

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level NV could be 6-7 HCP with decent suit
New suit response forcing if changes level
1NT OVERCALL (2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 <sup>nd</sup> 15-18
4 <sup>th</sup> 12-15
System on
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1-suited weak
2NT = low 2 unbid suits
Reopen:
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1♣/♦)-2♣/♦ = Majors
(1♥/♠)-2♥/♠ = Other Major and either minor
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
Vs STR: DBL = single suit; 2X = bid suit and higher, 2♠ = ♠s
Vs WK: DBL = PEN; 2♣ = Majors, 2♦ = 1 Major
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
DBL = (♣ & ♠) or (♦ and ♥); ♦ = (♦ & ♠) or (♠ & ♥);
NT = (♣ & ♦) or (♥ & ♠)
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Transfers after 1♦/M-(DBL) from 1NT through 1 below opened suit
1any-(DBL)-2NT = Limit raise

LEADS AND SIGNALS				
OPENING LEADS STYLE				
	Lead	In Partner's Suit		
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	Highish from xxx		
NT	4 <sup>th</sup>	Highish from xxx(x)		
Subseq				
Other: Rusinow opening leads, J/10/9 = 0 or 2 higher after trick 1				
LEADS				
Lead	Vs. Suit		Vs. NT	
	Trick 1	Subsequent	Trick 1	Subsequent
Ace		AK(x)	Asks ATT	
King	AKx(x)	KQx(x)	Asks CT/Unblock	
Queen	KQx(x)	QJx(x)	KQx(x)	
Jack	QJx(x), Jx	J10x(x), Jx	QJx(x)	Jxx(x)
10	J10x(x), 10x	HJ10(x)	J10x(x)	HJ10(x)
9	109x(x), 9x	J109(x)	109x(x)	J109(x)
Hi-X	Xx			
Lo-X				
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY				
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	
1	S/P	Hi-lo = Even	Odd = Enc, Even = S/P	
Suit 2	ATT			
3	High = Even			
1	High = Even	Hi-lo = Even	Odd = Enc, Even = S/P	
NT 2				
3				
Signals (including Trumps):				
UDA except STD on A lead vs suit				
DOUBLES				
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)				
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS				
Support DBL → 3♠				
Rosenkranz RDBL (shows honor)				
Anti-lead DBL				

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: BLUE
NCBO: USBF
PLAYERS: David Berkowitz – Larry Cohen
EVENT Senior/Transnational
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Strong Club (17+ if balanced)
2+ 1 ♦
5 card Majors
2/1 NAT, FG; 2♣ can be 3 card suit
1NT 14-16 except 15-17 in 4 <sup>th</sup> seat
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
1♦-2♥ = 5 <sup>+</sup> ♥ 4 <sup>+</sup> ♠ weak, 1♦-2♠ = 5 <sup>+</sup> ♥ 4 <sup>+</sup> ♠ INV
3NT = 4 of a minor preempt
4♣ = Strong 4♥ Opening; 4♦ =Strong 4♠ Opening
2♦ Opening (1,2,4) is 10-15 with short ♦ (4405 minus a card)
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Pass-Double Inversion in Strong Clubs auctions
IMPORTANT NOTES
1-over trump suit on 4-level asks Keycards
PSYCHICS:

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	David Berkowitz & Larry Cohen			
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	✓	0	7♠	STR club; 17+ if BAL	1♦=0-7, 1♥/1♠/2♣/2♦=5+ cards, GF; 1N=8-13 Bal 2♥=14-15 Bal; 2♠=16-17 Bal; 3♣=4x1 (short ♣/♠) 3♦=4x1 (short ♦/♥)		After X, 1♦ = 5-7
1♦		2	7♠	NAT; 10-15 HCP If BAL, <14 (could have 2+♦ and 5♣)	2♦=10+ (5+♦) 2♥=5♥/4♠ weak 2♠=5♥/4♠ INV 3♣=INV; 3♦/3MAJ = weak; 2N=11-12; 3N=13-15		Transfers over X After 1NT overcall: 2♣=♣+MAJ; 2♦=MAJORS After 2♣/3♣ Overcall: Transfers
1♥		5	7♠	NAT; 10-15 HCP	1NT=Semi-F; 3♣=INV, 3♦=Limit Raise, 3-raise=mixed 3NT=COG; Splinter Bids Jacoby 2NT		Drury; Transfers over X
1♠		5	7♠		Same as 1♥		
INT			7♠	14-16; except 15-17 in 4 <sup>th</sup> seat	Stayman/transfers/Smolen 2♠=Range Ask/Clubs If Stayman doubled, Fast=stopper, Slow denies		
2♣		6(5)	7♠	6 <sup>+</sup> ♣ (5 <sup>+</sup> in 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 10-15 HCPs	2♦ artificial ask; 2N=invitational raise; 3♣=weak raise		
2♦	✓	0		10-15 HCPs, 4405 minus a card (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> )	2NT asks		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		6(5)		Weak 2 bid in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat	2NT = Feature ask		
2♥		6(5)		NAT, weak	2NT = Feature ask		
2♠		6(5)		NAT, weak	2NT = Feature ask		
2NT				21-22	Stayman/transfers 3♠ forces 3N (for minor-suit hands)		
3♣				PRE	New Suit forcing -- all natural		
3♦				PRE	New Suit forcing -- all natural		
3♥				PRE	New Suit forcing -- all natural		
3♠				PRE	New Suit forcing -- all natural		
3NT	✓			4♣ or 4♦ PRE 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> seats To play 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> seats			
4♣	✓			Sound 4♥ in 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> seats NAT, PRE in 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> seats	4♠ = Slam interest		
4♦	✓			Sound 4♠ in 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> seats NAT, PRE in 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> seats	4NT = Slam interest		
4♥				NAT, weaker than 4♠ in 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> seats			
4♠				NAT, weaker than 4♦ in 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> seats			
4NT	✓			Strong 4-minor opening			
5♣				NAT, weaker than 4NT		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦				NAT, weaker than 4NT		1 over the trump suit asks for keycards	
5♥				Missing AK of suit, solid outside		4♣ KCB after our preempts (0, 1 no Q, 1 w/Q, 2 no Q, 2 w/Q)	
5♠				Missing AK of suit, solid outside			