## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening

Aggressive, wide range ( $6+$ no upper limit). Good 4 cd suit possible at 1-level; 2-level maybe light hcp;
RESPONSES: NSNF thru 3D; 2-lev Q=limit+;
ump raise=PRE; Jump-Q=mixed raise; JS=F; NSF if 3H+ or 3/3; Competitive 2NT may be mixed raise or better

1NT OVERCALL (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
$15-17$, system on. Usually natural in any seat. T/O by PH. Balancing 1NT: 10-14, system on (11-16 after 1S) 2NT O/C: usually natural; natural after opps bid and raised suit or After (2X)-P-(2Y); natural w tricks after Art 2X; jump to 2NT in p.o. seat=strong with minors
Mod. Stayman \& trans after 2NT \& 3NT O/C (no stayman after 3N) JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1 suit: Aggressive PRE-wide range (based on pos \& vul)
2 suits: UNUSUAL 2NT (2 lowest unbid, any range);
Vs 2x \& 3x: 4C \& 4D
If avail 2NT asks desc;
Q-bid=INV; 3H+=F; JS=F; jump raise =PRE
Reopen: Invitational (intermediate)

## DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

 MICHAELS, any range: (1C)-2C=5/4 majors (either way); 2M=5/5; (1C)-2D $=5 / 5$ majors; (1D)-2D $=5 / 4$ majors; (1D)-2H/2S $=5 / 5 \mathrm{M}$ Same vs. short C or D; jump Q below 3NT: asks stopper, creates F; Vs natural 2C: 3C asks stopper.VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
VS STRONG: DIR SEAT ONLY, UPH ONLY:
Mod CRASH: $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{S}$ or $\mathrm{D}+\mathrm{H} ; 2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{H}$ or $\mathrm{D}+\mathrm{S} ; 2 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{S}$;
$2 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=$ natural; $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D}$ (or GF 2 -suiter); 3-any=nat, not constr
VS ALL OTHER: $\mathrm{X}=$ cards, not nec. bal; $2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{S}$;
2D=1 major; $2 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=$ natural w a minor; $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D}$ (or GF 2 -suiter) VS WEAK ONLY: 3m jump = Intermediate; X of stay or trans=cards

VS 2NT: Mod CRASH (same as vs 1NT)
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)
$\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$; Q below 3NT asks stopper; Q above 3NT=2 suits ( F ); ump 0/C=2 suited (F); (3C)-X-(P): 3D=art (F), usu weak; 3HS constructive; $(4 \mathrm{x})-4 \mathrm{NT}=2$ or 3 suit $\mathrm{T} / 0$
After NT 0/C: mod trans \& stay (no stay aft 3NT);
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. $1 *$ or $2 *$ or $2 *$
VS ALL: mod CRASH
Aggressive, $5 / 4+, 5 / 5+$ at $2-\mathrm{lev}+, 5 / 5+$ at UF
Same after (1C)-P-(1D)

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1M (x): NSNF; Trans thru 2M; JS=PRE; 2NT=Mixed+ (4+);
1m(x): JS other minor=unbal lim; 2NT=bal lim Any (x): JR=PRE; 3NT=good PRE; XX=usu 4/4 in 2 other suits, desire to defend


Signals (including Trumps): Standard: Hi Enc, Hi Even;
Tell partner what she needs to know; Mostly S/P if undefined;
Odd/Even $1^{\text {st }}$ discard; $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{P}$ in trumps; Rarely give count. No count signal in
trumps. Rare to signal vs slams; Leads \& signals frequently deceptive.

## DOUBLES

Aggressive; emphasis on majors, minors unclear, $4 \times 3$ okay; lighter with shape.
ELC: C to D only; Q resp maybe bal 9+, no rebid promised;
Jump resp=5+cd suit; Jump Cue by resp asks stopper;
After Cue : doubler's 2NT is minimum - any 3-level = GF
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS
NEG \& RESP thru 4D-no upper limit. Tend to be bal w convertible values -
OFTEN PASSED. Dbl of 4 S is always penalty.
$1 \mathrm{C}(1 \mathrm{D}) \mathrm{X}=4 / 4$ majs. $1 \mathrm{~m}(1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{X}=4 \mathrm{sp}$.
SUPPORT X thru 3Q; 3-level NEGX=inv, creates F; 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ NEGX=T/0, xtras;
NEG X then NSF 3H+; NEGX thru 3S if we open 1NT; RESPX thru 4D; Denies 4 cds in other maj thru 2S;
Most 2-lev dbls=t/o or card-showing

W B F CONVENTION CARD

## CATEGORY: Green - Aggressive Std American

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Aggressive std. American; light initial actions; 5cd majors

Weak 2DHS (0-9 hcp); freq. wide-range preempts
Playing strength compensates for hcp in any situation.
1 NT opening $=10-12$ ( $\left.\mathrm{NV} 1^{\text {st }} \& 2^{\text {nd }}\right) ; 10-15$ ( $\mathrm{NV} 3^{\text {rd }} \& 4^{\text {th }}$ ) 14-16 (V $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}, 3^{\text {rd }}$ ); 10-13 (V $4^{\text {th }}$ ) -- odd shapes ok; frequent 5cd majors
req art. comp 2NT
Freq low-level comp Xs; light $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat openings
Aggressive 2/1 response; promises rebid unless opener shows weak NT
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
WEAK 2DHS-NV: 0-9 hcp; usually 5-cd suit, any quality
GAMBLING 3NT: $1^{\text {st }} \& 2^{\text {nd }}$. ANY solid suit -7 winners
NAMYATS: Solid Suit - 7-1/2 to 8-1/2 winners

## GOOD-BAD 2NT

Frequent Art 2NT in competition (Good/Bad; Takeout;
Puppet to 3C; Lebensohl; Mixed Raise)
TRANSFER LEBENSOHL (FASS) + Many VARIATIONS

## PRE JUMP SHIFTS

FIT-SHOWING JUMP SHIFTS by PH
2NT OPENING: 5+/5+ minors, 4-10 or strong (9-12 UF)
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## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

FP when we show ownership; 2C, 4CD openings create F 1x-(x)-xx: creates F; Jump Cue and Leaping Michaels create F; low level penalty X creates F
1NT-(x)-any-P: We don't play in 1NTX (i.e., Pass = F)

## IMPORTANT NOTES

If 2NT can't be invitational, it isn't natural;
$3^{\text {rd }}$ seat opening may be $8-9$ bal (1M often 4 -cd suit)
Rarely pass partner's opening bid even with 0-5 hcp

Anti-lead doubles; many lead-directing doubles

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1\％ |  | 3 | 4D | Nat－open 1C w 3－3 minors， 1 C poss w 4－4 minors； | May respond v light；1D usually 5＋；1M maybe 4M／5D；1NT＝8－10；2N＝11－12；1N＝no maj； raise $=\mathrm{F} 1$ ；jump raise $=\mathrm{PRE}$ ；no splinter；JS to play | 1M＝44＋；1N maybe 4HS；2－way CB；4SF1； picture bids； $1 \mathrm{~m}-1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{~N}=$ art ask； 4 st trans／2NT； $1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{F}$ to 3 m ；Raise of 1 M art； 1C－2C－2D：Art．Min． | FSJS－No forcing bid by PH；No 4SF；inverted raise NF；2－way CB（may be passed） |
| 1 |  | 3 | 4C | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nat - open 1C or D w 4C/4D; } \\ & \text { 1D w 3D/2C; 1D poss w 4D/5C } \end{aligned}$ | See 1C；also：1N＝6－10 | See 1C；Also：1D－2C－any－3D＝F after 2／1，no reverse；1D－2D－2H：Art Min． | See 1C |
| 1 |  | 4 | 4D | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nat -- Usu } 5 \text { cds - freq } 4 \text { cds in } \\ & 3^{\text {rd }} \text { seat } \end{aligned}$ | May respond v light；1N＝5－11（nf）；2／1 F1；SPL； Help－suit game try；PRE JS； Jump Raise＝PRE；2NT＝mixed raise（＋） | See 1C \＆1D | $\begin{aligned} & \text { See 1C. } \\ & \text { 2NT=mixed raise(+); } \\ & \text { 2CD=lim } 3 \text { or } 4 \mathrm{~cd} \text { raise } \end{aligned}$ |
| $1 \sim$ |  | 4 | 4D | See 1H | See 1H | See 1C \＆1D | See 1H |
| INT |  |  | 3S | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1NT: } 10-12\left(\mathrm{NV} 1^{\text {ST }} \& 2^{\text {nd }}\right) ; \\ & 10-15\left(\mathrm{NV} 3^{\text {rd }} \& 4^{\text {th }}\right) ; 14 \text { to } 16(\mathrm{~V} \\ & 1^{\text {st, }} 2^{\text {nd }}, 3^{\text {rd }) ; ~} ; 10-13\left(\mathrm{~V} 4^{\text {th }}\right) ; \\ & \text { freq } 5 \mathrm{~cd} \text { major; odd shape ok } \end{aligned}$ | Stayman；SA Texas，5C Gerber 10－12，10－13，10－15：2－way Stayman 14－16：4－suit tr；3DHS＝FG（w longer Cs） | 2C－2x：3CD＝GF 3－suiter；smolen；trf；retrf； <br> 2C－2HS：3SH＝slam try raise； <br> 2C－2HS：4CD＝nat．ST raise | Same as UPH； |
| 2\％ | X | 0 |  | $20+$ bal or 8.5 playing tricks | Cntrls:2D=0-1;2H=2;2N=3;3C=4;3D=5; <br> $2 \mathrm{~S}=$ any gd $5+$ suit（ 2 of top 3 honors）； <br> $3 \mathrm{HS}=$ any $\mathrm{AKQ}(\mathrm{J}) 5+$ suit； $4 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{SA}, 7+\mathrm{cds}, 0$ cntrls | C3L2N；2C－2D－2H＞2S＝Hs or 23＋bal Opnr JS＝solid suit，asks Q； <br> After any 2NT rebid：Puppet \＆4st trans No BW by resp when controls known | Same as UPH |
| 2 |  | 5 |  | NV：0－9，5cd suit，any qual or Shape；VUL：4－9，std but wk suit ok；UF：intermed， 6 losers | NV：NSNF（not necessarily weak）；VUL： 3 lev－F； $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ mod．ogust；raise＝PRE；NV jump to $3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{inv}$ ； 4D＝PRE；4C＝pre KC；rarely pass w sing or void | opener usu．bids again w fit，2D opener bids again w max；Many art．follow－ups | Wide range in $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat； PH resp：1st step scramble； NS＝fit；2NT＝fit，asks sing |
| 2 |  | 5 |  | See 2D | See 2D（except 4D is 1－suited slam try in a minor） | See 2D | See 2D |
| $2 \boldsymbol{\sim}$ |  | 5 |  | See 2D | See 2H | See 2D | See 2D |
| $2 \mathrm{NT}$ | X |  |  | 5＋／5＋minors PRE or GF； PRE：3－9，but UF：9－13 w good suits | $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ to play； $3 \mathrm{M}=$ nat $\mathrm{F} ; 4 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{RKC}$ in that minor； $4 N T=B W$ |  |  |
| 3＊ |  | 6 |  | Aggress；wide range，0－15； Anything ok opp PH | 3D asks 3－cd Maj；3M NF NV；4C＝PRE；4D＝RKC |  |  |
| 3 |  | 6 |  | See 3C | 3M NF NV；4C＝pre KC；4NT＝BW | See 3C | See 3C |
| 3 |  | 6 |  | See 3C | See 3D | See 3C | See 3C |
| 3＾ |  | 6 |  | See 3C | See 3D | See 3C | See 3C |
| 3NT | X | 7 |  | Any solid st；no A／K（1 $1^{\text {st／}} 2^{\text {nd }}$ st） | $4 \mathrm{CD}=\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}, 4 \mathrm{HS}$ to play；always pass $3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ seat 3NT |  | $3^{\text {rd }} \& 4^{\text {th }}$ seat to play |
| 4＊ | X | 7 |  | NAMYATS－solid Hs－7．5－8．5 tr | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1step=ST, } 1 \text { or } 3 \text { aces; Above } 4 \mathrm{M}=2 \text { aces, 2-loser } \\ & \text { suit } 4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{BW} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4 \\ & 4 \bullet \\ & 4 \star \\ & \text { 4NT } \\ & \text { 5NT } \end{aligned}$ | X | 7 |  | See 4C－solid Ss | See 4C | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
|  |  | 6 |  | Wide rng－not solid，＞4 losers | 4NT＝BW（not RKC）；5C＝RKC；NS＝control ask | Cue： $1^{\text {st }}$ or $2^{\text {nd }}$ rnd control．Last chance cue：no entrl promised if only Q below game； Respond KC to SPL；RKCB 1430；no RKC on $1^{\text {st }}$ round；EXCLUSION， SUPERGERBER，4C＝RKC after pre－empts；R2D2 after BW／RKC interf ；in FP auctions，PASS is weakest action；pass and pull is weak，passer is prepared for reopening dbl，has made decision，and has automatic action regardless of partner＇s tempo |  |
|  |  | 6 |  | See 4H | See 4H |  |  |  |
|  | X |  |  | Asks specific aces | $5 \mathrm{C}=$ no ace $; 5 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{CA} ; 6 \mathrm{C}=2$ Aces |  |  |  |
|  | X |  |  | Minors；grand try |  |  |  |  |

