## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

Generally full system responses and rebids for 1 over 1 overcalls (1x)-1M-(p)-2. = Art good hand, but not FG if overcaller rebids 2. Reuben advances when we overcall 2.

## 1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)

Direct  $1NT = 15-18 \overline{ATV}$ 

Full system on

Balancing 1NT = 11-15 ATV

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

Weak jump overcalls

 $(1 \clubsuit) 2 \spadesuit = \text{Majors if } 1 \clubsuit \text{ is short or better minor}$ 

Reopening 2NT = 19-21

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

 $(1 \clubsuit) 2 \clubsuit =$ Nat if  $1 \clubsuit$  is short or better minor

Michaels and Unusual 2NT (any strength)

(1x) 3x = stop ask

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

 $\overline{\text{All NT: Multi-Landy, X}} = \text{Pen}$ 

PH defence: 2m = 5m4M, 2M = Nat, X = One minor (Vul) / one

minor or MM (NV)

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

X = Takeout

Leaping and non-leaping Michaels

(3M) 4M = Good 4oM bid

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

X = MM,  $1 \blacklozenge = \clubsuit$  or  $\blacklozenge$ ,  $1 \blacktriangledown / 1 \spadesuit = Inverted$ , 1NT = 2 non-touching

2♣ = WJO in next suit or two suited next higher suits

(Applies after 1♣-p-1♦)

### OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

 $XX = \text{values (now 1}^{\text{st}} X \text{ from either player} = \text{t/o, subsequent} = \text{pen)}$ 

System on over 1m (X)

Trf over 1M (X)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
ADS STYLE			
Lead (including in Partner's Suit)			
3/low			

Rev Attitude/Unblock

Rev Smith in NT if necessary

LEADS	K from AK@5-level or vs 4m (asks for rev count)			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT		
Ace	AK(x)+, Ax	AK(x)+		
King	KQ(x)+, AK doubleton	AKJ10(x)+, AKQx, KQ(x)+		
Queen	QJ(x)+	KQ109(+), KQJx, (A)QJx(+)		
Jack	J10x(+);	J10(x)+; AJ10, KJ10		
10	10x; H109x (+)	10x; H109(x)+		
9	9x, 109x (+)	9x, 109x (+)		
Hi-X	3 <sup>rd</sup> /low, Xx, X	Xx, XXx, xXxx		
Lo-X	$3^{rd}$ /low – xxX, xxXx xxXxxx	HxXx (+); HxX; xXx		

### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Lo = Enc	Hi = Odd	Lo = Enc
Suit 2	Hi = Odd	S/P	S/P
3	S/P		Hi = Odd
1	Lo = Enc	Hi = Odd/Disc	Lo = Enc
NT 2	Hi = Odd	S/P	S/P
3	S/P		Hi = Odd

Signals (including Trumps): K/J & Q/10 = High/Low suit pref if applicable

#### **DOUBLES**

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

(1x)-X-(1M)-X = Pen

OPENING LEA

Suit

NT

Subseq

Jumps are pre over oppo's value-showing XX

X = Freq t/o

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Negative, Responsive X, Support X (up to 2M)

G/T doubles

Lightner doubles

#### W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Green NCBO: England

PLAYERS: Andy COPE / Oscar SELBY

#### SYSTEM SUMMARY

### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

5cM; 14-16 NT (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>) / 15-17 NT (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>)

Trf responses to short 1♣; Unbal 1♦

Weak-only Multi 2 ◆ - 1 st/2 nd NV (up to 8 pts)

Ekren  $2 - 3^{rd}$  seat or VUL (MM 4+/4+)

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

## 1 level responses

Trf responses to short  $1 \clubsuit (1 \spadesuit = \text{No 4cM or 4M5+} \spadesuit \text{FG})$ 

1 - 1NT = GF + or 16 + Bal

1 - 2 = MM Wk

1 - 2R = Trf 6 + M Wk or S/T +

1 - 2 = mm Wk or FG

 $1 \bigstar / M - 2 \clubsuit = Art FG (\clubsuit, \bigstar or Bal)$ 

 $1 \bullet -2 \bullet = 6 + M Wk$ 

 $1 \leftarrow -2 \checkmark = 5 \triangleq 4/5 \checkmark NF$ 

1 ♥-1N = 5-11 NF (May have 4 ♠)

1 ♥-2 ♦ and 1 ♠ -2 ♥ = Inv 3M

1 - 2 = 5 + Inv +

### 2 level responses

2 = GF or 20-21 Bal

 $2 \bullet = 5 + M \text{ Wk } (1^{\text{st}}/2^{\text{nd}} \text{ NV}) / MM \text{ Wk } (\text{VUL } 1^{\text{st}}/2^{\text{nd}} \text{ or } 3^{\text{rd}})$ 

## IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

**PSYCHICS:** Uncommon, but possible

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OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAI	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1*		2	5♥	Nat or Bal (May have longer ♦)	1R = Trf, 1♠ = No 4cM or 4M5+♠ GF, 1NT = GF ♣ or 16+ Bal, 2♣ = MM Wk, 2R = Trf 6+M Wk or S/T+, 2♠ = mm Wk or GF+, 2NT = ♣ Pre, 3♣ = Mixed, 3x = Pre	1 <b>.</b> -1R-complete = Wk NT or Unbal with 3M 1 <b>.</b> -1 <b>.</b> -2 • = 17-19 Bal 1 <b>.</b> -1R-2NT = 16+pts, 4M5+ <b>.</b> or 3M6+ <b>.</b>	System on after 1♣ (1♠/X) Trf over 1♣ (1M, 2/3♣ & 2M)
1 •		4	5♥	Nat Unbal 5+♦ or 4♦(441)	1NT = 5-11, 2 = Art GF ( , or Bal), 2 = 6+M Wk, 2 = 5 + 4/5  NF, $2 = 10$ Inv, $2NT = 10$ Pre, 3 = 10 Nat Inv, $3 = 10$ Mixed, $3M = 10$ Pre	Art rebids after 1 ♦ -1M; 1 ♦ -2 ♣  1 ♦ -1M-2 ♣ = Trf Gazilli, 6 ♦ Wk or Art 18+  1 ♦ -1M-2NT = 16+pts, 4M5+ ♦ or 3M6+ ♦	Trf over 1 ◆ (1M, 2/3 ♣ & 2M)
1M		5	5♥	Nat	1 ▼: 1 ♠ = 5+♠, 1NT = 5-11 NF (May have 4♠) 1 ♠-2 ♠ = 5+♥ Inv+  2 ♣ = Art GF (♣, ♠ or Bal), 2M-1 = Inv 3M, 2M = 7-9 3M, 2M+1 = Jacoby, 3m = Nat Inv, 3M = Pre/Mixed ATV 4M, 1 ▼-2NT/1 ♠-3 ♥ = Inv 4M, 3M+1 = Any singleton, Void splinters	Trf rebids after 1 ♥-1 ♠; 1 ♠-1NT Art rebids after 1M-2 ♣	Trf over 1M (X & 2/3 *)  PH: 2 * = 4M, 2M-1 = 3M,  2N = Mixed, Fit jumps below 3M
INT		-	-	14-16 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 15-17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> )	$2 \clubsuit = \text{Stayman}, 2R = \text{Tfr}, 2 \spadesuit = \text{Range ask or } \clubsuit,$ $2NT = \text{Puppet Stayman}, 3 \clubsuit = \spadesuit, 3 \spadesuit = \text{mm GF},$ $3M = \text{Short M GF}, 4 \clubsuit = MM, 4R = \text{Tfr}$	2 <sup>nd</sup> round Trf after 1NT-2red-2M	Trf Lebensohl
2*	✓	-	-	GF or 20-21 Bal	$2 \bullet = \text{Relay}, 2 \checkmark = \spadesuit, 2 \spadesuit = \text{mm FG}, 2\text{NT} = \clubsuit \text{S/T}, 3 \clubsuit = \bullet \text{S/T}, 3 \bullet = \text{MM GF}+$	2 ♣-2 ◆-2 ▼-2 ♠-2N = 20-21 Bal 2 ♣-2 ◆-2N = 24-25 Bal	X = 0-4; Pass = Forcing up to 3 ◆
2 •	2		-	5+M Wk (NV 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> )	2/3M = P/C, $2NT = Relay$ , $4m = Relay$ , $4M = To play$	2♦-2NT: 3m = Cyphered min, 3M = oM max	If they X: Pass = Suggestion, RDBL = General values
				MM Wk (VUL 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	2/3M = NF, 2NT = Relay, 3m = Cyphered M Raise	2 ◆ -2NT: 3 ♣ = 54 Min, 3 ◆ = 44 Min, 3M = Max 4M5oM, 3NT = 44 Max, 4m = Short, 55 max	]
2M		5	-	Wk (VUL or 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 8-11 (NV 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> )	3x = F1, $2NT = Relay$ , $4x = Spl$ below $4M$	2M-2N: 3♣ = Max w/shortage, 3 ◆ = 64MM, 3M = Min, 4m = Nat	
2NT		-	-	22-23	3 = Stayman, 3R = GF Tfr, 3 = mm GF+, 4x = 2-under S/T		
3x		6	-	Pre	3 <b>.</b> -3 • = Relay		
3NT	✓	7	-	Gambling	4 ♣ = P/C, $4$ ♦ = Relay, $4$ M/5 $m$ = To play	<u>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</u>	
4x		6	-	Pre	4N = RKCB	Kickback, Exclusion, PMKC DOPI/ROPI/DEPO	