

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Generally sound by modern standards
New suit response by UPH=F1
Jump in new suit is fit-showing
Cue is limit raise or better
Jump cue is mixed raise
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15+ to 18 in direct; 11-14 in balance
1NT opening system is on
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
New suit and 2NT are forcing
2NT jump overcall is 2 lowest unbid suits
Reopen: Suit=Intermediate; 2NT=Natural (18-19)
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Michaels in direct and balance
Jump cue is natural over minors, stopper ask over majors
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
By UPH: DBL=Penalty; 2C=H+S; 2D/2H/2S=Natural; 2NT=minors
By PH: DBL=H+S; 2C/2D/2H/2S=Natural; 2NT=minors
VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Weak 2s: Lebensohl; Cue=Strong 1-suit; 4m=Leaping Michaels
3/4 Level: Cue=Michaels
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
1C: DBL=H+S; 1NT=D+C (also over (1C)-P-(1D))
2C: DBL=C
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
New suit=F1; 2NT=Limit or better; Jump in new suit=fit-showing

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4th	4th	
NT	4th	4th	
Subseq	4th	4th	
Other: We can lead whatever we want from 3 or more low cards			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK	AKJ10 (asks unblock/count)	
King	AKx(x); KQ(x);	KQ(x)	
Queen	AJ(x)	QJ(x); AQJ(x); KQ10(x)	
Jack	J10(x); KJ10(x)	J10(x); AJ10(x); KJ10(x)	
10	109(x); K109(x); Q109(x)	109(x); A109; K109; Q109	
9	9x; 9xx	9x; 9xx	
Hi-X	xx; xxx(x)	xx; xxx(x)	
Lo-X	xxx(x)	xxx(x)	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Hi=E; Low=D	Hi=1; Low=0	Hi=E; Low=D
Suit 2	Hi=1; Low=0	SP	Hi=1; Low=0
3	SP		SP
1	Hi=E; Low=D	Hi=1; Low=0	Hi=E; Low=D
NT 2	Hi=1; Low=0		Hi=1; Low=0
3		SP	SP
Signals (including Trumps):			
Upside down attitude and count; Hi/Low in trump could be count/ruff/SP			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Normal; Cue response promises rebid; Jump over RDBL=PRE			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative and responsive			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: Canada
PLAYERS: Mark CAPLAN and Fred GITELMAN
EVENT: Open
2024 World Bridge Games
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Natural with 5-card majors
2/1 is game force
1NT=14-16
We upgrade/downgrade notrump hands as we see fit
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
3NT opening bid is PRE with at least 6-5/5-6 in majors
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
Fit-showing jumps by PH and in competition, but not game bids
PSYCHICS: Possible but not frequent

