



		LEADS AND SIGNALS			WBF Convention Card			
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; ½ Level; Reopening)	OPENING LEADS STYLE							
Can be very light at the 1-level, 2 level constructive		Lead	In Partners Suit					
Response 1M overcall: Jump Raise=Pre-empt,	Suit	1.3.5	Same. If known 3: Hxx_xxx					
New Suit Jump= Fitbid and F1, 2NT: 4-card support inv +	NT	1.3.5	Same. If known 3: Hxx_xxx	Category:	Green			
	Subsequent	1.3.5	135 w attitude vs. nt	NCBO:	Denmark			
After (1m) 1♥/1♠ (1sp/pass/double) we play transfers from 1nt after opp. pass or double	Other :	4th lead when 3rd is too "expensive" (NT) If supported eg. 1M-2M we lead low only from honours		Event:	Venice Cup Marrakech 2023			
				Players	Helle Rasmussen - Lone Bilde			
1NT OVERCALL (2nd / 4th Live; Responses; Reopening)	LEADS			SYSTEM SUMMERY				
2nd: 15-18 HCP → system	Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE				
4th: 11-14 HCP → system, on 1MA: 13-16	Ace	Ax(x)AKJ10(x)AKx(x)	same	5-card Major				
	King	AK, KQ, KQ(J/10)x	same	1♣ = 10-13 or 17-19 balanced or natural = transfer responses				
(1x) - p - (1y) - 1NT: 15-18 → system	Queen	QJ, QJx(x)	same					
	Jack	J10, J10x(x)	same					
	10	109, 109x(x), HJ10x(x)	same	1NT: 14-16				
	9	9x, H109x(x)	same	2 over 1 responses: 10+				
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)	Hi-x	Xx	same	Aggressive style				
Preempt,at the three+ level, (1x) 2M = 12-16 p 6+ in the bid suit	Lo-x	xxX, xxXx, HxX, xxxX	same	1MA-1NT (3-7 with M 3 card supp or 3-10 hcp)				
2NT: 5+-5+ 2 lowest unbid suits (if opening shows 4+, otherwise two lowest suits). On 1M opening: 5 OM + 5♦								
	SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE				
DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	1♣ = 10-13 or 17-19 balanced or natural 4+ cl, can have 5c any suit if balanced			
(1minor)-2♦ = 5♥+4♠+	Suit: 1 st	Low: enc	Count	Low: enc	Transfer responses on 1♣			
(1M)-2M:5OM+5♣, (1M) - 2NT: 5OM - 5♦	2 nd	Count			Bergen (modified) after 1M opening			
Jump cue: asking for stoppers - seeking 3NT	3 rd	Suit Pref			Fit-showing jumps and fit-non jumps after pass			
VS. NT (vs Strong / Weak ; Reopening; PH)	NT: 1 st	Low: enc	Smith	Count	2♦: one M suit 3-10 hcp (MULTI)			
D=14+ HCP against both, 2♣: ♥+♠,4+/4+,	2 nd	Count	Count		2♥: Both M (4+/5+ or 5+/4+), 3-10 hcp			
Other natural. After pass: double 1M and 1m.	3 rd				2♠: 5♠ + 4mi, 3-10 hcp			
	SIGNALS : Count: Hi-Low: odd, Low-Hi: even			Pass (pass) 1M (pass) 2♣ = 3c supp 8-10				
2NT: 2-suiter, other natural.	Smith (Lo-enc) vs NT, Lavinthal, Revised Trelde (high-odd = highest, high-even = lowest suit)							
3/4x: pre-empt	Trumps:Hi-lo shows interest in ruff.							
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT-bids)	DOUBLES			SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES				
D: T/O + Lebensohl and minorsohl (after 2M opening)	TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			In GF situations and in many comp. situations where opps. call at the 5 level				
Leaping and non-leaping Michaels	T/O: 12+HP (10+ if good distribution)- new suit NF, cue F1			Semi-forcing pass to 3♣				
Cue(3-level): asking for stopper, or shows, if opps have 2 suits	Reopening: depending on distribution and vulnerability			If we double 1nt for penalty = forcing thru 2♥				
NT: 15-18 → system	Negative D to 4♥							
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS	Many T/O D to 4♥							
Vs 1♣ opening: nat at 1-level, NT=♣+♥ or ♦+♠, 2♣: ♣ or ♦+♥, 2♦: ♦ or ♥+♠ etc.								
Vs. 2♣ opening: same	SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DBL:s / RDBL:s			IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE				
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE	(3NT) - D: Lead dummies first suit, weakest M, own suit, or only un-bid suit (depending on bidding sequencing), support doubles Maximum Overcall Double, lightner double			1x-1y-1z -2♣ = to play 2♦ or invite, 1x-1y-1z-2♦ = GF relay, 4th suit GF, Minorsohl (2nt asks for best m), Manco after cuebid in opps suit and x (pass = ½ or 1 stopper, RD= no stoppers, other bid=shortness), various trial bids				
1M (x): transfer from 1nt, 2NT = 4+supp 8+p, fitbids, RD: 9+ p w. xx in pd's suit, Pass can be strong w. shortness in pd's' suit.				(Mini) Splinter, Crowhurst, Scrambling, Rubensohl, Lebensohl				
1♣ (x) RD = both minors weak (can be 0-11 p)	(1x) - 1/2y - (D) - RD: A, K or Q in y			1♣-1M-2♦: F1, nat. or bal 4-card support 17-19				
				Psychics: Seldom, no specific agreements				

Opening	Art	Min	Neg Dbl thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	P/ Hand bidding and opponents' interference
1♣	x	2	4♥	4+♣ 10+ hcp or 10-13 bal. (semibal) or 17-19 bal. (5♦, 5M, possible)	1♦ = ♥ (0+hcp), 1♥ = ♠ (0+), 1♠ = ♣, (5+hcp), both m, bal. 5-13 w/o M, or bal 17+ 1ut = ♦ 5-11 w/o M, 2♣ = WJS or GF ♦ 2♦ = WJS or GF ♥, 2♥ = WJS or GF ♠, 2♠ = both minors 12-16 hcp, 2ut = 14-16 balanced, 3mi = nat. invit, 3♥ = inv. 5+-5+ M, 3♠: transfer to 3ut, 4♣: pre-empt, 4M: to play	1♣: 1red-2♦: 17-19, 4c supp or ♣+♦ 1♣-1♦-1♥: (10) 11-13, 2-3♥ 1♣-1red-1ut: 17-19, 2-3 in pd's suit 1♣-1♠-1ut: (10)11-13 bal 1♣-1red-2ut: 3 in pd's suit, 6+ in own 14-18 p 1♣-1♠-2♦: 17-19 bal with 4c ♣ supp OR ♣+♦ 1♣-1♠-2ut: 17-19 bal without 4c ♣	1♣♦-(1NT) 2♣ = both MA, 2d/h/s = natural 1♣ (1red) system on, except: 1sp which can be many hands w/o 4♥, 1nt = 7-11 with stopper, 1♣ (1♦) 2♣ = 4♣ + 4♥ 6-11, 1♣ (1♥) 2♦ = 4♣ + 5♦ 6-11 1♣ (2x natural): 2M nat non-forcing (max 12p) x = 9+, 2M nat NF(6-11), transfer from 2nt (Invit+) After 1M: If Opps D, RD 9+ with double M, Pass can contain a strong hand with single/void M!, transfer from 1NT, Truscott 2NT, fitbids, If opps bid fitbids, 2NT, After 1M – 2NT: opps bid: pas: no stopper / no short in opps suit D: penalty 3M: extras and short in opps suit, 3NT: nat. Other: Cue and cue in opps suit 4M: minimum and short in opps suit After p (p) 1M or p (p) 1M we play 2♣ 3c supp 8-10, 2♦ = 5+ (8-10) 2/3M: supp max 7p, 2ut = invit with 4+ supp, 3x (fitbid, 4+c supp), usual splinter 1♥ (1nt)? : 2♣ = 2♥ + 5♠, 2♦ = good raise ♥ 1♠ (1nt)? : 2♣ = 2♠ + 5♥, 2♦ = ♥, 2♥ = good raise ♠
1♦		5(4)	4♥	11-21 HCP, 4♦ if 4441	WJS, 2♦ (7) 8-10, 3♣: 10+ and 4+♦, 3♦: preempt, 3M: WJS, 4♣: WJS, 4♦: preempt, 4M: to play	1♦-1M-2ut: 3 in pd's suit, 6+ in own 14-18 p 1♦-1♥-1nt: typically 1354 distr 15+ 1♦-1♠-1nt: 4♥ 11-15 hp.	
1♥		5	4♦	(10) 11-21 HCP	1NT: 4-10 or 3-7 3♥, 2♥: (7) 8-10 3♥, 2♠: invit 6 sp, 2NT: GF 4+♥, 3♣: 7-11 4+♥, 3♦: 11-13 3♥, 3♥: preempt, 3♠: 8-11 4+♥ unk single and max ONE ace, 3NT: void ♠ 8-11 4+♥, 4m: void m 8-11 4+♥	Over 1M- 2NT (Chips) → 3♣: min; 3♦: 15+; 3♥: short ♣ and not min.; 3♠: short ♦ and not min, 3nt: short OM and not min; 4♣♦OM; 5-5; 4MA: to play 1M - 3♣ - 3♦: invitational, other GF 1M - 3♦ - 3M: min, - Responder can ALWAYS bid 4M! After 1M-1nt: 2♣ F1: 16+ , 11-15 bal or nat. (=>2♦ 8+) other bids show 11-15 After 1♥-1♠: 2♣ F1: 16+ , or clubs (=>2♦ 8+) Other bids show 11-15	
1♠		5	4♥	(10) 11-21 HCP	1NT: 4-10 or 3-7 3♠, 2♠: (7) 8-10 3♠, 2NT: GF 4+♠, 3♣: 8-11 4+♠, 3♦: 11-13 3♠, 3♥: invit 6 h, 3♠: preempt, 3NT: 8-11 4+♠ unk. single and max ONE ace, 4m/♥: void 8-11 4+♠	After 1M-1nt: 2♣ F1: 16+ , 11-15 bal or nat. (=>2♦ 8+) other bids show 11-15 After 1♥-1♠: 2♣ F1: 16+ , or clubs (=>2♦ 8+) Other bids show 11-15	
1NT				14-16 bal or semi bal (6322 or 5422, 5M possible)	2♣: NF Stayman, transfers, 2♠: minors, 2nt: weak w diam or inv. with clubs, 3♣ GF asking for M, 3♦: HHxxxx (semi-invitational), 3♥: inv. 5+-5+ M, 3♠: GF 5+5+mi, 4mi: minor RKCB 1430	1NT - transfer - 3M: min and 4M, 2/3x: xx 4M max. 2♣-2red - 2♠: GF relay	
2♣				20-21NT or GF (in practice)	2♦: relay, 2M/3m: to play if 20-21NT, 3M: 7 suiter no side stoppers	Herbert, 2♣ - 2♦ - 3M: 4M and 5+♦ GF, 2♣ - 2♦ - 2M - 3M: 2+ ctrls. and 3+M, - 3NT: 3+ M., positive max 1 ctr., 4m: splinter max. 1 ctrl.	
2♦	x	0		MULTI weak 2M (0-7, 5 or 6 suiter)	2/3M=P/C, 2NT: asking, new suit F1, 4♣: transfer to your M, 4♦: bid your M	2♦ - 2NT – 3♣: Not min, - 3♦: min and ♥, - 3♥: min and ♠	Over 1NT-(2x - nat) Rubensohl, Scramble, T/O D Over 1NT- (D) System on, Over 1NT-2♣-(D: if ♣) -p: no ♣ stopper, - other: system with ♣ stopper
2♥		4		4+/5+ M, 3-10 hcp	2NT asking, new suit F1	2♥ - 2NT - 3♣: Not min, - 3♦: min and 5♥, - 3♥: min and 5♠ 3sp: 5-5	When Opps D 2h: pass = neutral, RD = own suit System on 1M after pass: 2x (nat 8-9 p good suit), 2nt = 7-10 4+ supp no fitbid, 3 and 4x fitbid – four+ card supp
2♠		5		5sp/4+ mi, 3-10 hcp	2NT asking, new suit F1	2♠ - 2NT	
2NT				22-24 semi bal (6322 or 5422)	Stayman, Transfers, 3♠: m, 4m: nat slam interest	after transfer: 3 in suit = 2 c, 3nt = 3card new suit = 4 and cue, After Stayman: Other M = Slam interest	
3♣♦		6		preempt	new suit F1, 4 om: asking for aces		
3♥♠		6		preempt	new suit F1, 4♣: asking for aces		
3NT	x	6	Solid mi / to play	After solid minor 1 st 2 nd hand: ♣ p/c, 4♦ asking for singleton		SLAM BIDDING	
4♣♦		7	preempt	4/5 in other minor is asking for aces		RKCB 1430, Voidwood 0314, minor RKCB 1430, DEPO, Cuebids 1st/2nd ctrl., Unserious 3NT	
4♥♠		7	preempt	4nt: RKCB 1430			
4NT	x		Ace asking	5♠: 0, 5x THAT ace, 5ut: ♣ ace, 6x 2 esser CRO			

Open Defence Against Multi 2♦

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Main principles:.....	1
(2♦)- ?.....	2
(2♦) – pass – (2♥) -?	2
(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – pass – (pass) - ?	2
(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – pass – (2♠) - ?.....	2
(2♦)-pass – (2♠) – pass – (pass) - ?	3
(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – dbl – (pass) - ? (dbl = 4-5♥ / 4♠) or good hand without good bid.....	3
(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – dbl – (2♠) - ?.....	3
(2♦)-dbl – (2♥) – ? (dbl = 13-16 bal. or 17+).....	3
(2♦)-dbl – (2♥) – dbl – (2♠) - ?	3
(2♦)-dbl – (2♠) – dbl (pass) - ?	4
(2♦)-dbl – (2♠) – dbl (3♥) - ?.....	4
(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – 3m – (pass) - ?	4
(2♦)-pass – (2♥/♠) – 3♥- (pass) - ?.....	5
(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – 3♥- (pass) - ?.....	5
(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – 3♠- (pass) - ?.....	5
(2♦)-dbl – (pass! Showing ♦) – ?	5

Main principles:

- Direct bid shows an “opening hand” (app. 11-16) (except after (2♦) pass(2nt(!)) - ? where it can be lead directing with a weaker hand)
- Direct double after 2♦ is Crowhurst (13-16 bal or 17+) => Rubensohl if opps. bid 2M
- (2♦) pass (2M) dbl shows 4-5 in the bid suit or OM or any hand without a good bid
- (2♦) dbl (2M) dbl shows 4 in one or both Majors or a bal. hand (10+) without a good bid (e.g. lacking stoppers in one of the Major suits)
- The third double from us is always penalty (behind the suit)
- 2nt after 2M always promises 4 card supp or 3+ supp there is no room to bid oM
- Fit-jumps and Fit-non-jumps after pass (2-3 new shows at least Qx in pard’s suit)
- Bid of other M shows 3 card fit (or in high-level bidding : slam interest with fit)
- (2diam) 3M shows 4cM and a longer minor suit (app. 13-17 hcp)

(2♦)- ?

Pass	weak < 12, 10-12 bal, or strong w 5+♠/5+mi, or 11-16 Marmic or 10+both M
Dbl	(12) 13-16 balanced or any 17+ hand
2M	11-16, 5+ M
2nt	(16) 17-19 balanced - stoppers in both M
3mi	11-16, (5) 6+ mi
3M	4 in the bid major and 6+ in a minor (13-17 hcp)
3nt	Chance (typically with a good minor suit and stoppers in M)
4m	5+H /5+ minor – good hand (if spades plus minor, wait one round)
4M	7-8 suiter 9-10 tricks on own hand
4nt	minors
5mi	natural 9-10 tricks on own hand

(2♦) – pass – (2♥) -?

Pass	weak or does not want to bid with passed partner
Dbl	4-5♥/4-5♠ or a hand with no good bid /or 17+
2♠	5+♠, 11-16 hcp (can be 5♠ and 5mi)
2nt	(16)- 17-19, stoppers in both M
3mi	5+m, 11-16 hcp
3♥	6-7♥, opening hand
3♠	4♠, and 6+ in minorsuit (because in jump) (13-17 p)
3nt	chance: perhaps a minor suit, but can also be other distributions
4mi	5+M /5+the bid minor, good hand (NB! Can be both of the majorsuits)
4M	7-9 M, 9-10 tricks (good hand)
4nt	minors
5mi	natural, good hand

(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – pass – (pass) - ?

Dbl	10-16 with the right distribution (e.g. Marmic single♥, bal 11-12 short♥, oriented towards the♠ suit primarily, e.g. EB10x, Axx, Exxxx, x – where the♦ suit is not good enough for 1 st round) - Subsequent bidding: natural and 2nt scrambling
2sp	5+♠, less than an opening hand
2nt	5+/4+ in minors, 10-16 hcp or better distribution
3mi	natural, less than an opening hand
4mi	5+♠/5+mi, good hand

(2♦)-pass – (2♥) – pass – (2♠) - ?

Dbl	11-16 with the right distribution (e.g. Marmic single♠) - Subsequent bidding: natural and 2nt scrambling
2nt	5+/4+ in minors, 11-16 hcp or better distribution
3x	natural, less than an opening hand, or leaping with 5sp/5mi
3♠	5+♥/5+m too bad for leaping in the first round
4m	5+♠/5+m (leaping with good minorcards – otherwise 3m as opp just bid spades)

(2♦)-pass - (2♠) - pass - (pass) - ?

Dbl	10-16 with the right distribution (e.g. Marmic single♠) Subsequent bidding: natural and 2nt scrambling
2nt	5+/4+ in minors, 10-16 hcp or better distribution
3mi/♥	natural, less than an opening hand
3♠	5+♥/5+mi, too bad for leaping in the first round
4mi	5+♠/5+mi, (leaping with good minor cards)

(2♦)-pass - (2♥) - dbl - (pass) - ? (dbl = 4-5♥/4♠) or good hand without good bid

Pass	to play (showing ♥)
2♠	4-5 ♠ nothing to add
2nt	Lebensohl (weak hand or invit with 4♠)
3mi	natural 8-11 hcp
3♥	GF asks - for stopper
3♠	Invit with 5♠
4mi	5+♠/5+mi –strong hand Subsequent bidding: 4♥ slammy sp, 4nt: asks for the minor

(2♦)-pass - (2♥) - dbl - (2♠) - ?

Dbl	take-out of ♠
2nt	natural (9-11 hcp), stopper in ♠ (scramble if next round)
3x	natural less than 12 hcp
3nt	11-12 hcp stoppers in ♠
3♠	ask for stopper

(2♦)-dbl - (2♥) - ? (dbl = 13-16 bal. or 17+)

Pass	less than 8-9 points,
Dbl	4-5 ♥ and/or 4♠, 8-9 + hcp, or a bal hand 10+ w/o 5 suiter, and/or stopper in one or both M
2ut	Rubensohl: invit+ 5+♠ (at least 8 hcp)
3♣	Rubensohl: invit+ 5+♦ (at least 8 hcp)
3♦	Rubensohl: invit+5+♥ (at least 8 hcp)
3♥	Rubensohl: invit+ 5+♠ (at least 8 hcp)
3sp	Rubensohl: GF both minors
3nt	to play – can be down to 11 good with stoppers in both M
4♣	Rubensohl: 5+ ♣ 5+ in a M– s : 4♦ ask for the Major suit
4♦	Rubensohl: 5+ ♦, 5 in a Major suit, 4M = correctable

(2♦)-dbl - (2♥) - dbl - (2♠) - ?

Pass	(12) 13-14 nothing to add (can have 4♥) subsequent= dbl again from pd is renewed t.o, 2nt is invit to game w/o 4♥
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Dbl	penalty ♠ (only behind the suit)
3minor	GF: 17+hcp w the bid minor
3♥	GF with ♥ (14-16 bal. with 4♥ or 17+ 5+♥) Subsequent bidding: 3♠ shows a good raise with 3+♥
3♠	GF asking for stopper
4mi	NB ! GF: Natural (as 5+♠/5+mi would penalty double 2♠)
4♥	6+♥ 17 hcp+

(2♦)-dbl - (2♠) - dbl (pass) - ?

Pass	penalty ♠
2nt	natural (12) 13-14 bal. (can have 4♥) = subs. from pd: 3♥= GF w. 4-5 ♥
3mi	GF 17+ with the minor
3♥	GF w 4+ ♥ (14-16 bal with 4♥ or 17+ 5+♥) Subsequent bidding: 3♠ shows a good raise with 3+♥ - other natural
3♠	GF asking for stopper
4mi	NB ! Natural (as 5+♠/5+mi would pass 2♠ doubled)
4♥	6+♥ 17+

(2♦)-dbl - (2♠) - dbl (3♥) - ?

Pass	minimum (13-14 bal) can have 4 ♠
Dbl	penalty ♥
3♠	GF with 4+♠ (14-16 bal with 4♠ or 17+ 5+♠, or leaping 5+♠ /5+mi not so strong as 4♥ below) Subsequent bidding: 4♥ slammy with ♠ - other natural
3♠	GF asking for stopper
3nt	to play
4mi	NB ! GF Natural (as 5+♠/5+mi bids 3♠)
4♥	5+♠ and 6+mi subsq= 5mi correctable - 4nt asks for the minor, 5♥: slammy ♠

(2♦)-pass - (2♥) - 3m - (pass) - ?

Pass	any < 10 hcp hand w/o fit
3M	F1 shows stopper – asking for stopper in the other (can have e.g. 10-12 with fit to the minor and wants to play 3nt /a strong hand with spades and minor or fit to the bid minor– and will bid again on 3nt /or a 6-7 suiter M not strong enough for the first round (e.g. EDBxxx –x – xx - xxxx) Subs. Bidding: 4mi after pd's 3nt it is GF 4M later is a long Major suit not strong enough to bid in the f first round. 4 other minor – shows the leaping with ♠
3nt	to play
4 in bid m	invitational

(2♦)-pass - (2♥/♠) - 3♥- (pass) - ?

- 3♠ good raise in ♥ (2-3+)
- 4mi Fit non jump 3-4 c sup (because I have passed first)
- 4nt both minors 5+-5+ – not interested in playing in ♥

(2♦)-pass - (2♥) - 3♥- (pass) - ?

- 3♠ good raise in hearts w/o good side suit
- 4mi Fit-non-jump, points in the two suits

(2♦)-pass - (2♥) - 3♠- (pass) - ?

- 4/5mi Pass or correct
- 4♥ good raise in ♠ (4+) - subs. 4nt 1430
- 4nt Bid your minor, but stronger

(2♦)-pass - (pass!)- ?

- Dbl take-out of ♦ or 13+ bal /or any strong
- 2ut 16 (17-19) stopper in ♦ and M
- Other natural 12-16

(2♦)-dbl - (pass! Showing ♦) - ?

- Pass 3+ diamonds – can be weak .. (but as long as they do not RD)
- 2M can be a weak hand with 3-4 M (“nødmelding”)
- 2nt ♣, NB! can be a weak hand with 4-5♣ - asks for 3cl unless strong
- 3♣ 4+/4+ M, invit+ asking for Majors - doubler bids 3♦ with min and no M 3nt with 14-16 bal and stopper in ♦, 4♦: preference for both M
- 3♦ invit+ w. 5+♥
- 3♥ invit+ w. 5+♠
- 3♠ GF both minors
- 4♣ leaping
- 4♦ 5-5 Majors