



DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Sound vs UP vs PP maybe wk
RESP NAT F Cue = Raise or BAL F
Jump new = FIT on minor O/C & 2M
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live;
15-18 → Stay + TRF
REOP → 10-14 → 2 ♣ range ask Stay
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
WJO Can be varied vs PP
SJO vs WK opening
UnUS 2NT = 2 lower
Reopen: BAL JO = MJO
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue = Michael W(2M) - 3M=m+m
Jump Cue = 3M=NT try/3m=NAT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Vs AVG 15 or weak
X=HCP 2♣=MM 2♦=♥ 2♥=♠ 2♠=♠ +m
2N=m+m 3x=PRE PH X = 1 minor
4 th seat 2♦=1M 2♥=♥+m
PH X = 1 minor
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Leap Mic. (4m) TO X vs 3M -4M OM

LEADS AND SIGNALS (Note 1)			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3 rd /5 th	3 rd /5 th	
NT	4 th [2 nd from bad]	3 rd /5 th	
Subseq	-ditto-	-ditto-	
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx Ax	A (UB or CNT)	
King	KQx KQJ Kx	→same	
Queen	QJx QJ10x Qx	→same Also UB J	
Jack	J10x Jx	Denies Higher	
10	10x 109x H109	0 or 2 higher	
9	9x H109		
Hi-X	From 2	From 2 (3 rare)	
Lo-X	1 or (2+)	1 or (2+)	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	ATT (TRK1)	CNT	ATT
Suit 2	CNT	SP	CNT
3	SP		SP
1	ATT (TRK1)	CNT	ATT
NT 2	CNT	SP	CNT
3	SP		SP
Signals (including Trumps):			
Low = E Hi =D REV Smith			
Hi LVL <i>If K from AK</i> (then show CNT)			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Good shape→ Nat /CUE			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: GREEN
NCBO: India  
Players: Krishnan R & Prabaharan B
EVENT (Senior/Transnational)
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Sound Natural openings Some ART
treatments Many non-pen doubles
Vs passed partner FREQ splinters
2/1 GF vs UPH Vs PH Wide PRE
System/judgement priorities may vary
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
3NT= 9+ tricks in a Major
(1m) P (1M) 2m*=Both M
Conventions & ART methods (Note 12)
TRF Landy vs NT (Direct & COMP)
STAY smolen Relay Splinter
1M-1NT =NF TRF o/c 1NT
XYZ puppet (SPL RESP)[1x-1y-1z]
Puppet/ TRF when we o/c 2NT/3NT
Unusual vs Unusual – Lower for lower..
on 2 suit O/C good B 2NT
Vs Multi /In competetion (Note 9)

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	Note2	3	4♥	With 33/44 minors	Nat-Skip 1♦ on wk hands	XYZ ReTRFon 2NT	2NT=Fit
				Some 5♣+5♠	INV GF 2♥=5♠+4/5♥ 8-11	ART SUPP for M	No criss-cross
1♦		3	4♥	Long suit first	Criss-cros 1m-2♠=55mm7+	Ask on 1m-1M-2M→3/4	NAT JS
1M	Note3	5	4♦	11-21 Long suit	1NT=NF Art raise 2M+1	XYZ ReTRFon 2NT	2way Drury (ON vs 1x
				Some with 6m LOW	2♣ resp 2+	1M-1NT-2NT=ART	Bid or TO x)
INT	Note4	1		15-17 Bal/ rebid UB*	Stay 4 suit TRF 3x=ART	After 2♣ Sm..54 55 64	Lebensohl -Slow
					4♣-4♦ =TRF	3♣=Reask 3♦=ART	X=TO vs suit
2♣	√	0		STR Bal 22+	2♦=Wait 2M/3m=Nat +ve	2♣-2♦-2♥=H/Bal→2S	X=PEN vs MM dont
	Note5			Some Distri	2NT=Weak 7 card suit any	2♣-2♦-2NT /3♣/3♦	
2♦	Note6	6/5		WK Good 1/2nd	2X=NAT const. 2NT=Ask		6 solid 12-14
2♥	Note6	6/5		WK Good 1/2nd	2NT=Ask→3♣=B/SG 3♦	On 3x bid short/ rebid 3M	4 th seat 2M=10-12
				WK wide 3rd	=G UB 3♥=G Bal 3N=SOL		
2♠	Note6	6/5		WK Good 1/2nd	2NT=Ask→3♣-3♦=Reask		New suitFIT Game try
2NT	Note7	1		20-21 BAL	3♣=PUP TRF		
					2NT-3♠=TRF Smolen	2NT-4♣/4♦4♥□	
3♣		6		Good 1/2nd	3x =Nat F 4♦=Ask short	RKCB	
3♦		6		-ditto-	3x =Nat F 4♣=Ask short		
3♥		6		-ditto-	3♠=Nat F 4♣=Ask short		
3♠		6		-ditto-	3M-5x= CTR ask for slam		
3NT	√	8(7)		9+ Tricks One M	4♣=1.5 TR 4♦=2+ 4♥=P/C	RKCB/ CTR ask	
4♣		7/8		Nat	4♦=Ask short		
4♦		7/8		Nat			
4M		6/7		Nat			
4NT	√			Ask sp Ace	5♣=0 /5x=A 5N=2A/6♣=A		
5♣				Nat	Next bid = RKCB	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦				Nat	-ditto-	RKCB 1430 →Qask=Step RESP→5NT=Gr try	

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Note 1 Leads & Signals [UDCA]

Vs suit 3rd/5th (3rd from 6+ cards) | Hi from two | Journalist throughout

Vs NT 4th/2nd from bad suit | J denies | Journalist throughout

Note2 One minor opening

12-21|1♣ preferred over 1♦| Longer minor opening|

Inverted raise GF|Criss-cross Invite|2NT=11-12 | 3NT=13-15 4333 (Bid minor 4)

XYZ (Off after Support X / when a cue bid is available) → 2♦ GF 3/2/1 for resp suit.

After 1m-1M-2M ... → Next bid = Relay for 8 crad fit → Show short if possible with 3M support without crossing 3minor

After [1) 1♣ -1M-3♦ 2) 1♦ -1♠ -3♥ = Art raise] 3) [1♣ -1♠ -3♥ = Splinter] { Immediate New suit = Ask + Slam try }

After 1m/1♥ -1♦/1M -2 NT rebid → Retransfers /4x=Splinter for first suit.

After 1m-1x – 3NT rebid = Solid suit 7 + One outside card.

After 1x-1y -2Z (Reverse) → 1) 4th suit @ 2 LVL = Art wait S/O or Unwieldy hand |
2) 2y rebid = Decent suit F1 |
3) Raise 1st or 2nd suit = support Game + |
4) 2NT = Art for below game + await description

1m-3M = Long suit NF 8/9 losers | 1♣ -3♦ Good long suit NF

Note 3 1M Opening → 1NT = NF (May have WK hand with support)

1M-1NT-2NT = ART BAL/2nd suit/6/5 M → 3♣ puppet/ New suit NAT Good suit /3M=Support WK

1M-2M=CON raise | 2M+1 = 3 or support + short NGF | 2M+2 = GF 4 cards support → Singleton ask | 2M+3 = Bal 11-14 3 card support |
2M+4 = Bal 11-14 4 card support | 1M-3M = PRE (9 losers) | 3M+1 = Void splinter → Relay ask | Direct splinters 11-14

1M-2C = GF NAT or 2+ with support 15+

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Note 6 Weak 2 openings

2♦-2NT= Ask → 3♣= Good | 3♦=Bad | 3M= Suit | 3NT = Good suit Max|
2M-2NT = Ask → 3♣= Bad or V Good|3♦=

Note 7 2NT=20-21 → Puppet Modified |

2NT-Stayman,Smolen,3♠→TRF (Bal /mm **TRF** hands) | 3N=5♥+4♠ NF|4♣/4♦/4♥/4♠→TRF

2NT-3♣=Puppet →3♦= No M or 4♠ →= Ask →3♠=4→ 4m=5 cards + Fit Slam & 4♥= Fit slam interest/ 3NT= No M |
→3NT= No M →

2NT-3♣=Puppet → 3♥=4/5→3♠=Ask→3NT=4 → 4m= Nat Slam try not ♥ fit→ 4x=Cue for m /4NT=No fit
→ 4♠= Fit Slam force
→ 4NT= Quant

2NT-3♣=Puppet → 3♠=5→4m=Nat Slam try not ♠ fit whereas 4♥= Fit slam interest 3♥

2NT-3♦/3♥ TRF → Accept = 2| 3NT=3 & Suit +1 = 4 cards with good controls & 4M 4 cards some soft value like Q/J xx

Note 9In competition

Vs 2♦ Multi wk im One Major

(2♦) X = 14+ Bal or stronger → (Pass) = suit then 3♦= Ask stop for 3N | New suit = Nat nf | 2NT = NAT | 3M = Nat GF

(2♦) X = 14+ Bal or stronger → XX Bid your suit then Pass with BAL hands and bid with 5+ suit distri hands F|
2NT = Invite

(2♦) X = 14+ Bal or stronger →2♥= P or C then X = Nat 5/6 & 7+ NF | New suit = Natural Constructive | 2NT= Lebhensohl
like (2M) X (P) 2NT{Employ 3♥= Cue}

(2♦) -2M = Normal | (2♦)-3m can be weak if NV or both VUL {Wait with good hands } |(2♦)-3M = Bd M + minor 55 |

When we O/C 2♣=Both M over 1NT → (Pass)→ 2♦=Asl longer| (x) → Pass= ♣ |xx = Ask long M|2♦=Nat