

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
<b>OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>
Pretty light fav (KJ10xx and nothing aside), light NV-NV, sounder V. We expect not to overcall 1X with 18+
Responses: some transfers, usually 2♣ cue-bid (like 1♦-1♠-p: 2♣ cue, 2♦ shows ♥, 2♥ shows ♣)
Reopening: a bit lighter than a direct overcall
<b>INT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>
2nd 14+-17
4th 11-14
System on in any case
<b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>
Ghestem (1m-2♦ shows majors, 1M-2M shows ♣+oM, 1X-2NT the lowest suits, 1X-3♣ the remaining two-suiter)
All the other Jump Overcalls on 1♣ are weak, maybe pretty light when favourable
Reopen: 2NT after 1M shows 18-19. Jumps (if not Ghestem) show 10-13
<b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>
Ghestem (as explained above), 1M-3M asking for stopper
1♣-2♣ 54 or 64 in majors (any way)
<b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)</b>
X (2 <sup>nd</sup> hand = 13+ vs weak, 15+ vs strong)
If we double with a minimum, we promise an idoneous shape
2♣ majors 2♦ one major or (unlikely) 55 Mm 17+
2♥♠ 5+♥♠ and 4+m
2NT 4♥6m, 3♣♦ 4♠6♣♦
X shows 4M+longer minor if passed hand or 4 <sup>th</sup> seated
<b>VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>
3M-4m oM+5m NF, 3M-4M oM+5m stronger hand.
Against 3m, 4♣ shows om+a Major and 4♦ shows both majors
3M-4NT shows minors
<b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣</b>
Double shows majors (5+4+)
1NT (vs 1♣) or 2NT (vs 2♣) 5M5m
Jumping NT shows Minors
<b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>
Transfers (except after 1♦)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3/5	3/5	
NT	Attitude	3/5	
Subseq	Usually Attitude unless we have to cash out		
Other: First discard is Odd/even			
<b>LEADS</b>			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Std	AK, not strong suit	
King	Std	Asking for unblock	
Queen	Std	AQJ, QJ, KQ (weak suit)	
Jack	J10, HJ10	same	
10	109, H109	same	
9	9x	H98	
Hi-X	Xx	xXxx, xXx	
Lo-X	xxX, xxXx, xxxX	HxxX good suit, HxXx (bad suit)	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Low even	Low even	Odd enc
Suit 2	Low enc		Low even
3			
1	Low even	Low even	Odd/even
NT 2	Low enc		
3			
Signals (including Trumps): Lav in trumps			
Lavinthal against suit with singleton in dummy or when the count of the suit is already disclosed (e.g. partners leads our raised suit and dummy shows four cards)			
<b>DOUBLES</b>			
<b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>			
Lighter when favourable.			
<b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>			
Lots of t/o doubles!			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
<b>CATEGORY:</b> i.e. Green / Blue / Red / HUM / Brown Sticker:
<b>NCBO:</b> Italy
<b>PLAYERS:</b> Giovanni Donati - Giacomo Percario - Alfredo Versace
<b>EVENT</b> (Open/Women/Senior/Transnational) European Open Championships
<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>
5542, 1♣ shows three unless 4-4 in Majors
2♦ opening shows 18-19 balanced
Preempts may be pretty wild when favourable
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>
2♦ opening shows 18-19 balanced
<b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>
In forcing sequences we play:
Pass transfer to double (unless exceptional patterns)
Dbl encouraging
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>
<b>PSYCHICS:</b> Rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♣	Bal 12-14 Unbal 11-21	1♦ may be short because 1NT is GF relay 2♣ weak with a major or 55♥♠ inv+ 2♦ shows either 4♦5♣ or ♣ one-suiter 2♥♠ shows 4+5♣ GF+ 2NT ♣ pre or strong major GF, 3♣ invitational	No walsh, 1M after 1♣ may be bal First available reverb after 1♣-1X is either nat or strong 1-suited hand. 1♣-1X-2NT the strongest raise	Many transfers in Overcall, After overcall 1♣ never shows majors
1♦		4	4♣	Bal 12-14	1NT GF relay, so 1♥ can be exceptionally short (e.g 3325 weak). 2♦ may be 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2♥ 5+♠4+♥ 5-9, 2♣ GF raise, 2NT weak in ♣, 3♣ inv raise, 3♦ pre	Same as before	
				Unbal 11-21	2♣ 3 way: 1) weak with a major 2) 55♥♠ inv+ 3) GF with clubs		
1♥		5 (4 if 3rd seated)	4♣	11-21	2♣ GF one-suited or 55 with a minor, 2NT inv raise, 3♣ mixed raise, 3♦ GF 4+ raise with any singleton, 3♥ very weak. 3NT/4♣ void splinters in trsf	Gazzilli (1♥-1X-2♣ either nat weak or several strong hands)	2♣ Drury (3, unlikely 4), 2NT inv 4+
1♠		5 (4 if 3rd seated)		11-21	2NT inv with 3 or mixed raise, 3♣ inv with 6+♥, 3♦ GF 4+ raise with any singleton, 3♥ inv with 4+♠ 3♠ pre, 3NT see above	Gazzilli (1♠-1NT-2♠, same as above)	Same as above but 3♣ becomes mixed raise
INT		1	4♥	15-17 (good 14)	Stayman, transfers	On 1NT-2♣, every bid is alerted. 1NT-2♦	
						Exceptionally 4+♥5+♠ ST	
2♣		0	/	22+bal GF unbal	2♦ waiting or ♥, 2♥ 5+♠, 2♠ both minors from 2NT to 3♥ transfer 6+cards		
2♦	X	1	4♣	18-19 bal (no 5cM)	2♥ trsf or one-suited slamish hands, 2♠ trsf to 2NT, 2NT trsf to 3♠, 3♠ puppet, 3♦ 5♠4♥ GF		
2♥		6 (5)	/	Weak 2	2NT relay	3♠ max bad suit or 6-4m, 3♦ max HHxxxx 3♥ min	May be very light if 3rd seated
2♠		6 (5)	/	Weak 2	2NT relay	3♠ max bad suit or 6-4m, 3♦ max HHxxxx 3♥ max HHJxxx, 3♠ min	May be very light if 3rd seated
2NT		1	4♣		Muppet, transfers, 3♠ both minors	2NT-3♠-3♥ no majors on which 3NT 4♥5♠ 2NT-3♠-3NT shows 5♥	
3♣		7 (6)		Pre	3♦ asking for shortness, 4♦ optional KC		May be very light if 3rd seated
3♦		7 (6)		Pre			May be very light if 3rd seated
3♥		7 (6)		Pre			May be very light if 3rd seated
3♠		7 (6)		Pre			May be very light if 3rd seated
3NT		7		Good 4M opening	4♣ bid in trsf, 4♦ particular ST (usually looking for voids), 4♥ PC		
4♣		8 (7)		Pre	4♦ Optional KC		May be very light if 3rd seated
4♦		8 (7)		Pre			May be very light if 3rd seated
4♥		8 (7)		Pre			May be very light if 3rd seated
4♠		8 (7)		Pre			May be very light if 3rd seated
4NT				Big defensive 2-suiter in minors			
5♣						<b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>	
5♦						In some sequences with ♣ fit, 4♣ asks for KCs → 4♦ odd, 4♥ or first available cue bid shows even.	
5♥						RKCB 1430, but 4NT with ♣ fit usually shows better than 5♣	
5♠						Mixed cue bids	
						DEPO, REPO	
						3NT non serious when fit in Majors	
						4NT in competition unlikely to ask KCs, usually shows pick a suit or slam try.	