

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
2 level overcalls are good. 10-15 Good suit
Over 1M X Transfers. Defence to Multi (note 6)
Defence to 2 suited overcalls (note 7)
Unassuming Cue Bids
New suit after overcall forcing
With shortage in overcalled suit and 9+pts = reopen
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-17 2 nd Position. Stayman + transfers
11-15 4 th Position. Stayman + transfers.
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
2 Suited Cue Bids, Unusual NT (note 6)
Weak Jump Overcalls
Reopen: Intermediate jumps
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Jump bid at 3 level – 1H – 3H = stopper asking.
Jump Fits
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Multi Landy over 15-17 NT
Double of strong = 5 card m + 4 card M
Double of weak = take out. 2C for Majors all other natural.
VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Double take out
Leaping Michaels V 2/3 level pre-empts
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Over strong club dbl = both majors, 1NT = both minors
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Redble = 10+pts suggests no support for partner

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3 rd /5 th , top of nothing	3 rd /5 th , top of nothing	
NT	4 th Top of sequence	10 = honour card	
Subseq			
Other: MUD			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Rev Att (Ax..., AK...,)	same	
King	Count (AK..., KQ...)	same	
Queen	QJ (T...) or shortage	same	
Jack	KJT..., JT....	(A/K)JT..., JT..., JT8...	
10	HT9..., T9..., Tx	same	
9	H98..., T9..., 9x	same	
Hi-X	Top of dbleton or 2 nd bad suit	same	
Lo-X	MUD or 4 th Txxx or better	same	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Low = enc	Hi-Lo even	Low = enc
Suit 2	Standard Count	Standard Suit Pref	Standard Count
3	Standard Suit Pref		Standard suit Pref
1	Low = enc	Hi-even	Same as above
NT 2	Standard Count	Standard Suit Pref	
3	Standard Suit Pref		
Signals: Lavinthal. Trump echo, hi-lo implies ruff ability			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Standard = jump bids show better than min values over dble			
Dble = 10+ pts (reopening)			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Support doubles and redoubles			
Negative Doubles up to 2S			

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CATEGORY Green
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
15-17 NT (can have 5M, 6m)
5 Card Major, 1NT response semi forcing
Multi 6 card M 6-10 or 22/24 pts (note 1)
Tartan 5M+ 4m (min) 6-10pts
Multi Landy defence to NT (note 2)
RKCB – 1430
DOP1/ROP1
2C opening GF (8.5 tricks min) (note 3)
2 over 1 GF
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Double Strong NT = 5 card m + 4 card M. Double weak NT takeout
2 suited cue bids (weak or v strong) (note 4)
1H/1S opening – 2C = C or balanced GF, 2D and 2H show 5 GF
XYZ, XY NT (note 5)
Rubensohl – interference over NT. Lebensohl competitive auctions
4 th suit F1
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
After GF has been established
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS:

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	YES	3+	3S	Can be short	1C – 2D invite or 16 pts, 1D/1H/1S nat, 2C = inverted minor, jump responses M = weak	1C – 2D – 3C min	
1♦	YES	3+	3S	Can be short	1D -3C invite or 16pts, 1D/1H/1S nat, 2D= inverted minor, jump responses M = weak	1D- 3C-3D min	
1♥		5	3S	Nat	1NT – 6-11, 2NT = GF 4 card support, 3C/3D invite 4M, 3M<6 with 4M	1H -1S/1NT – 2C = Gazilli	Over dbl 2NT = 10 + pts and 4 card support P opens 3 ^{rd/4th} in hand 1M – 2C response shows 3 card support 10-11pts 2D 4card. Drury
1♠		5	3H	Nat	As above 3C/3D/3H 5 card invitational	1H/1S – 1NT – 2C Gazilli	
INT		15-17	3S	Can have 6m, 5M	Stayman Promissory/Puppet, Smolen (2C –2D now 3H/3S shows 4 and 5 of other M. Transfers.		Rubensohl
2♣	YES			Strong	2D positive, 2H negative, 2S negative 5/5m	Kokish Relay	
2♦	YES			Multi (2 way, 6 card M or 23-24pts)	2 NT enquiry, after 2D – H for conversion.	Transfer responses –	Sys on over interference 4C = for conversion
2♥				Tartan (5H/4+minor) 6-10 pts	2 NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct, 2S non forcing.	After 2NT 3C – 6-8 C&M, 3D 6-8 D+M, 3H C&M 8-10, 3S D&M 8-10	
2♠				Tartan (5S/4+minor) 6-10 pts	2 NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct, 3H non forcing	As above	
2NT		20-21			Puppet Stayman + transfers		
3♣		6 +		Weak	Any suit bid is forcing, 4D KC		
3♦		6 +		Weak	Any suit bid is forcing, 4C KC		
3♥		6 +		Weak	Any suit bid is forcing, 4C KC		
3♠		6 +		Weak	Any suit bid forcing, 4C KC		
3NT				Long Solid Minor/No Stops	4C Pass or correct, 4D enquiry shortness, 4H/4S to play		
4♣				Pre-emptive			
4♦				Pre-emptive			
4♥		7+		Pre-emptive			
4♠		7+		Pre-emptive			
4NT				6/5 – 6/6 m 8-10pts	Game or slam 5H/5S for big slam		
5♣		Nat				HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦		Nat				RKCB 1430,	
5♥		Nat				Exclusion KC 1430	
5♠		Nat				Lightner Doubles DOPI/ROPI/	

Note 1: 2 Diamonds – Multi (6-10 with one 6 card major or 22-23 balanced)

- 2♦-2♥ Pas or correct
- 2♦-2♠ Pas for, inviting or preempt for ♥
- 2♦-2NT relay for description
- 2♦-3♣ natural F1
- 2♦-3♥ want to play 3rd level in opener suit
- 2♦-4♣ ask for transfer in opener suit
- 2♦-4♦ ask the opener to bid his suit
- 2♦-4♥/4♠ natural to play

Bidding with opp intervention

- BIDS AFTER 2♦ - (X)
 - Pass – I have ♦
 - XX – bid your major
 - 2M – this is my major
 - 2NT – strong relay
- BIDS AFTER 2♦ - (2M)
 - X – takeout
 - 2NT – strong relay
- BIDS AFTER 2♦ - (3x)
 - Dbl - Penalty
 - 3H - P/C

Note 2: Multi Landy defence to strong NT

- DBL = penalty or 5+m and 4M
- 2♣ = both majors
- 2♦ = one major
- 2♥/2♠ = bicolor M with one minor
- 2NT = bicolor minors

Against weak NT:

- DBL = takeout (continue with stayman and xfers)
- 2♣ = both majors
- 2♦ = natural
- 2♥/2♠ = natural
- 2NT = minors

Note 3: 2C Opening GF or semi GF 8.5tricks

- 2C- 2♦ ⇒ Waiting (Promise minim KJ, KQ sau one As - one trick)
- 2C- 2♥ ⇒ Artificial, No big cards and maxim 2 cards of H/S)
- 2C- 2S ⇒ Artificial, No big cards and 0-2 cards of S (usually with 44+ minor)
- 2C- 2NT ⇒ No big cards, promise minim 55, bicolor minor.

Note 4: 2 SUITED CUEBIDS

Over 1♣, the conventional overcalls are as follows.

- 2♣ NATURAL! (ATTENTION)
- 2♦ At least 5-5 in ♥ and ♠
- 2NT At least 5-5 in ♦ and ♥
- 3♣ At least 5-5 in ♦ and ♠

Over 1♦, the conventional overcalls are as follows.

- 2♦ At least 5-5 in ♥ and ♠
- 2NT At least 5-5 in ♦ and ♥
- 3♣ At least 5-5 in ♦ and ♠

Over 1♥, the conventional overcalls are as follows.

- 2♥ At least 5-5 in ♠ and ♣
- 2NT At least 5-5 in ♣ and ♦
- 3♣ At least 5-5 in ♠ and ♦

Over 1♠, the conventional overcalls are as follows.

- 2♠ At least 5-5 in ♥ and ♣
- 2NT At least 5-5 in ♣ and ♦
- 3♣ At least 5-5 in ♥ and ♦

Note 5: 2-WAY CHECKBACK AFTER 1x – 1y – 1NT

- Applies to all combinations of x and y
- 2-level reverses by responder are standard and natural i.e. 5/4 and inv+
- 1x – 1y – 1NT – 2NT transf to 3C
- ON if ANY 1 LEVEL intervention
- 2D (responder) OFF by passed hand (i.e. now natural) but 2C still on

After 1C-1D-1NT:

2C (responder) is puppet to 2D (opener), after which: (responder) Pass = to play

2M = 4D and 4M, inv

3C = 4/5 or 5/4 mm, inv

3D = 6+ D, inv

2D (responder) is artificial, GF, after which:

(Opener) 2M = 4M (bid 2H with both, then responder can show 4 spades with 2S)

2NT = bal, no 4M

3C = 6c or good 5c club suit

3D = 5c and 4D (2245)

2M (responder) = natural reverse, inv+, 5+D/4+M, longer Ds.

2NT (responder) = transfer to 3C (non-forcing)

3D = 6+ D, slam interest – sets suit for cueing (but can still stop in 3NT/4NT)

After 1m-1H-1NT:

2C (responder) is puppet to 2D (opener), after which: (responder)

Pass = to play, i.e. limited hand, 4 hearts and 4+ diamonds (5 or more D if 1C opened)

2H = 5H, inv

2S = 4H and 4S, inv

3m = 4/5 H/m, inv

3Om = 5/5 H/Om, inv

3H = 6-c suit, inv

2D (responder) is artificial, GF, after which:

(opener) 2H = 3-c H fit (may have 4S also)

2S = 4S, denies 3-c H fit

3m = 6c or good 5c suit

3Om = 5m and 4Om

2H (responder) = natural, limited, often 6-c suit

2S (responder) = natural reverse, inv+, 5+H/4+S, longer Hs.

2NT (responder) = transfer to 3C (to play the minor, 6 minor with 4 Major, inviting)

3C = 5/5 5/C, GF

3D = 5/5 5/D, GF

3H = 6+H slam interest – sets suit for cueing

After 1m-1S-1NT:

2C (responder) is puppet to 2D (opener), after which: (responder)

Pass = to play, i.e. limited hand, 4 spades and 4+ diamonds (5 or more D if 1C opened)

2H = 5S and 4+H, inv

2S = 5S and ≤3H, inv

3m = 4/5+ S/m, inv

3Om = 5/5 S/Om, inv

3S = 6-c suit, inv

2D (responder) is artificial, GF, after which:

(opener) 2H = 4H (may have 3S also)

2S = 3S, denies 4H

2NT = denies 4H and 3S

3m = 6c or good 5c suit

3Om = 5m and 4Om

2H (responder) = natural, limited, 5/4 or longer

2S (responder) = natural, limited, often 6-c suit

2NT (responder) = transfer to 3C (to play the minor, 6 minor with 4 Major, inviting)

3C = 5/5 5/C, GF

3D = 5/5 5/D, GF

3S = 6+S, slam interest – sets suit for cueing

After 1H-1S-1NT:

2C (responder) is puppet to 2D (opener), after which:

(responder) Pass = to play (i.e. limited hand, 4 spades and longer diamonds, prob. only 0/1 heart)

2S = 5S, inv

3m = 4/5+ S/m, inv

3S = 6-c suit, inv

2D (responder) is artificial, GF, after which:

(opener) 2S = 3c spade support

2NT = nat, denies 4S

3m = 5H and 4m, 2542

2H (responder) = natural, limited, prefers to play there even with 2-c fit

2S (responder) = natural, limited, often 6-c suit

2NT (responder) = transfer to 3C (to play the minor, 6 minor with 4 Major, inviting)

3C = 5/5 5/C, GF

3D = 5/5 5/D, GF

3H (responder) = natural, inv, 3-c fit, c. 10-12 HCP

3S (responder) = 6+S, slam interest – sets suit for cueing

Note 6: DEFENCE AGAINST 2 DIAMONDS MULTI

N	E
2♦	⇒ Pass = following X, Take Out of opps M
	⇒ 2♥ = natural very good ♥
	⇒ 2♠ = natural very good ♠
	⇒ 2NT = 15-17BAL -> continuation: puppet stayman and TRF in M (same as continuation after 2NT openings)
	X = Take Out
	⇒ 4♣/4♦ = Leaping Michaels

Note 7: DEFENCE TO 2 SUITED OVERCALLS

Applies after Michaels (when showing both majors)/Ghesthem/Unusual 2NT bid by opponents

Double: interest in penalising at least 1 of their suits

Lower Cue: Raise in partners suit invitational or better

Higher Cue: Shows 4th suit and is forcing

Cheapest raise of opener's suit: <10 HCP

4th Suit: Natural, non-forcing

NB: Lower Cue is the cheaper available bid, not lower ranking.