## DEFENSIVE & COMPETITIVE BIDDING

### OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 level; Reopening)

**Style:** 1 level overcall can be light

Responses: Transfers after simple overcall in direct or balancing

Jump raise PRE, Jump Q = Mixed raise

Jump shift FIT

### 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th live; Responses; Reopening)

**2nd Position:** 15-18 HCP

**Responses:** As over 1NT OPENING

**4th Position:** 11-14 HCP over minor; 11-16 HCP over major

**Responses:** Range Ask Stayman, System On

### JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

**Style:** Weak (Intermediate at UNFAV or in Balancing)

**Reopening:** Intermediate Jump overcall (12-15 HCP);

2NT = 19-20 HCP

**Unusual NT:** 2 Lower un-bid suits

### DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)

**Style:** Michaels {(1♣)-2♦, (1♦)-2♥, (1♦)-3♦ = Majors if short 1♣/1♦ }

**Responses:** (1M)-2M-(P)-3♣ = P/C; (1M)-2M-(P)-3♦ = Limit in oM

(1m)-2m-(P)-3♣/3♦ = Limit raise in ♥/♠

(1m)-3m = NAT, (1M)-3M asks stopper

**Reopening:** Same

### VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)

**Vs WK:** DBL = 14+ HCP;     **Vs STR:** DBL 5+m - 4M

**Vs All:** 2♣ = Majors

2♦ = A Major

2M = 5+M - 4+m

**Reopening:** Same

### Vs PREEMPTS

T/O DBL thru 4♥; LEB after (2M)-DBL-(P)

(2M)-4m = Strong 5+oM - 5+m

### VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

*Suction* vs. Strong 1♣, 2♣, 2♦ & 2NT  [6]

### OVER OPPONENTS´ TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1m-(DBL)-2NT = Limit raise+; Jump shift FIT

1M-(DBL): Transfers (starting at 1NT);

2NT = *Jacoby* (UPH), Unspecified SPL (PH)

*Bergen* 3♣/3♦/3M; Other Jump shifts FIT

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## LEADS AND SIGNALS

### OPENING LEADS STYLE

|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
|---|---|---|
| Suit | 3rd even, low odd | Same |
| NT | 4th | Same |
| Subs. | Same, but some ATT | Same, but some ATT |
| Other: | | |

### LEADS

| Lead | Vs Suit | Vs NT |
|---|---|---|
| Ace | AKx | Asks ATT |
| King | AKx (5 level +), AK, KQx | Asks CT or unblock |
| Queen | QJ(x) | QJ(x), KQxx, KQJx |
| Jack | HJ10(x), J10(x) | HJ10(x), J10(x) |
| 10 | H109x | H109x, 109xx |
| 9 | 9xx | 9xx |
| Hi-x | xx | xxx, maybe xxxx |
| Lo-x | xxx, xxxx, xxxxx | Normally from an honor |

### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's lead | Discarding |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | Lo = ENCRG | Lo = Even | Lo = ENCRG |
| 2nd | Lo = Even | S/P | Lo = Even |
| 3rd | S/P | | S/P |

Signals (including trump):

REV Smith vs. NT

Trump suit preference signals

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## DOUBLES

### TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses; Reopening)

**Style:** Support for unbid suits

**Responses:** Cue F1

**Reopening:**

### SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE (RE-)DBLS

NEG DBL thru 4♥

RESP DBL thru 4♦

Maximal Overcall DBL to 3M

Support DBL & RDBL to 2♥

Many low level DBLs T/O

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## WBF Convention Card

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

**1NT Opening:** (14+)15-17

**2 over 1 RESP (UPH):** FG

5 card Majors

1M-1NT F1 (UPH)

### SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

**OPENINGS:**

3NT 1st and 2nd positions: Solid minor, no side A or K

3rd and 4th positions: To Play

**RESPONSES:**

1m-2♥ = BAL 11-12 HCP [1]

1m-2♠ = 5+ Card raise, 6-9 HCP [2]

1♣-2♦ & 1♥-2♠ = PRE by UPH

1M -3♣ = 4+ Card constructive raise (6-9 HCP)

1M -3♦ = 4+ Card limit raise

P-1M-2♣/2♦ = 3-Way Reverse Drury [4]

**COMP:**

1m-(1♥)-1♠ = 7-10 HCP, Denies 4♠, no ♥ stopper [3]

1m-(1♥)-2♥ = 6+♣ 8+ HCP [3]

1m-(1♥)-2♠ = 6+♣ 4-7 HCP [3]

### SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Pass then pull is stronger than taking initial action

### IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON´T FIT ELSEWHERE

Ingberman over Reverse by Opener [7]

Many *Lebensohl* situations in competition

**PSYCHICS:** Rare

| OPENING | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. # OF CARDS | NEG DBL THRU | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | PH & COMP BIDDING |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1♣ | | 3 | 4♥ | 11+ UNBAL | 1M may have longer ♦; 1♦ resp. may be 3 card | 1NT rebid may have 4 card M if BAL | **PH**: FIT jumps |
| | | | | 12-14 or 18-19 BAL | 1NT = 8-10, 2NT = 12+-15, 3NT = 16-17 | 2-way New Minor Forcing over 1NT rebid | 1m-(1♥)-1♠ = 7-10, no 4♠, no ♥ stopper [3] |
| | | | | 1♣ with 33 minors | 2♣ = Limit raise+ | 4th suit FG; SPL | 1m-(1♥)-2♥ = 6+♠ 8+ HCP [3] |
| | | | | Usually 1♣ with 44 minors | 2♦ = PRE; 2♥ = 11-12 BAL; | Mod. WOLFF S/O over 2NT rebid [8]; | 1m-(1♥)-2♠ = 6+♠ 4-7 HCP [3] |
| | | | | | 2♠= 5+ card raise 6-9 HCP | | |
| | | | | | 3♣ = PRE; 3-level JS = SPL | | |
| 1♦ | | 3 | 4♥ | See 1♣ | See 1♣ | See 1♣ | See 1♣ |
| | | | | | 1♦-3♣ = NAT INV | | |
| 1♥ | | 5(4) | 4♦ | May be 4 card suit 3rd & 4th | 1NT = F1; **BART** [5] | 1M-1NT-3NT = Solid Suit | **PH**: 3-way *Reverse Drury* [4] |
| | | | | | 2NT = *Jacoby* | SPL | 2NT = 5+-5+ ms INV |
| | | | | | 1♥-2♠ (UPH) = NAT PRE | Help Suit Game Tries | 2♠/3♣/3♦ = Fit |
| | | | | | 3♣ = Sound 4-card single raise; 3♦ = Limit raise | | 1♥ - (1♠) - 2♦ (PH) = 3 card *Drury*; |
| | | | | | 3♥ = PRE | | **1M-(DBL):** TRF(starting 1NT); FIT Jumps; |
| | | | | | 3NT = 3-3-(3-4) 13-15 HCP | | 2NT *Jacoby* (UPH); SPL (PH); |
| | | | | | SPL | | *Bergen* (also after (1♥ - 1♠)); |
| 1♠ | | 5(4) | 4♥ | May be 4 card suit 3rd & 4th | See 1♥ | See 1♥ | See 1♥ |
| | | | | | 1♠-3♥ = NAT INV | | 1♠-3♥ Fit |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1NT | | | 4♥ | 15-17 (may be **very** good 14) | NF STAY; 4-Suit TRF; *Gerber*; *Texas* | 1NT-2♣-2♦-2♥ = Weak, both Ms | **COMP**: LEB after NAT overcall |
| | | | | May have 5 M or 6 m | 3♣ = Puppet STAY | 1NT-2♣-2♦-3M = 4M, 5oM FG | NEG DBL thru 3♠ |
| | | | | | 3♦ =5+-5+ ms FG | 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♣ = 5+♥ + 5+♠ | 1NT-(DBL)-RDBL = Relay to 2♣ |
| | | | | | 3M = SPL, 3 oM-(54) ms | 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♦ = 6+♥ + 4♠ | |
| | | | | | | 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♥ = 6+♠ + 4♥ | |
| | | | | | | 1NT-2♣-2M-3oM = Unspecified Shortness | |
| | | | | | | 1NT-2♣-2M-4♣ = Slam Interest (No Shortness) | |
| | | | | | | 1NT-2♣-2M-4♦ = KC Ask | |
| 2♣ | √ | 0 | | STR, ART | 2♦ Waiting, 5+ HCP or A or K, FG | 2♣-2♦-2♥ = *Kokish* | **COMP:** DBL = 0-4 HCP, Pass = 5+ HCP |
| | | | | | 2♥ = 0-4 HCP | 2♣-2♦-3M = 4M-6+♦ | |
| | | | | | 2NT = ♥ | | |
| 2♦ | | 6(5) | | NAT, WK (5-11) | New suit F1; | | **COMP:** over (DBL): |
| | | | | Usually 6 card suit | 2NT *Ogust* inquiry | | 3-level new suit is lead directing |
| | | | | | 4♣ = KC Ask | | 2NT = Relay to 3♣ |
| 2♥ | | 6(5) | | See 2♦ | See 2♦ | | See 2♦ |
| 2♠ | | 6(5) | | See 2♦ | See 2♦ | | See 2♦ |
| 2NT | | | | 20-21 BAL, May have 5M | STAY; JTB; Texas; Gerber; | | |
| | | | | | 3♠ = Relay to 3NT for minor suited hands | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 3♣ | | 6 | | May be light | New suit F; 4♦ = KC Ask | **HIGH LEVEL BIDDING** | |
| 3♦ | | 6 | | May be light | New suit F; 4♣ = KC Ask | RKCB - 1430 | |
| 3♥ | | 7 | | May be light | New suit F; 4♣ = KC Ask | *Minorwood* | |
| 3♠ | | 7 | | May be light | New suit F; 4♣ = KC Ask | Exclusion KC - 03/14 | |
| 3NT | √ | | | 1st & 2nd: 7-8 card solid m, no side A, K | 4♣/5♣/5♦ = P/C; 4♦ = Asks Shortness | Preempt KC - 0, 1, 1wQ, 2, 2wQ | |
| | | | | 3rd & 4th: To Play | 4NT= Asks extra length or outside Q | GSF | |
| 4x | | | | NAT PRE | | SPL | |

# Rayner - Hanna (Canada Seniors) - Supplementary Notes

**Note 1**:    1m-2♥ = 11-12 HCP - Balanced

| | |
|---|---|
| 2♠ | Relay to 2NT |
|     P | To Play |
|     3m/3om | Natural - Forcing |
|     3NT | To Play |
| 2NT | To Play |
| 3m/3om | Natural - Non-Forcing |
| 3♥/3♠ | Shortness |
| 3NT | To Play |

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**Note 2**:    1m-2♠ = 5$^+$m - 6-9$^-$ HCP

| | |
|---|---|
| 2NT | 17$^+$ GF |
|     3m | No Shortness, extra length (6-3-2-2 or 7-2-2-2) |
|     3om/3♥/3♠ | Shortness |
|     3NT | No shortness (5-3-3-2 shape) |
| 3m | To Play |
| 3om/3♥/3♠ | Shortness |
| 3NT | To Play |
| 4m | *Minorwood* |

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**Note 3**:    1m-(1♥)

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|---|---|
| DBL | 4/5♠. Opener's 1♠ shows 3 card support and 2♠ shows 4 card support. |
| 1♠ | 7-10 HCP, Denies 4♠, no ♥ stopper |
| 1NT | Balanced 7-10 HCP, ♥ stopper |
| 2m | Inverted Raise - 4$^+$m - Limit Raise + |
| 2om | Natural, F1 |
| 2♥ | 6$^+$♠ - 8$^+$ HCP |
| 2♠ | 6$^+$♠ - 4-7 HCP |
| 3m | 5$^+$m - Mixed Raise |

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**Note 4**:       ***Reverse Drury*** in response to 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> seat major suit opening bid

1M-2♣       Shows a 4 card raise with 7$^+$ HCP

***Responses:***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2♦ | | Ask to specify range (constructive range **or** limit raise) |
| | 2M | Constructive raise |
| | 2oM | Concentration and limit raise |
| | 2NT | Balanced limit raise |
| | 3m | Concentration and limit raise |
| | 3oM | Singleton - Limit raise |
| | 4m | Singleton - Limit raise |
| 2M | | Minimum |
| | New Suit | Shortness |
| 4M | | To play |

1M-2♦       Shows a 3 card limit raise (10$^+$ HCP)

***Responses:***

| | |
|---|---|
| 2M | Minimum |
| New Suit | Help suit game try |
| Jumps | *Splinter* |
| 2NT | 14 HCP - Non Forcing |
| 3M | 6$^+$ M - Slam Try |
| 3NT | Choice of Games |
| 4M | To Play |
| 4NT | *KCB* |

## Note 5:     BART

| 1♥ - 1NT<br>2♣      2$^+$♣ | | 1♠ - 1NT<br>2♣      2$^+$♣ | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2♦ | Relay to 2♥ for all flawed hands, then<br>    P      To Play<br>    2♠     6$^+$♦ - 8-9 HCP<br>    2NT    11-12 HCP - Denies 4♣<br>    3♣     5 ♣ - Not as good as direct raise<br>    3♦     To Play<br>    3♥     3 card limit raise - <Qxx in trumps | | Relay to 2♥ showing 5$^+$♥ - then<br>    P      To Play<br>    2♠     2♠-5♥ 10$^+$-12 HCP<br>    2NT    11-12 HCP - ♦ stopper<br>    3♣     5$^+$♥-4$^+$♣ 10$^+$-12 HCP<br>    3♦     5$^+$♥-5$^+$♦ 10$^+$-12 HCP<br>    3♥     6$^+$♥ - 10$^+$-12 HCP – Not a good suit |
| 2♥ | 2♥ - 8$^+$-10 HCP<br>    2NT    14-15 HCP<br>    3♥     6$^+$♥ - 14-16$^-$ HCP<br>    3NT    To Play | | Relay to 2♠ for all flawed hands, then<br>    Pass    To Play<br>    2NT    11-12 HCP – denies 4♣<br>    3♣     5♣ - Not as good as direct raise<br>    3♦     6$^+$♦ - To Play<br>    3♠     3 card limit raise - < Qxx in trumps |
| 2♠ | 6$^+$♣ - 8-9 HCP | | 2♠ - 8$^+$-10 HCP<br>    2NT    14-15 HCP<br>    3♥     Promises 3♥ ~ 16 HCP<br>    3♠     6$^+$♠ - 14-16$^-$ HCP |
| 2NT | 4♣ - 11-12$^-$ HCP - Stoppers | | Same | |
| 3♣ | 5$^+$♣ - 10-12$^-$ HCP | | Same | |
| 3♦ | 6$^+$♦ - 10-12 HCP | | Same | |
| 3♥ | 3 card limit raise – Qxx or better in trumps | | 6$^+$♥ - 10-12 HCP – Reasonable suit | |
| 3♠ | *Splinter* – 3♥ - 4$^+$♣ Limit Raise<br>    4♣     *Minorwood*<br>    4NT    *KCB* for ♥ | | 3 card limit raise – Qxx or better in trumps | |
| 3NT | Hx♥ - 6$^+$♣ - Limit raise | | Hx♠ - 6$^+$♣ – Limit raise | |
| 4♦ | *Splinter* – 3♥ - 4$^+$♣ Limit Raise<br>    4NT      *KCB* for ♥ | | Same | |
| 4♥ | 3♥ - 5$^+$♣ - Picture bid - Very good ♣, No side controls (e.g. xx Kxx xxx AKxxx)<br>    4NT     *KCB* for ♥ | | *Splinter* - 3♠ - 4$^+$♣ - Limit Raise<br>    4NT    *KCB* for ♠ | |
| 4♠ | | | 3♠ - 5$^+$♣ - Picture bid<br>    4NT     *KCB* for ♠ | |

| 1♥ - 1NT | | 1♠ - 1NT | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2♦ | 4+♦ (except when 4-5-3-1) | 2♦ | 4+♦ |
| 2♥ | Up to 10 HCP with 2♥, or 4-6 HCP with 3♥ | Relay to 2♠ for all flawed hands, then<br>  2NT        11-12 HCP – Denies 4♦<br>  Pass/3♣/3♥   To Play<br>  3♦         Constructive (< Invitational)<br>  3♠         3 card limit raise - <Qxx in trumps |  |
| 2♠ | 4+♦ - 8-9 HCP **OR** 6+♣ - 5-9 HCP<br>  2NT  15+-17‾ HCP<br>  3♣   Default – Responder corrects with ♦<br>  3♦   Good 5♥-5+♦<br>  3♥   Good 6+♥-4♦ | 8+-10 HCP with 2♠ -<br>Continuations are the same as after 1♠-1NT-2♣-2♠ |  |
| 2NT | 11-12‾ HCP - Stoppers | 4♦ - 11-12‾ HCP - Stoppers |  |
| 3♣ | 6+♣ - 10-11 HCP | Same |  |
| 3♦ | 5+♦ - 10-11 HCP | Same |  |
| 3♥ | 3 card limit raise | 6+♥ - 10-11 HCP |  |
| 3♠ |  | 3 card limit raise - Qxx or better in trumps |  |

| 1♥ - 1NT | | 1♠-1NT | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2NT | Balanced 17+ - 19‾ HCP | 2NT | Balanced 17+ - 19‾ HCP |
| 3♣ | 5+♦ | 5+♦ |  |
| 3♦ | 3 Card limit raise – No shortness | 5+♥ |  |
| 3♥ | 5+♣ | 3 Card limit raise – No shortness |  |
| 3♠ | *Splinter* – 3 Card limit raise | 5+♣ |  |
| 3NT | Balanced 6-10‾ HCP – No 3♥ | Balanced 6-10‾ HCP – No 3♠ |  |
| 4♣/4♦ | *Splinter* – 3 Card limit raise | *Splinter* – 3 Card limit raise |  |
| 4♥ | Weak raise | *Splinter* – 3 Card limit raise |  |
| 4♠ |  | Weak raise |  |

| 1♥/♠ - 1NT | |
|---|---|
| 3NT | Solid suit - 6+♥/♠ |

<u>**Note 6**</u>:          ***Suction*** over Opponents' strong 1♣, 2♣, 2♦ and 2NT

The following also applies after the negative response (e.g. (1♣)-P-(1♦)):

DBL                    The suit above <u>OR</u> the other two suits, e.g.
                       (1♣)-DBL              Shows ♦ <u>OR</u> ♥ and ♠
                       (1♣)-P-(1♦)-DBL      Shows ♥ <u>OR</u> ♠ and ♣

NT                     At any level, shows non-touching suits

♣/♦/♥/♠              At any level, shows the suit above or the other two

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<u>**Note 7**</u>:          ***Ingberman*** by Responder over a reverse (or jump shift to the two level) by Opener

- Simple rebid of his suit at the 2 level (1m-1M-2R-2M) is ***Non-Forcing***, and shows $5^+$ of the suit and up to 7 HCP.

- Jump rebid of his suit shows a solid or one loser suit opposite a void (e.g. AKQJxx, KQJ10xxx, AKJ10xxx or AQJ10xxx) and sets trumps.

- 2NT is ***puppet to lowest suit Opener can tolerate*** and is conventional showing weakness. However, if Responder rebids his suit it shows $6^+$ (not solid or semi-solid) suit and ***game forcing*** values ($8^+$ HCP).

- $4^{th}$ Suit is artificial Game Forcing ($8^+$ HCP) and denies a direct fit in one of Opener's suits (usually has 5 of own suit).

- Jumps to 3NT and 4NT show 10-12 HCP and 13-14 HCP respectively with good stoppers in the unbid suit and no fit for Opener's suits.

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**Note 8**:        Modified Wolff Sign Off

1m - 1M
2NT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3♣ | | Relay to 3♦ - If followed by 3NT it shows a mild slam interest in Opener's minor |
| 3♦ | | ***Check Back Stayman*** (♥ first) |
| 3M | | Natural and Game Forcing |
| 3oM | | 5$^+$M-5$^+$oM - Slam Interest |
| | 3♠ | Fit in ♠ |
| | 4♣/4♦ | Cue bid in support of ♥ |
| 3NT | | To Play |
| 4♣/4♦ | | 5$^+$M-5$^+$♣/♦ - Slam Interest |
| 4oM | | 5$^+$M-5$^+$oM - No slam Interest |
| 4NT | | Quantitative (only 4M) |

1♥ - 1♠
2NT

| | |
|---|---|
| 3♣ | Relay to 3♦ for weak hands |
| 3♦ | ***Check Back Stayman*** (5♠) |
| 3♥ | 3♥ - Limit Raise |
| 3♠ | Natural and Game Forcing |
| 3NT | To Play |
| 4♣/4♦ | 5$^+$♠-5$^+$♣/♦ - Slam Interest |
| 4♥ | 3♥ - Weak |
| 4NT | Quantitative (only 4♠) |