to 14 points
Responses to 1NT are same as opening 1NT - (Systems On) Stayman, Trf etc.

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

2NT=5-5 in the two lowest suits
Weak Jump Overcalls - (5-10 points, usually 6 cards)
Leaping Michaels over Ops Weak 2 Openings GF $5 / 5$ or better Reopen: Opening Hand or Better
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

| Direct cue shows $5 / 5$ in hearts/spades - unlimited values |
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| Questem - cue bid shows 2 highest unbid suits, 2NT, 2 lowest | Questem - cue bid shows 2 highe

unbid suits, 3C, highest and lowest

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suit - even 3 card.

LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | 4th/2nd |  | Hx, Hxx/Hxxx, lowest |  |
| NT | 4th/2nd |  | Hx |  |
| Subseq | Attitude -small = encourage |  | Attitude -small = encourage |  |
| Other: | Top of Nothing /MUD |  | Top of Nothing/MUD |  |
| LEADS |  |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit |  | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | Ask for Attitude |  | Ask for Attitude |  |
| King | Ask for count |  | Count and/or unblock |  |
| Queen | QJ(x) |  | KQ(x), QJ(x) |  |
| Jack | J10(x) |  | J10: KJ10: AJ10 |  |
| 10 | 2nd / 4th |  | 2nd / 4th |  |
| 9 | Poor suit |  | Poor suit |  |
| Hi-X | Top of Doubleton |  | Normally shows no interest |  |
| Lo-X | Implies Honour / Singleton |  | Implies Honour |  |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |  |
|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead |  | Discarding |
| 1 | Attitude Low like | Count (H-L = | Even) | Mckenney/Lavinthal |
| Suit 2 | Count (H-L = Even) | Count (H-L = | Even) | Mckenney/Lavinthal |
| NT | Unblock K |  |  |  |

Signals (including Trumps):
Lavinthal (McKenney)

## DOUBLES

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

11+ points takeout
Reopening 8 + points
Some low level X transfers especially after 1 level opening and overcall

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS
Negative X = 6 HCP at 1 level, $8+$ at 2 level. showing the other major Double of a conventional bid is lead directing
Support doubles and redoubles
1NT response over interference is $8+\&$ stops in bid suit
Neg X does not promise both missing suits

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

## 5 Card Major - SAYC - RKCB 3041

1NT response $=$ Not Forcing
$1 *=2+$ cards $\quad 1 \star=4+$ cards
$\vee / \wedge=5+$ cards
1NT=15-17 and 2NT 20-22 BAL does not deny a 5 card Major

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

Weak 2's in the Majors or D $\downarrow$.^ Leaping Michaels Lebensohl over a Weak 2 Opener doubled by partner - suit bid at 2 level is natural \& weak, 2 N relay to clubs, pass or correct or invite, new bid in a suit that could have been bid at 2 level is invitational, showing 9-11 points
ntervention over our 1N, all bids are natural
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
$\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{X}$, pass - no 5 card suit, if no intervening bid opener redoubles, scramble for $4 / 3$ fit or pass XX with $6+$ points
When it is clear opponents are sacrificing

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Fourth suit forcing, but not after $1 \star-1 \star-1 \vee-1 \uparrow$
1 N rebid or 2 N over partners 2 level response is $11-14$
2 N response over partner's 1 level response is $18-19 \mathrm{Bal}$
May open light in 3rd seat. $9+$ points \& 5 card suit
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2-Way Checkback Stayman - Essentially after a 1NT or 2NT rebid
2/3* Invitational with around 11-12 points - Opener must bid 2.
2/3}\mathrm{ Game Forcing Stayman Slam tries start with a }3\mathrm{ level bid.
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Responses after any initial $\boldsymbol{*}$ or then showing a $\downarrow$ then 1NT rebid are:-
$2 \vee$ shows 3 card $\vee$ support (does not deny the other Major)
2 $\uparrow$ shows having $4 \wedge$ 's (denies having 3 card suit in $\vee$ as support)
2NT denies having either 4 Spades or 3 Hearts
$3 *$ or $3 *$ denies both 4 Spades and 3 Hearts and is showing a good $5 *$ or 5 suit
Responses after any initial $\star$ or $\star$ then showing a $\uparrow$ then 1NT rebid are:-
$2 \wedge$ shows 3 card $\uparrow$ support (denies the other Major)
$2 \vee$ shows having $4 \vee$ 's (does not deny having 3 card suit in $\uparrow$ as support)
2NT denies both 4 Hearts or 3 Spades
$3 *$ or $3 *$ denies both 4 Hearts and 3 Spades and is showing a good $5 *$ or $5 *$ suit
Responses after initially being showed a $\downarrow$ and now prompted to describe their hand because of $2 *$ relay to $2 *$ are as follows:-
PASS with a weak hand with a long Diamond suit
$2 \checkmark$ invitational showing a holding of 5 Hearts
$2 \uparrow$ invitational showing a holding of 5 Hearts and 4 Spades
$3 \vee$ invitational showing a holding of 6 Hearts
$3 \uparrow$ invitational showing a holding of 5 Hearts and 5 Spades
Responses after initially being showed a $\wedge$ and now prompted to describe their hand because of $2 *$ relay to $2 *$ are as follows:-
PASS with a weak hand with a long Diamond suit
$2 \checkmark$ invitational showing a holding of 5 Spades, 4 Hearts
$2 \wedge$ invitational showing a holding of 5 Spades
$3 v$ invitational showing a holding of 5 Spades, 5 Hearts
$3 \uparrow$ invitational showing a holding of 6 Spades

## 1NT DOUBLED by Ops for Penalty

1NT - X - XX Wriggle Redouble is typically "SOS", forcing opener to bid $2 *$, 2D, trf to $\mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ trf to S . with no 5 card suit, \& no intervention, forcing pass by responder \& re- double by opener, pass or scramble for best fit

## Lebensohl - After Ops Weak Two Openings -

A 2NT response to Partners $\mathbf{X}$ is an artificial relay to 3*.
Ops Weak 2 Opening - DBL from p-Ops PASS - 2NT is p to relay to $3 *$ We will then pass, sign off in a suit, or make another descriptive bid.

## Leaping Michaels - Over ops weak $2 \boldsymbol{\sim}$ / 2 A Opening

Our 4 Level Leap overcall promises a good $5-5$ two suited hand $15+$ HCP
4* jump overcall shows clubs and the unbid major.
$4 *$ jump overcall shows diamonds and the unbid major.
Losing Trick Count Responses to Weak 2• / 2^ Major Openers Typically a Weak 2 Opening hand is $8 / 7$ Losers
Responses to Weak $2 v /$ can be GAME with 6 losers or raise with 7 losers.

## A Pre-Empt 3 Level Opening has typically 7 / 6 Losers

Responses to Weak 3 Openings can be GAME in $\vee / \wedge$ with 7 or less losers.
Ogust Responses - [2NT Response] to partners Weak 2 Opening

* Shows Bad hand ( $5-7 \mathrm{p}$ ) with one of the top 3 honours in pre-empted suit
- Bad hand (5-7 points), holding two of the top three honours
$\checkmark$ Good hand (8-10 points), holding one of the top three honours
^ Good hand ( $8-10$ points), with two of the top three honours
$\mathbf{3 N T}$ - Shows a good hand (9-10 points) and holding the $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{Q}$ in the suit.
Two Suits Overcall-Showing 5 / 5 distribution- Questem Cue bid of the openers suit shows the two highest unbid suits 2NT Shows 5-5 in the two lowest-ranking suits


## Multi Landy

A $\mathbf{X}$ is for Penalties with a holding of $15+$ Points 7 tricks on lead, partner to bid naturally if very weak
2. Shows $5 / 5$ or $5 / 4$ in Majors, with 2 or less, or equal length bid 2D, relay

2 - Shows at a single suited hand, usually major, 11+ points, 2 H relay
$2 \vee$ Shows at least 5 hearts and $4 / 3$ in a minor $11+$
2~ Shows at least 5 spades and $4 / 3$ in a minor $11+$
2NT Shows at least 5-5 in * clubs and $\star$ diamonds ( $5 / 4$ maybe)
Gambling 3NT shows a solid 7-8 card minor suit -
typically denies a void or 4+ card side suit
Partner will normally pass an opening 3NT. If opponents double 3NT for penalty responder may bid $4 *$ as a runout bid, asking opener to pass or correct to $4 \star$.

Gerber - 4\& Response to a No-Trumps Bid
$4 \diamond$ shows 0 or 4 aces.
$4 \vee$ shows 1 Ace
4^ shows 2 Aces
4NT shows 3 Aces
If happy with partner's response, the Gerber bidder can bid $5 *$ to ask for kings and the answers are the same as above but one level higher. E.g. $5 \star$ shows 0 or 4 aces.

Inverted Minors - ON after a passed hand but OFF after a X or Overcall
1ヶ-2ヶ Shows $10+$ points and No 4 cM and we have an eight card fit -F 1 Round $1 \star-2 *$ Shows $10+$ points and No 4 cM and we have an eight card fit -F 1 Round

1*-3* Less than 6 points and No 4 cM and we have an eight card fit
$1 *-3 *$ Less than 6 points and No 4 cM and we have an eight card fit
Jacoby 2NT - Denotes 4 card support and 13+ points.
After $1 \vee-2 N T$
$3 v$ is showing $16+$ points, slam interest
$4 \vee$ is showing Minimum opener, sign-off
3 NT is $13-15$ balanced
Three level $*$ a bids show a singleton
Four level $\stackrel{\wedge}{\wedge} \downarrow$ bids shows length (5 or more cards in the suit)

## 3* Shows one higher and one lower ranking suit

## Roman Discards - Odds / Even

Discard of an Odd card shows interest in that suit (3, 5, 7, 9 Encourages) Discard of an Even card is Lavinthal 2, 4 come the two lower suits, $\mathbf{8 , 1 0}$ come the higher of the side suits.

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[ 5 * Shows 0 or 3 Key Cards ] including the King of Trumps
[5 Shows 1 or 4 Key Cards ] including the King of Trumps
[ $5 \vee$ Shows 2 or 5 Key Cards ] without the Queen of Trumps
[ $5 \wedge$ Shows 2 or 5 Key Cards ] with the Queen of Trumps
5NT - KING ASK reverts to REGULAR BLACKWOOD - Showing how many Kings minus the previously shown KING of Trumps
6 \& Shows 0 Kings, 6 Shows 1 King, $6 \vee$ Shows 2 Kings, $6 \uparrow$ Shows 3
Kings - keep below agreed suit unless G slam likely or 6 NT
Strong $2 \star$ shows 6 card or 5/5 any suit not necessary $\downarrow s$ and $13+$ HC Points
4 Losers
$2 \vee$ Relay

## Texas Transfers

Coming after partners 1NT opening [Promising GAME values, but denying slam values]
4* Shows at least 6 hearts and game values, asks partner to transfer to $4 \vee$
4• At least 6 spades and game values, requiring partner to transfer to $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$

## Transfers after 1 NT Openings

After a 1NT Opening [15-17 points] :-

## 2* Stayman

$2 \vee$ Asks you to transfer to $\vee$ - Super Accept if 17 points with 4 card support 2v Asks you to transfer to $\boldsymbol{a}$ - Super Accept if 17 points with 4 card support
$2 \uparrow$ from $p$ is asking you to bid 2 NT if you are minimum and $3 *$ if you have
17 Points. This can then be subsequently passed or corrected to $\& \mathrm{~s}$ to play a weak hand in the minors.
2NT - Invitation to 3NT

