

DEFENSIVE AND COMP BIDDING
O/C(Style: Resp: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Light overcalls – New suit F1 on direct
New suit (NF in comp)
Jump New = Fit showing on ½ LVL O/C
3 level jump cue = mixed raise
1M O/C – 2N Nat UPH & LR, 4 card raise if PH
1NT O/C (2 nd /4 th Live; Resp; Reopening)
15-18 2 nd /4 th live SYS ON
Reop 11-14 (16) -Range ask STAY>2NT=Max
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Resp; Unusual NT)
WJO except MJO Vul vs NV & over PRE
1m-2NT=2 LOWER 1M-2NT=mm
Reopen: MJO
DIRECT & JUMP CUE (Style; Resp; Reopen)
Michael’s CUE over 1X Reopen 2X [Note 18.1]
3(m)-4m=2 suits Cue over WK2M= m+m
(1m) -3m= NAT 1(M)-3M=NT try
Vs. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reop; PH) [Note 18]
X= Longer m+M or Diamonds; (Values 14+vs WK NT)
2C= M+M->2D=Ask long 3m=Gtry 2D=1
2M= Bid M +4+m>2NT=Ask m
2NT= Both minor
3X= Nat PRE
VS.PRE (Doubles; Cue-; Jumps; NT Bids)
TO Leaping Micheal’s NAT overcalls
Cue=STR 2/3 suiter
Vs 3C 4C/4D=D+M/H+S Vs 3D 4C/4D=C+M/ H+S
VS. ART STR OPENING - 1C or 2C
X=MM & NT=mm NAT O/C
WJO (Maybe lighter when NV)
OVER OPPS’ TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Fit Jumps 1M x 1NT/2m=TRF Splinters 2NT= GR or 4M (PH)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner’s Suit	
Suit	3 rd /5 th	same	
NT	2 nd /4 th	same	
Subsequent	same		
Other: Journalist J denies			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Akx	UB or CNT	
King	KQx	Ask ATT	
Queen	QJx	QJx,KQ109	
Jack	J10x , Jx	J10x , Jx	
10	A/KJ10,	A/KJ10,	
9	A/K/Q 109	A/K/Q 109	
Hi-X	Even	Even	
Lo-X	Odd 3+	Odd 3+	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner’s Lead	Declarer’s Lead	Discarding
1	ATT	CNT	
Suit 2	CNT	SP	
3	SP		
1	ATT		
NT 2	CNT		
3	SP		
Signals (including Trumps): Hi low STD ; Smith=STD			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) Can be light with good shape			
Responses- Cue = GF, Jumps = NAT 9-11			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMP DBLS/RDLS -RESP SUPP X/XX NEG COMP Lead Direct Snapdragon			
Hi LVL X (Mostly after PRE)=Save or defend			
X= Values/Action (3 lvl or reopen) NEG xx =9+ XX supp UPH,			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Blue NCBO: BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA
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EVENT: Venice Cup 2025, Denmark
SYSTEM SUMMARY: STR CLUB 18+ 1D 10-17 0+ 5M 1NT 15-17 2D=WK 5+M
GENERAL APPROACH & STYLE
Many splinter AGG when NV
Rule 2/3 PRE FREQ Non-PEN Xs
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
Conventions Stayman Smolen Leb..FAST 2D weak in a major
Many ART resp/ask bids on our 1C Opening
Beta,epsilon ,Delta,Gamma Precision style
GB 2NT(Bad) Michael’s & Leaping RKCB 1430
XYZ INV GF on 1D REV FLANNERY ON 1D
On 1M ART support bids – 2M+1 upwards Drury FIT J on 1x & 1 LVL O/C TRF on 1NT
1D-1M-2M..Next=Relay SSGT +LSGT 1M-2M Baby Blackwood
Extended Stayman 3C after 1NT-2C-2x
Cue=DAB/Goodraise/Other
1M(X) 1NT/2m= TRF TRF defense vs Multi 2D
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Hi LVL GF Auctions P=E ; X=REG PassnPull =STR
IMPORTANT NOTES (1m-1NT) 2C=MM
(1m-1M)=2m= MM & 3m=NAT PSYCHICS: Rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1C	✓	0	4H	STR ART 18+ < IF DIS	1D{=0-7 1M/2m=8+GF 1NT=8-13	NAT + ART	X = 5-7 HCP, PEN pass
1D						[See Note1,1a,2,3,4,5,6]	
	✓	0	4H	0+ Cards 10-17	NAT/2/1 GF,	XYZ [See Note7]	
1H		5	4D	11-17	1NT=F1 ART support raises	ART on support [See Notes 8 - 11]	Drury
1S		5	4D	10-17	1NT=F1 ART support raises	ART on support [See Notes 8 - 11]	Drury
INT		1Any	3S	14+-17	STAY TRF SPLINTERS	ART ask or supp [See Note12,13]	
2C		5	3S	10/11-17	2D=Relay	[See Note 14, 15]	
2D	✓	5M		4-11; Good suit if 5M	2/3H=P or C 4m=TRF	Cue /Ask/RKCB [See Note 16]	
				4 th Seat Both Majors 10-12	2NT=Ask 2S/3C=NF		
2H		6		Good Suit + A/K out 0r AKQxxx	2NT=Ask Side or SOL New S=NAT F		
				4th seat 13+ 6 carder	3C= Sing ask 3M=INV/Tactical when NV		
2S		6		As per 2H	NSuitJ=Epsilon ask		
2NT		1Any		STAY Smolen 3S=TRF	3NT+=TRF	[See Note 17, 17.1,17.2]	
3C		6		NAT ,Epsilon, 4D = Control Ask		Suit repetition no control; Control = A/K/x/void	
3D		6		NAT ,Epsilon ; 4C = Control Ask			
3H		6		NAT ,Epsilon ; 4C = Control Ask			
3S		6		NAT ,Epsilon ; 4C = Control Ask			
3NT	✓	7 ½ seat; First two seats		SOL minor Max One Q	4-7 C=Pass or Correct; 4D = Asking for singleton; 4N = Length asking		
4X		7		NAT PRE			
4NT	✓	NA		Specific A ask	5C=0 5X/6C=Bid 5NT=2		
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						RKCB 1430 Kickback minor Wood DKCB	
						Q Ask SP K ask(5N=) 6LVL new= Control ask DOPI ROPI DEPO	
						CUE=1st/2nd 5NT=Pick a slam Delta .Epsilon Beta Gamma Typical Precision style Void RESP to RKCB-EKCB RESP 0314(1.5,2,2.5)	

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Note 1 – On 1C opening

1C-2NT=14-15 Bal; 3C= Baron

Note 1a – On 1C opening

1C-1D-2S = 5+C + 4+ any, 21+ hcp, F1 (2N = life, 3C = Bust, 3D/H/S natural 5-7, 5+ cards - on 2N bid 3D/H/S = 2nd suit (6/4), or rebid 3C (7ca broken suit) or 3NT showing solid C suit)

1C-1D-2N = 5+D + 4+ any, or 55 minors, 21+ hcp, 1RF (3C = life, 3D = Bust, 3H/S natural 5-7, 5+ cards - on 3C bid 2nd suit, 3D=both minors, 3H/3S/3N=6D,4H/S/C)

Note 2 – On 1C opening

1C-1D-2H- 18-20 5H+4S

Note 3 – On 1C opening

1C-1D-3C/D= 6+ minor, no other 4ca, 21+hcp, 1RF (On 3C, 3D/3H/3S=feature, 3N=bust. On 3D, 3H/S=feature, 3N=bust)

Note 4 – On 1C opening

1C-1D-3H/3S/4C/4D=Delta AND 1C-any positive bid and single jump by opener=Delta: max One loser 6++ suit. (Asking for trump suit honour (A/K/Q) & any Ace. Resp: cheapest NT no hon, no A, trump suit raise=only trump hon, any side suit bid shows that A & no trump hon; jump in side suit shows that A & trump hon, jump in NT shows 2 Aces, jump in trump suit shows trump hon & 2Aces). This is followed by Epsilon=control ask in that suit (no control, 3rd round control, 2nd round control, 1st round control, 1st&2ndAK. Repeat Epsilon is same suit-resp is length before strength)

Note 5 – On 1C opening

1C-1M: 1NT=Beta control ask (resp 2C=0-2,2D=3,2H=4,2S=5. On 2C, 2D repeat ask:2H=2,2S=1,2N=0)

Subsequent bid is Gamma=suit quality ask:50/60,51,52,61,62,53/63/73. Next suit bid after Gamma is Epsilon

Note 6 – On 1C opening

1C-2m-3m=Beta. Can be followed by RKCB and Epsilon

1C-2H=4441 8+ Any short; 2S=Relay Bid short with 8-10, with 11+Bid 2NT (3C relay now)

1C-2S=8-10 Any 55; 2NT asks → 3C= C + Another (3D ask for other suit – Exclusion resp. 1C-2S-2NT →3D/3H/3S = 2 suits exclude bid suit and C

Note 7 On 1D opening

XYZ on 1D-1M-1N/1D-1H-1S: 2C is puppet to 2D-either to play or inv (Subsequent 3N by the responder is COG between 3N and 4M). 2D=GF:2H=4caH, may have 3caS which will be shown on 2NT resp. 2M=3ca supp.2N=4432 both minors. 3C/3D=5C/D, no 3ca supp. 3H=5C+3M, 3S=5D+3M, 3N=running 5ca minor & 3M. 1D-1M-1N-2N is puppet to 3C (6m/4M min hand)

1D-2H=5+S+4+H 7-9 → Opener 2NT=55mm minm hand -resp to bid 3m with 3ca or P|3C=5-5 mm15+|3D=6 cards 15+| 4C=6D & 5C

1D-2S=9-11; Opener 2N relay → 3H/S=singleton in that M. Now 4m auto RKC by opener. Opener 3H/3S is game try in C/D → 4m=sign off, 5m to play

1D=1M= 5+ Total points (Rarely respond on 3 cards)

1D – 2m is GF

1D – 3m= inv 6ca NF decent SQ

Note 8 -1M opening

1M 2C(PH)Drury=3/4ca 8+hcp. Resp:2M sign off; 2D waiting better hand - resp:2M=8-9 4caM, OM=10-11 & 3caM, 2NT=4M333, all 3 level bids=xx in that suit/OM 10-11, 4caM (1M 2M=3ca 5-9)

1M-3m=fit showing with 5m & 4M; 1S-3H same (Applicable responder is PH)

1H/S-2S/2N=mini splinter. Next step asks.

Jacoby:1H/S-2N/3C=Jacoby 4caM 14+, bal. Opener's step1= 5 cards +No short, good hand; 2nd step to 4th step by opener lower for lower singleton| 5th step onwards are 5 card good suits (1H-2N-3N is 6H/5S) 4M = minimum hand

1H/S-3D/3H=4ca supp, bal hand, 10-11

1H/1S-3C/3D=3ca supp, singleton, 10-11. Next step asks for singleton (GF/slammish)-response is lower for lower. On all of the above barring Jacoby, 3NT is Baby Blackwood, may be followed by Epsilon; 4 level bids are EKCB

Note 9 1M opening

Short Suit Try:1M-2M-next bid=initiation of SST, followed by relay for short suit which is next bid-bid singleton or same M when S is suit

Note 10 1M opening

Long Suit Try: 1M-2M: direct bid is LST, in H, 1H-2H-2N=LST in S

Note 11 - 1M opening

Baby Blackwood-RKC in M with 3N bid, mostly followed by Epsilon; 1M-2M-3N. Also, on other responses as in Note 8, barring Jacoby

Note 12 - On 1N opening

About Stayman 2C resp to 1N

2C-2N with 5M lower range, 3M with good SQ 16/17 with 5M;

2C-2H-2S=4S inv

2C-2M-2NT inv

2C-2H-3C Extended Stayman: 3D=5m (3H asks:3S/3N=5C/D), 3H=3433, 3S=4423/4432, 3N=4m (4C asks:4D=D, 4H/S=C, cue bid-now next bid by Responder is RKC)

2C-2S-3C Extended Stayman: 3D relay as above, 3H=4C, 3S=4333, 3N=4D

2C-2M-3D=4+M with singleton/void & slam ambition. Resp: 3H asks (3S OM singleton, 4C/D=C/D singleton, 3N=some void-4C asks: bid void, C void bid M). Resp:3N=poor SQ. If Resp has good trump suit, to cue or RKC.

2C-2M-3OM=4+M, bal 15-17 & slam ambition. Resp: Cue bid/RKC if accept

2C-2M-4 level bids are fit showing with good 4ca trump supp & a good 5ca suit - slammish (fit showing NA with H suit & 5S)

1N-2C-2D no M:

2D-2S=5S, 4H, inv

2D-Pass -> to play

2D-> 2H -> P or C with weak hand

2D-2NT=inv may not have 4ca M

2D-3C=Extended Stayman

2D-3H/3S=Smolen

2D-4C/4D=slammish 6H&4S / 6S&4H

2D-4H/4S=6H&4S/6S&4H to play

1NT-2D/H transfer followed by another m=GF(normally 11+) with 5M & 4m Resp by opener: 4M= with minm hand 3+M; 3M=higher range 3+M, 3N=to play, any other bid at 3 level is super acceptance in minor 4+, better hand cue; 4m=4+m & 3+M - next bid by Responder is DKC (146/035/2 no Q, 2 lower Q, 2 higher Q, 2 both Qs)

1NT-2S/2N-whether SA or not, next bid shows 4ca by resp. However,

1NT-2NT=transfer to D or weak with both minors

Note 13 - On 1N opening

1NT-3H/S=54 in minors, singleton in bid suit, GF. Opener resp: 3N=to play, 4C/D joining-> next bid by responder is RKC, 4H/4S/5C/5D to play, 4 of bid singleton M=RKC in OM, 4N=bid your longer minor

Note 14 - On 2C opening

2C-2D=Relay|2C-2M=NAT F1| 2C-2N=Invitational (can have 4M) |2C-3C=Nat NF8-10|2C-3D=NAT Good suit invite +|2C-3M=NAT INV

Note 15 - On 2C opening

2C-2D-2H= better hand 5/4 15-17 unbalanced could not open 1N (2S relay on which 2N/3C/3D is 4H/4S/both majors; Responder can sign off w 3C instead of relay bid of 2S on 2H

2C-2D-2S ->minimum hand w 4S; on this 2N/3C passable, 3S invite. Other bids GF

2C – 2D– 2N -> minimum hand w 4H; on which 3C passable, 3H Invite. Other bids GF

2C – 2D – 3D (both Ms) -> 3M better hand; 4M to play

2C-2D- 3C> 6C no major 11-14

2C-2D-3D/H/S -> 6/4 16-17; 6/5 13-14;(with 6/5 14+ bid is 4C)

2C-2D-3N-> 16/17, club with source of tricks; on this 4C is RKC

2C – 2N 10/11 normally no Major

2C – 3C = 8-10

2C-3D=6+D Invite Plus: show stopper in M; bid 3N with stoppers in both Majors, 4D RKC, 5D to play, 4C RKC in C if self-sufficient C suit

2C-4C=preempt

2C-4D = RKC in clubs

2C-2H-2N/3C-3S -> GF with 5/5 in majors

2C-2S-2N-> 11-14 6C, 5C-4H 11-14

2C-2S-3C-> 6C-4H 11-14

2C-2S-3D-> 6C 4D 15-17; 6C-5D 13-14

2C-2S-3H-> 5C-4H 15-17; 6C-4H 14+; 6C-5H 13+

2C-2S-3S-> invite

2C – 4D/4H/4S = EKCB

Note 16 - On 2D opening (Weak in One M Passable | 5M+ | Can be 5332 but with good suit quality)

2D-2H/3H= Pass or Correct|2D-2S=H Good raise |2D-2NT=14+ Ask about 2D|2D-3C= Nat NF|2D-3D=12-14 BAL Ask opener to bid 3/4M| 2D-3S= NAT Game+| 2D 2S 3H 3S is passable

2D-4C/4D= Bid 1 under/Bid your M – even post opps interference

Note 17.0

On 2N opening (23-24)

Stayman 3C:3D no M, (3H/S Smolen; 4C=RKC in H with 6H,4S 6/7+; 4D=RKC in S with 6S,4H 6/7+;) 3H/S=4caH/S, 3N=both M (4C/D=H/S transfer)

3D/H/S/N/4C/D/H=transfer to next bid. Only accept transfer in M(3D/H) if 3ca, otherwise bid 3N. 4S=GF both minors 3-6 hcp: 4NT/5C/D to play

4N= Quanti 9 for 6N; 5N=10+, guarantees SS-asks P to bid up the line; 6N to play

Note 17.1 -Bidding after 2N-3S-3N:

4C=5D&4C 8+: 4D agreeing in D RKC, 4H agreeing in C RKC, 4NT to play

4D=5C&4D 8+: 4H RKC in C, 4S RKC in D, 4NT to play

4H/4S=singleton in bid M, 55 in minors, 8+, slammish: 4N=DKCB, 5C/D=RKC in C/D

Note 17.2 - Bidding after 2N-3N-4C:

4H/4S/4N=EKCB in H/S/D

4D=RKC in C, 5C to play

Bidding after 2NT-4C-4D:

4S/4N/5C=EKCB in S/H/C

4H=RKC in D, 5D to play

Note 18 -> Defensive Bidding

On opponents strong NT 14+ we play modified Woolsey

X -> minor major or Ds

2C -> majors 4+/4+

2D > one long major 6+

2H -> Heart and minor 5/4

2S- >Spade and minor 5/4

2N -> Both minors 5/4

On opponent's weak NT [sub 14]

X-> penalty; rest same as above

Note 18.1

On opps 1M 2M is Michaels -> shows OM and minor 5/5

On opps 1D 2D is Michaels -> both majors 5/5

On opps 1D [prepared or std] -> 2N is Heart and clubs 5/5

On opps 1C [playing standard] -> 2N is Heart and Diamonds 5/5

On opps 1M -> 2N is mm 5/5 in direct seat;

On opps 1M-> 2N is 19-21 in balancing seat.