| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING <br> OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening) |  |
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| 1-Level: Light, 2-Level: Sound Response to overcall: new suit force 1 round, Bid opener’s suit is cue raise, and 2 NT is natural opp minor, 4 card raise opp Major except (1S) 2H 2NT = NAT |  |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening) |  |
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| $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) } \\ \hline \text { Weak except vul opposite passed hand } \\ \text { 2NT = Lowest } 2 \text { Unbid Suits wide-ranging } \\ \text { After any pre-empt, Leaping Michaels (3d) 4c = clubs +M } \end{array}$ |  |
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| DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1c) 2c }=4-5 \text { majors, }(1 \mathrm{c} / 1 \mathrm{~d}) 2 \mathrm{~d}=5,5 \text { majors } \\ & (1 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}, 5 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { Jump cue-bid: = asks for stopper } \\ & \text { Leaping Michaels = GF } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Re-opening; PH) |  |
| X = 5+minor \&4+ Major OR any Str bal or STR single suiter <br> 2c = Both Majors <br> 2d = one major <br> $2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}+4 \mathrm{~m}$ <br> 2NT = Both minors <br> Same for weak/strong NT |  |
| VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O} \text { 2NT = 15-18 (System on) } \\ & \text { Leaping / Non-leaping Michaels } \\ & \text { Cue bid = stopper ask } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1\% or 2 \% |  |
| Over 1c, x both Majors, 1NT both minors, 1x NAT, 2level bids TWERB <br> Over 2c, x show values, other bids TWERB: suit bid = next suit up or next 2 suits eg (2c) 2d = hearts OR blacks |  |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |  |
| System off over minor except jump OM = 8-11 agreeing minor, System on over Major except 2NT = INV+ in M |  |



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| 1c |  | 2 | 4 H | 11+ HCP | 1-level NAT; weak jumps; NF 1/2/3NT Inverted raises (2c GF;3c 5-8; 2d 9-11) | 1c-2c-2NT 12-14 or 18-19 semi bal $1 \mathrm{c}-1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{~S}=$ unbalanced hand | same |
| 1d |  | 4 | 4 H | 11+ HCP | See above | $1 \mathrm{~d}-1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{~S}=$ unbalanced hand | same |
| 1H |  | 5 | 4 H | 11+ HCP | 3c = M raise; 2NT = Jacoby, 3d/OM NAT INV | 1M-3c-3d enquiry then $3 \mathrm{M}=$ weakest, 3NT 3card 10-11, other $=10-114$-card M , cue | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{c} / 2 \mathrm{~d}=3 / 4 \mathrm{card} \mathrm{M} \\ & 3 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{d}=\text { fit showing } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1S |  | 5 | 4 H | same | same | same | same |
| INT |  |  | 4 H | (14)15-17 (5M/6m/single honour/5422—usu not 54 in majors) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2c=STAY, } 4 \text { way TRF; Smolen } \\ & \text { 3c }=\text { PUP, } 3 \mathrm{~d} 55 \text { minors, 3M= short 3OM, } \\ & \text { 4c/d/H/S = TRF to H/S/c/d, 4NT=Quant } \end{aligned}$ | With 4 -card in TFR suit bid doubleton 1NT-2c-2M-3OM = fit and slam hand |  |
| 2c | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Any GF or $22+\mathrm{Bal}$ | 2d = NEG or WAIT. Other shows good suit | 2c-2d-2H = BAL or NAT (forces 2S) | same |
| 2d | $\checkmark$ | 5/6 |  | 6-10HCP 5/6 Hearts | 2H to play, 2NT= ENQ, 2S/3m ORF | 2d-2NT-3x = short, 2d-2S-3H = 0-2 supp |  |
| 2H |  | (4/5) majors |  | 6-10HCP, both majors 4+/5+ VUL or 4+,4+ majors NV | 2NT = strength/shape enquiry <br> New suit forcing one round 4c/d KC in H/S: (answer 0/1/1\&Q/2/2\&Q) | 2H-2NT: 3c min 54 or 45 , 3d min 55, 3H/3S good longer/better H/S, 3NT good 5,5 |  |
| 2S |  | 6(5) |  | 6-10HCP | 2NT = enquiry <br> New suit forcing one round 4c keycard ask | 3c/d/H = short c/d/H non min <br> Step responses to $4 \mathrm{c}: ~ 0,11+\mathrm{Q}, 2$ |  |
| 2NT |  |  | 4 H | 20-21 HCP | 3c Puppet, 3d $/ 3 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{TRF}$ <br> 3S both minors <br> 4c/d /4 H /S=TRF to H/S/c/d <br> 4NT inv to 6NT <br> 5NT = pick a slam - bid 4-card suits up the line |  |  |
| 3c |  | 6+ |  | Pre-empt | 3M = nat, 3d keycard ask | After 3M, 3NT 0-2 in partner's suit, 4M=3 or Hon-x, 3S/4d = singleton, $3 / 4 \mathrm{M}$ support |  |
| 3d |  | $6+$ |  | Pre-empt | $3 \mathrm{X}=$ nat, 4c keycard ask | After 3M, 3NT 0-2 in partner's suit, 4M=3 or Hon-x, 3/4new $=$ singleton $+3 / 4 \mathrm{M}$ support |  |
| 3H |  | 6+ |  | Pre-empt | 3 = nat, 4c keycard ask | As above |  |
| 3S |  | $6+$ |  | Pre-empt | 4c keycard ask, 4d =NAT, 4H = to play | NAT |  |
| 3NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Specific Ace ask | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \mathrm{c}=\text { no aces, } 4 \mathrm{~d} / \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=\text { Ace } \mathrm{d} / \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}, 4 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{Ac}, 5 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{d} / \mathrm{H} \\ & =2 \text { same colour/rank/odd }-\mathrm{c}+\mathrm{H} \text { OR d }+\mathrm{S} \end{aligned}$ | To play |  |
| 4c |  | 7+ |  | Pre-empt | New suit to play 4NT keycard ask |  |  |
| 4d |  | 7+ |  | Pre-empt | New suit to play 4NT keycard ask |  |  |
| 4H |  | 7+ |  | Pre-empt | New suit to play 4NT keycard ask | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 4S |  | 7+ |  | Pre-empt | New suit to play 4NT keycard ask | RKCB:14/03/2/2\&Q/even\&void/odd\&void <br> Next step (not trump suit) Q ask; no Q back to low level trump, 5NT Q (no K low than trump), 6X-Q+Kx <br> D0P1/ R0P1 after RKC interference: <br> Exclusion KC and 4S kickback after H agreement |  |
| 4NT | $\checkmark$ | 5/6 |  | Both minors weak | 5c /5d to play |  |  |  |
| 5c |  | 8+ |  | Pre-empt | 5NT grand slam force |  |  |  |
| 5d |  | 8+ |  | Pre-empt | 5NT grand slam force |  |  |  |

1. After Opening 1 -minor ( $1 \mathrm{c} 2+$, 1d $4+$ )

- 1m-1M: 1NT- 2c = invitational check-back; forces 2 d (Responder may have weak Diamonds)
- 1m-1M: 1NT- 2d = GF check-back
- 1m-1M: 1NT-2NT = forces 3c (Responder may have weak Clubs; o/wise very strong1NT)
- 1m-1M: 2M-2NT = Invitational plus; asks for Major suit length and range
- $1 \mathrm{c}-2 \mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{~d}-3 \mathrm{c}=4-5$ card fit, $9-11$

2. After Opening 1-Major (5+ Major)

- 1M-1NT: 2NT = Artificial GF; responder bids 5+ card suit
- 1M -2NT = Jacoby 12+ HCP and 4+ fit
- 1M-2NT: 3-suit = shortage; 1M-2NT: 4-suit = natural 55+
- 1M-2NT: 3M = 6-card;
- 1M-2NT: $4 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{min}$
- 1M-3NT = Balanced 12-14 HCP with 3card support NF
- $1 \mathrm{M}: 4 \mathrm{~m}=$ splinter 9-11 HCP
- 1M-3c = 3M 10-11 OR 4M 7-10 OR 4M 10-11
- $1 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{c}-3 \mathrm{~d}=\mathrm{ENQ}: 3 \mathrm{M}=4 \mathrm{M} 7-10,3 \mathrm{NT}=3 \mathrm{M} 10-11,30 \mathrm{M} / 4 \mathrm{~m}=4 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{10-11}$
- 1M-3d = NAT, 6-7card INV -usu not Kx or Ax in opener's suit

3. After Opening 1 NT ( 14 )15-17 bal)

- 1NT-2c: 2d- 2M = natural NF (2d denies 4-Major)
- 1NT-2c: 2d-3c = shows that suit GF and 4 card M
- 1NT-2c: 2d- 3d = shows that suit GF and 4 card M
- $1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{~d} / 2 \mathrm{H}: 3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}=$ non minimum with 4-card support with doubleton in suit below agreed M
- 1NT-2d/2H: 2NT = Maximum with 3/4-card support
- 1NT-2S: and 1NT-2NT: accepting the suit = Good fit for Responder's minor (not nec. max)
- 1NT- 2c: 2H-3S = GF and agreeing $H$
- 1NT -2c: 2S - 3H = GF and agreeing $S$
- 1NT - 4NT = QUANT
- 1NT - 2c - 2d - 4NT = QUANT
- 1NT-3c (= Puppet Stayman): 3d = 4-card M, 3M = 5-card M, 3NT = no major
- 1NT - 3d: shows 5,5 minors STR
- 1NT-3M = short, 3OM, 4-5 minors
- $1 \mathrm{NT}-4 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{d} / \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S} / \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{d}$

4. Good-Bad 2NT

2NT often used to show a long suit but less than invitational values

- $1 \mathrm{c}(1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{x}(2 \mathrm{H}) \quad 3 \mathrm{c}=$ extras (ie good bad 2 NT$)$
2NT = bid 3c - just competing
- (1S) x (2S) $\quad \mathrm{X}$ flexible - may still have 4 hearts 2NT forces 3c then 3c/3H = to play 3c/3d/3H = constructive

5. Game Try doubles

- 1S - 3c (3H) X = Game try - no room for trial bid
$\mathbf{P}=$ weakest action
3S = INV

6. Switch Lebensohl with Rubensohl

When opps interfere over our NT, we play Switch Lebensohl with Rubensohl. Transfer bids apply after their 2M / 3any

- 1nt (2c) ignore their bid, sys ON ie after minor overcall $2 / 3$-level bids have normal meaning

X = t/o OR stayman
2d = tfr to hearts
$2 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{tfr}$ to spades
$2 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{tfr}$ to clubs
3c $=$ Puppet
2NT = tfr to diamonds
3d = strong, both minors
$4 \mathrm{c}=\mathrm{tfr}$ to hearts

- 1nt (2d)
ignore their bid, sys ON ie after minor overcall 2/3-level bids have normal meaning
X = t/o OR hearts - almost forces 2 H
$2 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{tfr}$ to spades etc
$2 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{tfr}$ to clubs
$2 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{ff}$ to diamonds
3c = Puppet
3d = strong both minors
3M = short, 3OM
- 1nt (2H) If their 2 H shows a 2 nd suit, ignore 2nd suit - treat as if just showing hearts
$X=t / 0$ OR spades, $3 d / 3 M$ is tfr to next suit
2S = TO PLAY
2NT forces 3c then next bid to play 2NT over a major puppets 3c
$3 \mathrm{c}=$ diamonds gf (NOT puppet which only applies after 2 minor interference)
3d = tfr to $\mathbf{H}$ - ie asking for $\mathbf{H}$ stopper, gf
3H = tfr to S gf
3S = both minors (could be 4,4)
3NT $=$ to play
$4 \mathrm{x}=$ Texas ( $4 \mathrm{c}=$ spades + either minor, $4 \mathrm{~d}=\mathrm{S}, \mathbf{4 H}=\mathrm{c}, 4 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{d}, 4 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors $)$
- 1NT (2S)
$\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{TO}$
2NT = Lebensohl - forces 3c then pass next bid
3c = diamonds
3d = hearts
3H = have you got a S stopper?
3S = both minors
$4 \mathrm{c}=$ hearts
4d = hearts + either minor
4H = clubs
4S = diamonds
4NT = both minors
- 1NT (3d) $3 \mathrm{H}=$ spades

3NT = to play etc - same as above
3S = hearts
7. Bidding over opps 1 NT

- (1NT) $2 c=$ majors (then $2 N T$ enq: $3 \mathrm{c} \min 54$, $3 \mathrm{~d} \min 55$, 3 H max 45 etc - same as 2 H open)
$\mathbf{2 d}=$ single major (then $\mathbf{4 c}=$ bid suit below and $\mathbf{4 d}=$ bid your $M, 4 \mathrm{M}=$ TO PLAY)
$\mathbf{2 M}=$ nat + minor (then $\mathbf{2 N T}=$ bid minor - then $3 M=I N V, 3 c=$ NAT and $3 d=$ natural not $p / c$ )
2M (2NT) 3c/3d = NAT, $x=$ bid minor
2M - 2NT - 3m - 3M/4m = invite
2NT = minors
$3 \mathrm{x}=$ to play - with 7 -cardM bid 3M not 2d
X = 4 -card $M+$ longer minor (normally 5); OR
Big hand 16+ inv to game; OR
STR game inv 6-card suit

