

## Convention Card



♠   ♥   ♦   ♣

Category: Red  
Events: All

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### DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

### Leads and Signals

#### OVERCALLS

#### Leads

Jump bids= preemptive  
Overcalls=5+ cards (4 rarely), 8-17 PC  
DRURY  
Jump raise= preemptive

lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
A	AK(+), Ax, A	AK(+), Ax, A
K	KQ(), AK, Kx, K	KQ(), AK, Kx, K
Q	QJ(), AQJ(), Qx, Q	QJ(), AQJ(x), Qx, Q
J	J10(x), KJ10(x), AJ10(x), Jx, J	J10(x), KJ10(x), AJ10(x), Jx, J

#### 1NT OVERCALL

1NT 15-17 with stopper  
1NT reopen=12-14

10	H109, 10x, 10	H109, 10x, 10
9	H9x, 9	H9x, 9

#### JUMP OVERCALLS

Preemptive, unusual 2NT

Hi-x	xSx, HSx, 10Sx()	xSx, HSx, 10Sx()
Lo-x	xS, HxxS()	xS, HxxS()

Generally: 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

#### DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS

MICHAELS CUE  
JUMP CUE BID=ask about stopper

#### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

#### Vs. NT

Partner's lead:  
reverse attitude signals

#### weak

#### strong

Natural  
x-13+PC, semibalanced

x- 4M5+m  
2♣-5+4+M  
2♦- 6+M  
2♥-5+♥4+m  
2♠-5+♠4+m  
2NT-54+ m

Declaler's lead:  
reverse count signals

Discards:  
Lavinthal

#### DOUBLES

#### TAKEOUT DOUBLES

#### Vs. Preempts

Takeout dbl, Lebensohl,  
2NT=16-18PC

1♦ is NEG after T/O double over polish 1♣  
Reopening double=9+PC

#### Vs. strong artificial opening

After 1♣: x-hearts, 1♦-spades, 1♥-♣+♠/♥+♦, 1♠-♣+♦/♥+♠  
1NT-♣+♥/♦+♠, 2-level natural  
After 2♣: x-clubs  
After 2♣/2NT: 2NT/x- minor+major, 3♣-minors, 3♦-majors

#### SPECIAL ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

Strong redouble 10+PC without support in opening suit  
RESP DBL shows values (usually two suits)  
DBL invit

Opening-anything-1M-overcall lower than 2M-x 3 cards in M

#### OVER OPPONENT'S TAKE OUT DOUBLE

New suit at: 1level-F1, 2level- NF  
Texas in sequences:  
1♥-x-, 1♠-x-

### System summary

#### General approach and style

Three-way 1♣ opening: NAT, PREP and STR  
1♦ respond is artificial  
Five-card majors  
2♣- 10-14, 5+♣, 4M or 6+♣  
1NT-15-17

#### Special bids that may require defence

OPEN 2♦=6+M, 6-10 PC  
OPEN 2NT=5+♣, 5+♦, 6-10 PC  
OPEN 2♥=5+♥, 5+m  
OPEN 2♠=5+♠, 5+m  
1♦ RESPOND=3way- NEG(0-6), minor(s) 7-11 PC, BAL16+  
1♣-(pass)-1♦-(pass)-1M= at least 3 cards  
1♣-(pass)-1♦-(pass)-1NT=BAL(18-20)  
1♣-(pass)-1M-(pass)-2♦=18+ PC 3+ card Major support  
1♣-(pass)-1M-(pass)-2♣-(pass)-2♦=GF  
Two-way checkback

#### Special forcing pass sequences

All sequences when we use strong redouble are forced to 2NT

#### Important notes that don't fit elsewhere

#### Psychics

rare

OPENING	ARTIFICIAL	MIN.	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	Y	0	12-14PC balanced, possible 5♣332 OR 15+PC 5+♣ OR 18+PC ANY OR 12-17 4414	1♦ 0-6, ANY OR 7-11PC, 54+m OR 7-11PC, 6+m OR 16+ PC, balanced; 1M 7+PC, 4+M; 1NT 7-10 PC, balanced; 2m 12+ PC, 5+m, possible 4M; 2♥ 5♠, 4/5 ♥, 7-9PC; 2♠ 11+ PC, balanced, transfer to NT; 2NT/3NT 11-12PC/13-15PC, balanced; 3m 9-11PC, 6+m, invitation, good suit, 3♥/3♠ 3145/1345 12-14PC	1♣-1♦-2♦ GF (but see 1♣-1♦-3♥/3♠/4♣); 1♣-1♦-1NT/2NT 18-20/21-23, balanced, then texas, stayman/ puppet stayman; 1♣-1M-2♦ 18+PC, 3+M, asking, 1♣-1NT-2♦ 18+PC, asking; 1♣-1♦-3♥/3♠/4♣ GF 5+♥, 5+other/5+♠, 5+m/55+m;	
1♦	N	4	12-17PC 5+♦ OR 12-17 1444, 4144, 4441 OR 12-14 5♣ 4♦	2♦ 10+ PC, 4+♦, forcing to 3♦; 3♦ PRE 4+♦; 3M/4♣ splinter; other responses like after 1♣ opening	1♦-1♥-3♦ 15+PC, 6+♦, with 3♥; 1♦-1♥-2♠/2NT 15+PC, 6+♦, without 3♥, bad/good hand to NT, 1♦-1♠-2NT/3♦ 15+PC, 6+♦, without 3♠/with 3♠	
1♥	N	5	12-17PC 5+♥, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> hand can be weaker	1♠ 7+PC, 4+♠; 1NT 7-11PC w/o 3♥, 2♣ 12+ PC, 5+♣ OR 12+PC, balanced; 2♦ 12+PC, 5+♦; 2♥ 6-10PC; 2♠3+♥, invitation or minisplinter, with shortage, 2NT 3+♥, invitation without shortage; 3♣/3♦ like after 1♣, 3♥ preemptive, 3♠ splinter with any singleton, 3NT/4♣/4♦ splinter with void ♠/♣/♦	1♥-2♠-2NT asking about shortage, 1♥-2♥-2♠ invitation with shortage; 1♥-2♥-2♠-2NT asking about shortage; 1♥-2♥-2NT invitation with ♠	DRURY
1♠	N	5	12-17PC 5+♠, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> hand can be weaker	2♥ 12+PC, 5+♥; 2♠/2NT/3♥/3♠/3NT like 2♥/2♠/2NT/3♥/3♠ after 1♥ opening; 4♥ splinter with void ♥; other responses like after 1♥ opening	1♠- 1NT- 2♣ 2+♣, 1♠-2NT-3♣ asking about shortage; 1♠-2♠-2NT invitation with shortage; 1♠-2♠-2NT-3♣ asking about shortage	DRURY
1 NT	N		15-17PC semi-balanced	2♣ stayman; 2♦/2♥ texas; 2♠ transfer to ♣; 2NT invitation; 3♣ transfer to ♦; 3♦ invitation to 3NT based on good ♦ suit; 3M 54+m, shortage M	1NT-2♣-2♦-3♦ asking about 3M; 1NT-2♣-2♦-3M shortage in M; 1NT-2♣-2M-3m GF 5+m, 4 cards in other M	
2♣	Y	5	10-14PC, 5+♣ 4M OR 6+♣	2♦ asking; 2M 6-11PC, NF; 2NT "I want to play 3♣" OR forcing two-suiter without ♣; 3♣ invitation; 3♦ GF, 6+♦; 3M invitation with 6+M.	2♣-2♦-2M, 5+♣ 4M; 2♣-2♦-2NT/3♣ 6+♣ without 4M, good/bad hand to NT; 2♣-2NT-3♣-3♦/3♥/3♠ 5+♦, 5+♥ / 5+♥, 5+♠ / 5+♠, 5+♦	
2♦	Y	6	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 6-10PC, 6+M, good suit, 3 <sup>rd</sup> NAT weak preemptive often 5 card suit	2♥/2♠/3♥ to partner's suit; 2NT asking; 3♦ invitation to 4M; 3♣ "I have my own suit", 3♠ NF; 4♣/4♦ "Show suit with texas/naturally"; 4M NF	2♦-2NT-3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠/3NT strong/ weak with ♥/ weak with ♠/ AKQxxx ♥/ AKQxxx ♠; 2♦-2NT-3♣-3♦ asking; 2♦-2NT-3♣-3♦-3♥/3♠ 6+♠/6+♥.	
2♥	Y	5	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 6-10PC, 5+♥ 5+m, 3 <sup>rd</sup> weak preemptive often 5 card suit	2♠ NF; 3♣ to partner's suit; 3♦ invitation to 4♥; 2NT asking; 3♥ preemptive; 3♠ INV	2♥-2NT-3♥ 6+♥, 5+♣; 2♥-2NT-3♠ 6+♥, 5+♦	
2♠	Y	5	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 6-10PC, 5+♠ 5+m, 3 <sup>rd</sup> weak preemptive often 5 card suit	2NT asking; 3♣ to partner's suit; 3♦ invitation to 4♠; 3♥ NF; 3♠ preemptive		
2 NT	Y		6-10PC, 5+♣ 5+♦	2NT-3m/4m/5m to partner's suit; 2NT-3♥ asking; 2NT-3♠ invitation to 5m	2NT-3♥-3♠/3NT/4♣/4♦/4♥/4♠ singleton ♠/ singleton ♥/ 6+♣/ 6+♦/ void ♥/ void ♠/	
3♣	N	6/7	6-10PC, 6+♣/7+♣, good suit			
3♦	N	6/7	6-10PC, 6+♦/7+♦, good suit			
3♥	N	6	6-10PC 6+♥			Splinters
3♠	N	6	6-10PC, 6+♠			Cue bids
3 NT	Y		9-11PC, 7+m with AKQ	4♣/5♣ to partner's suit; 4♦ asking about shortage		RKCB 14 03, XRKCB 0 1 1+Q
4♣	N	7/8	6-10PC, 7+♣/8+♣			Grand slam invitation
4♦	N	7/8	6-10PC, 7+♦/8+♦			Asking about kings and their suits, asking about Q in trump suit

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