## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening)

 7-17 HCP's and good suit, UCB responses and pre-emptive res New suit denies interest in suit bid. Jump bids shows new suit plus "fit"1NT immediate is 15-17 HCP's - responses Stayman and Transfers
1NT protective is 11-15 - responses Stayman and Transfers

## OVERCALLS AFTER A WEAK TWO OPENER

Double for T/O, response lebensohl- slow shows:2NT = 15+: Suit bid natural: response Leb style
$2 \mathrm{D}-4 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{S}: 2 \mathrm{H}-4 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{S}: 2 \mathrm{H}-4 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{D}$ and S $2 \mathrm{~S}-4 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{H}: \quad 2 \mathrm{~S}-4 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{D}$ and $\mathrm{H} \quad 4 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors

| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
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| $5-10$ pts: UCB responses and pre-emptive raises |
| 2NT shows 2 lower ranking suits: 3C shows extremes - unlimited <br> values |
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| DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| Direct cue shows 5/5 in hearts/spades - unlimited values |
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| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH) |
| 2C = majors: 2D = single suited major (relay 2H pass or correct) |
| 2H/2S = named suit and a minor, 2NT asks for minor. |
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| VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue Bids; Jumps; NT bids |
| Double for takeout: 3NT to play. Suit bid natural (NF) |
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## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Mostly ignore the double. Bids may be 4 cards apart from 1S, 2H (which shows 5+). Redouble $=10+$ with no fit, looking for penalties. $1 \mathrm{NT}=6-9$ pts with a stopper. With major fit, bid 1 level higher. 2NT good raise to $3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}$.


## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Assumes support for all unbid suits, unless $18+$ balanced or strong and
unbalanced.
Neg doubles - promises other major if one major has been bid and both
majors if neither has been bid.
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS
Support doubles $1 \mathrm{D}-\mathrm{P}-1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{DBL}=3$ hearts: $1 \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Dbl}-$ redouble $=$ $10+$ pts and penalty orientated. Double of conventional bid is lead directing $1 \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Dbl}-$ Redouble promises $10+\mathrm{pts}$ and is penalty orientated.

| $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & \sum_{i}^{3} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED HAND BIDDING |
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| 1** |  | 4 | 4D | 11-20, Natural, rule of 20 | $1 \mathrm{D} / 1 \mathrm{H} / 1 \mathrm{~S}$ Natural and forcing. $2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}=16+$ and good $6+$ card suit. $2 \mathrm{C} / 3 \mathrm{C}$, Nat raises, denying ability to bid a major. $1 \mathrm{NT}=6-9$ with no major suit. | Raise partner's major with 4-card support. $1 \mathrm{NT}=15-17: 2 \mathrm{NT}=18-19$ | After an overcall, system off. Support double, after intervention. <br> Fit jumps in competitive situations. |
| 1 * |  | 4 | 4D | 11-20, Natural, rule of 20 | $1 \mathrm{H} / 1 \mathrm{~S} / 2 \mathrm{C}$ Natural and forcing. $2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}=16+$ and good $6+$ card suit. 2D/3D, Nat raises, denying ability to bid a major. $1 \mathrm{NT}=6-9$ with no major suit. | Raise partner's major with 4-card support. 1NT = 15-17; Responses, 2C, Checkback $2 \mathrm{NT}=18-19$; Responses, 3Cs asks strength \& shape: $3 \mathrm{D}=18-19$ any shape: $3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}$ show [cheaper] feature, 3 NT denies feature | As above |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 4 | 4D | 11-20, Natural, rule of 20 | $1 \mathrm{H}-2 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{SJS}: 1 \mathrm{~S} / 2 \mathrm{C} / 2 \mathrm{D}$, Natural and forcing Jacoby 2 NT is $12+$ without shape for 3 NT , which shows $3 / 4 / 3 / 3$ 12-15 pts <br> After $1 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{~S} / 4 \mathrm{C} / 4 \mathrm{D}$ show singleton/void - no ace | After Jacoby 2NT, a new suit shows shortage, jump in a new suit natural. $3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{NT} / 4 \mathrm{H}$ show max/average/min opening. | As above |
| 1^ |  | 4 | 4D | 11-20, Natural, rule of 20 | $2 \mathrm{C} / 2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathrm{H}$, Natural and forcing <br> Jacoby 2 NT is $12+$ without the shape for 3 NT <br> which shows $4 / 3 / 3 / 312-15 \mathrm{pts}$ <br> After 1S, 4C/4D/4H show singleton/void - no ace | After Jacoby 2NT, a new suit shows shortage, jump in a new suit natural. $3 \mathrm{~S} / 3 \mathrm{NT} / 4 \mathrm{~S}$ show max/average/min opening. | As above |
| INT |  | 2 |  | 12-14 points. Any 5/3/3/2 (but not $5 \mathrm{~S} / 4 \mathrm{H} / 2 / 2$, rarely 6 m | $2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}$ are Transfer bids. 2C is 4 -card stayman, $2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S} / 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ transfers. 3 C is 5 -card stayman, $3 \mathrm{D} / 3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}$ are slam invites $4 \mathrm{C}=$ Gerber | Can break transfer with Major fit | Exit Transfers over a double Redbl = clubs: $2 \mathrm{C}=$ diamonds:2D = hearts: $2 \mathrm{H}=$ spades After overcall, Lebensohl, slow shows |
| 2* | Yes | 0 |  | G/F or 23+ Balanced | $2 \mathrm{D}=$ relay | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{NT}=23-24: 3 \mathrm{NT}=25+2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S} / 3 \mathrm{C} / 3 \mathrm{D} \\ & \text { natural/forcing } \end{aligned}$ | $2 \mathrm{NT}=2^{\text {nd }}$ neg. Other bids natural |
| 2 * | Yes | 0 |  | Ekren = weak with hearts and spades. <br> Vul 6-9: NV 4-9. | $2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}$ to play: $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ enquiry: $3 \mathrm{C}=$ nat, 6 clubs: 3D invites game: $3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}$ weak pre-emptive: $3 \mathrm{NT} / 4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S}$ to play | Rebids following 2NT enquiry:3C lower range $5 / 4,3 \mathrm{D}$ asks.3D lower range $5 / 5.3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}$ upper range $5 / 4,4 / 5$. 3 NT upper range $5 / 5$. $4 \mathrm{C} / 4 \mathrm{D}$ upper range $6 / 4,4 / 6.4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S}=6 / 5$ |  |
| 2-/2S |  | 6 |  | 5-9 pts | 2NT asks strength: new suit Natural/forcing | Over 2NT: 3C poor suit/poor points: 3D poor suit/better points: 3 H poor suit/good points: 3S good suit/good points. |  |
| 2NT |  | 1 |  | 20-22 | $3 \mathrm{C}=5$ card Stayman: $3 \mathrm{D} / 3 \mathrm{H}=$ Transfers | After 3C, 3H/3S promises 5 cards, 3D shows at least 14 -card major, 3 NT denies a 4 or 5 card major. Complete the transfer after 3D/3H | Raise 3H/3S. After 3D, bids, the major he doesn't have, or bids 4D with 24 -card majors. |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3 \div / 3 \bullet / 3 \varphi \\ & 13 \uparrow \end{aligned}$ |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive, good suit with little in defence | New suit is forcing for 1 round | Opener supports with 3 cards or rebids 3NT own suit |  |
| 3NT | Yes |  |  | Gambling. Solid minor with no outside A or K | Pass - stoppers in other suits. $4 \mathrm{C}=$ pass or correct: $4 \mathrm{D}=$ shortage ask: $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ bid suit at 5 level. | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4 \boldsymbol{m} / 4 / 1 \\ & 4 \vee / 4 \boldsymbol{n} \end{aligned}$ |  | 7 |  | Natural, pre-emptive |  | Cues $=1^{\text {st }}$ round control: RKCB $=1430$ : Gerber over 1 NT or 2 NT or 2 NT (via 2 C ) If interference DOPI/ROPI |  |
| 4NT | yes |  |  | Asks Partner to name an Ace | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \mathrm{C}=0 \text { aces: } 5 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{DA}: 5 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HA}: 5 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{SA}: 6 \mathrm{C}= \\ & \mathrm{CA} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 5 \uparrow / 5 \\ & 5 \uparrow / 5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 8 |  | Natural, pre-emptive |  |  |  |

