DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS
Natural overcalls in direct positions
Natural overcalls in indirect positions
General style: Sound overcalls, but light take-outs

## 1NT OVERCALLS

15-18 HCP with stopper in the opponent suit in not balancing position. Responses: **System ON, Lebensohl ON** 

12-14 HCP reopening in 4th, stopper in the opponent suit.

Responses: System ON; Lebensohl ON

#### JUMP OVERCALLS

- + Pre-empts, except weak Questem
- + 2NT jump over 1 of a suit: bicolor 5-5 with lower rank suits, weak
- + 2 ♦ jump over 1 ♣: bicolor 5-5, diamonds and higher rank major suit, weak
- + 3♣ over 1 ♦/♥/♠: bicolor 5-5 with clubs and higher rank major suit, weak

## DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS

- + Jump cue-bid in a minor suit: natural pre-empt.
- + Jump cue-bid in a major suit: solid minor suit, asking for stopper for 3NT

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

- + Cappelletti: 15+HCP any distribution (usually balanced hand)
- 2 = mono-color hand in D/H/S. never in Clubs
- $2 \bullet$  = bicolor 5-5 with both major suits
- $2 \checkmark$  = bicolor 5-5 with hearts and a minor suit
- 2♠ = bicolor 5-5 with spades and a minor suit
- 2NT = bicolor 5-5 con both minor suits

## VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

- + DBL=take-out at 2<sup>nd</sup> level (response 2NT = Lebensohl) and 3<sup>rd</sup> level
- + Cue-bid = strong bicolor.
- + Suit = natural
- + 2NT = balanced hand, with stoppers, at least 16 HCP
- + DBL 4th level : bicolor

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 14 or 24

- + CRASH over 1 & Strong Club
- + Level 2 of any over 1 strong Club = Natural
- + Natural overcalls over 2♣ Strong Club, or over strong 2♣ normal opening

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

- + Redouble = 10+ HCP without support, or with 3-card support
- + New suit at 1rs level = natural and forcing
- + New suit at 2 level = natural and not-forcing
- + 2NT = limit raise over 1 of a major of partner (Truscott limit raise)

LEADS AND SIGNALS OPENING LEADS STYLE		
Suit	4th best	3rd with Kxx, Qxx or Jxx
NT	4th best	3rd with Kxx, Qxx or Jxx
Subseq	Same pattern	Highest from xxx or Txx
Other:		

## LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit/NT	Other.
Ace	Promise K or very long suit	Promise KQ or KJ
King	Ask for the count	Promise QJ or QT
Queen	Promise JT, or J9	Promise JT, or J9
Jack	Promise T, maybe K	Promise T, maybe K
10	Highest	
9	Highest	
Hi-x	Highest	
Lo-x	Suggest have an honor	Suggest an honor

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
	1 Attitude	Count (natural)	Standard
Suit	2 Lateral suits	Lateral suits	Natural
,	3 Count (natural)		Natural
	1 Attitude	Count (natural)	Standard
NT :	2 Count (natural)	Lateral suits	Natural
	3 Lateral suits		Natural

## Signals (including Trumps):

Standard: Discards and attitude; Natural count (xX=odd, Xx=even)
Lead of K vs suit: ask for the count (natural count)

## **DOUBLES**

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

- + Style: in direct position: standard in balancing or at higher levels
- + Responses: cue-bids over double of 1 of a suit = limit raise in transfer suit
- + 1NT = 6-10 HCP, to play; 2NT = 11-12 HCP, to play; rest = nat & NF

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

- + We make false negative-doubles when the option is an Negative Free Bid
- + Support DBL and RDB.
- + Responsive DBLS thru 3♠ maximum
- + Protection DBL'S: cooperative penalty DBL in closing position
- + DIPO (1430) / RIPO (1430) / DEPO DLB and RDB

## W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Green NCBO: Costa Rica

PLAYERS: C. Castillo / I. Chaplet

**EVENT**: WBF 1st Small Federations Online Open Teams

#### SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

2/1 game forcing

Strong 1NT (15-17)

Responses to 1♣/♦ in Canape style: with 4M & 5m weak, bid M first,

Multi 2♦: one major weak, or bal 20-21 HCP

Muiderberg 2♥/2♠ openings

2NT opening: Weak, both minors 5-5

# SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

- + Multi 2 •
- + Muiderberg 2♥/2♠/2NT openings

## NATURAL OVERCALLS

## CRASH OVER STRONG 1. OPENING (NOT Polish Club)

- + DBL= 15+ HCP any hand;
- + 1  $\bullet$  = 2 suits same color; 1  $\checkmark$  = 2 suits same rank; 1  $\spadesuit$  = 2 suits same shape;
- + 1NT = 10(11)-14 semi-balanced;
- + 2 of any = natural

# SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

N/A

## OTHER CONVENTIONS

- + Negative Free Bids thru 3
- + 4th suit GF
- + Mini Splinters 3<sup>rd</sup> level over M opening
- + Jacoby 2NT
- + Two way Drury: 2♣ with 3-card supp, 2♦ with 4-card sup

**PSYCHICS:** rare

Openings:	Responses:	Other:
1♣ Opening hand 2+ Clubs	1 of any: Natural, F1 1NT: 6-10 HCP, NF 2NT: Invitational 11-12HCP, w/o major 4 <sup>th</sup> , NF  Inverted Minors, F1 +After 2♣, cue bids, showing 1 <sup>st</sup> level stopper (AK) +After 3♣ any bid is forcing and showing strong hand  1♣ - 1 of any − 2NT: 18-19 HCP balanced, NF 3♣: asking for other major 4-5 3♦: asking for support 3 3♥ after 1♠: 6+♠, splinter in ♥ 3♥ after 1♠: 6+♠, 3♥ after 1♠: 5♠ and 4♥ Similar for 3♠ 3NT: Balanced hand, 6-10 HCP 4NT: Inv. 12-13 HCP bal hand 6NT: 14-15 HCP, bal hand	Support Dbl and Rdbl Cue Bid Reverse Exclusion 4*/4*/5*: Responses 1430 4NT: RKC (1430 responses) 5NT: Asking for Kings  After 1* - 1any Opps: Dbl: Sound negative Dbl 1 of any: could be light
1♦ Opening hand 4+Diamonds	2/1 1 of any: Natural, F1 1NT: 6-10 HCP, NF 2NT: Invitational 11-12HCP, w/o major 4 <sup>th</sup> , NF  Inverted Minors, F1 +After 2•, cue bids, +After 3• any bid is forcing and showing strong hand  1• - 1 of any – 2NT: 18-19 HCP balanced, NF	Support Dbl and Rdbl Cue Bid Reverse Exclusion 4♥/4♠/5♣: Responses 1430 4NT: RKC (1430 responses) 5NT: Asking for Kings
1♥ Opening hand 5+ Hearts	2/1  1NT: 6-11 HCP, F1  2♥: Constructive, 7-10 HCP, 3-4 hearts +2♠/3♠/3♦: Looking for support in ♠/♣/♦, game try ++3♥: Denies support, minimum hand, NF ++4♥: Good support, sign off Other: Good support and cue bid +2NT: 18-19 HCP, Bal +3♥: Invitational +3♠: 4 spades, 16+ HCP +3NT:	Support Dbl and Rdbl Cue Bid Reverse Exclusion 44/54/5•: Responses 1430 4NT: RKC (1430 responses) 5NT: Asking for Kings

+4♣/4♦/4♠: Exclusion, RKC	
2♠/3♠/3♦: Short, 4 hearts, 8-11 HCP	
3♥: 4 hearts, weak 3-6 HCP	
2NT Jacoby: 4 Hearts, 13+ HCP (asking for	
void/singleton)	
+3♣: short in clubs	
+3♦: short in diamonds	
+3♠: short in spades	
++Next Sequence: Cue bid	
+3♥: Strong hand, w/o singleton or void	
+4\(\frac{4}{4}\)/4\(\frac{4}{2}\): Exclusion, RKC	
+4♥: Minimum hand, w/o singleton or void	
3♠/4♣/4♦: Splinter, 12+ HCP, support 3-4 hearts	
4♥: 5+ hearts, weak 0-6 HCP	
4NT: RKC. Responses: 1430/2/2Q	
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1♠ Opening hand 5+Spades	1NT: 6-11 HCP, F1	Support Dbl and Rdbl
		Cue Bid
	2♠: Constructive, 7-10 HCP, 3-4 spades	Reverse
	+3♣/3♦/3♥: Looking for support in ♣/♦/♥, game try	Exclusion 5♣/5♦/5♥: Responses 1430
	++ 3♠: Denies support, minimum hand, NF	4NT: RKC (1430 responses)
	++ 4♠: Good support, sign off	5NT: Asking for Kings
	++ Other: Good support and cue bid	
	+2NT: 18-19 HCP, Bal	
	+3♠: Invitational	
	+3NT:	
	+4♣/4♦/4♥: Exclusion, RKC	
	3♣/3♦/3♥: short, 4 spades, 8-11 HCP	
	3♠: 4 spades, weak 3-6 HCP	
	2NT Jacoby: 4 Spades, 13+ HCP (asking for	
	void/singleton)	
	+3♠: short in clubs +3♦: short in diamonds	
	+3 <b>v</b> : short in diamonds +3 <b>v</b> : short in hearts	
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	+4♣/4♦/4♥: Exclusion, RKC	
	+4♠: Minimum hand, w/o singleton or void	
	4♣/4•/4♥: Splinter, 12+ HCP, 3-4 spades	
	4♠: 5+ spades, weak 0-6 HCP	
	4NT: RKC. Responses: 1430/2/2Q (5NT odd KC and	
	void)	
1NT Balanced hand, 15-17 HCP	• Pass = 0-7 HCP, semi-balanced hand, without 5 card	Lebensohl after intervention
	major or 6 card minor. Happy to play 1NT.	Dbl over intervention of 2♣ = Stayman
	• 2♣* Stayman, 8+ HCP. Responder ask	1NT - 2 ◆ - 3 ♥ = Super Accept (4-5 ♥ and Max)
	for major suits 4th, indeed do not promise a major	
	suit. Could be the beginning of an invitation to game with later 2NT or 3 of a suit.	Idem with spades transfer
	to game with fater 21v1 of 5 of a suit.	1NT - 2 - 2 - 2 = 4  H  and  5  S
	• 2• = Transfer 5+H, 0-9;	
	• 2♥ = Transfer 5+S, 0-9 HCP.	1NT - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 = 5  H  and  4  S
	• 2♠ = Transfer 6+C, 0-9 HCP.	
	• 2NT = Transfer 6+D, 0-9 HCP.	1NT - 4♣ - 4X - 5♣: Asking for Kings (Resp. 0,1,2,)
	• 3 • * = 4441, 10+ HCP.	
	• 3•* = 4414, 10+ HCP.	
	• 3♥* = 4144, 10+ HCP.	

	• 3♠* = 1444, 10+ HCP. • 4♠: Asking for Aces (Resp. 0,1,2,3) • 4♠* = Texas transfer to 4♠. 6+H, less than 10 HCP. • 4♠* = Texas transfer to 4♠. 6+S, less than 10 HCP. • 4NT: Invitational, 15-16 HCP (Resp. Pass or 6NT) • 5NT: Invitational, 17-18 HCP (Resp. 6NT or 7NT)	
2♣ Strong hand 22+ HCP any distribution	2♦ Waiting Other: Natural and positive  2♣ - 2♦ - 2NT: 22-24 HCP, bal hand 2♣ - 2♦ - 3NT: 25-27 HCP, bal hand 2♣ - 2♦ - 4NT: 28-30 HCP, bal hand	4NT: RKC (1430 responses)  Interference over our 2♣:  • 2♣ – (DBL):  + RDL = weak.  + pass = positive waiting bid.  + any suit = 5+ cards and positive  • 2♣ – (any overcall):  + DBL = weak.  + pass = positive waiting bid.  + any new suit = natural 5+ cards and positive
2♦ Multi (1) Weak Two in a Major (2) Bal 20-21 HCP	2♥ = < 3 hearts, weak, pass or correct. 2♠ = 3+hearts, weak, pass or correct. 2NT = Opening hand, asking bid + 3♠* = weak 6 cards in hearts, 8-11 HCP. + 3♦* = weak 6 cards in spades, 8-11 HCP. + 3♠* = weak 6 cards in hearts, 6-7 HCP. + 3♠* = weak 6 cards in spades, 6-7 HCP. + 3♠* = weak 6 cards in spades, 6-7 HCP. + 3NT = 20-21 balanced hand.  2♦ - 2♥/2♠ - 2NT (bal 20-21 HCP) + 3♠: Puppet + 3♠/3♥: Transfer + 3♠: 5♠ and 4♥ + 3NT: To play + 4♠/4♦: Natural and Slam interest + 4NT: Invitational to 6NT  3♥ = weak, pass or correct, 3 hearts and 4 spades 3♠ = weak, pass or correct, 4 hearts and 3 spades	Puppet Responses:  2  → - 2  V/2  → - 2NT - 3  (Puppet Stayman):  +3  → : 4 hearts and/or 4 spades  +3  ▼ : 5 hearts  +3  ♠ = 5 spades  +3NT: no major 4th
2♥ Weak 6-10 HCP, 5 Hearts and 5(4) of a Minor	2♠: 5+♠, opening hand, forcing	
	2NT: Asking for 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit	

	+ 3♣* = hearts and clubs, 8-10 HCP. + 3♦* = hearts and diamonds, 8-10 HCP. + 3♥* = hearts and clubs, 6-7 HCP. + 3♠* = hearts and diamonds, 6-7 HCP. 3♣: Pass or Correct 3♥: 3+ hearts, weak 4♥: sign off	
2♠ Weak 6-10 HCP, 5 Spades and 5(4) of a Minor	Other: Natural, NF  2NT: Asking for 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit  + 3♣* = spades and clubs, 8-10 HCP.  + 3♠* = spades and diamonds, 8-10 HCP.	
	+ 3♥* = spades and clubs, 6-7 HCP. + 3♠* = spades and diamonds, 6-7 HCP.	
	3♠: Pass or Correct 3♠: 3+ spades, weak 4♠: sign off Other: Natural, NF	
2NT Weak 6-10 HCP, Minors 5-5(4)	3♣/3♦: To play Any other: Natural and positive	
3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠ Weak 7+ cards, 6-10 HCP	Responses: Natural and positive	
3NT Gambling (7-8 tricks minor suit)	Pass: Stopper in all suits, limited hand 4*/5*: Pass or Correct 4*: Asking for void, GF	
4♣/4♦ Preempt 8 cards, 6-10 HCP	Natural	
4♥/4♠ Preempt 8 cards, 6-10 HCP	Natural	
4NT rare: 6+♣/6+♦	Resp. Signoff	
5♣/5♦ Preempt 9 cards, 6-10 HCP		