DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

General style: sound, natural (7-16 p)

Response opps suit INV+, often support, new suite F1

1 NT OVERCALL

15-18 hp; NT system is on

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

PRE

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

Overcall Michael's Cue (if NAT); Jump O/C asks for stopper (1x)-P-(1M)-2M NAT

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

DBL vs STR/WK: Strong with a good lead suit to lead Weak (PH): MM;

2♣ 6c suite 2♦ MM (5-4/4-5); 2M 5cM 4+m; 2NT 5-5 mm

Dbl = 4c M + 5c m

 4^{th} position nat except $2 \rightarrow = MM$

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

(2x) DBL: T/O (reponse); (2x) - 2NT: 16-18

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS 1.

NT Min 4-4 in ♦ ♣

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1x (DBL) RDBL:10+; 1M (DBL) RDBL denies 4c SUPP 1 V/A (DBL) 2NT: 10+ with support.

LEADS AND SIGNALS					
OPENING LEADS STYLE					
	L	ead		In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4	th		$\underline{\mathbf{H}}$ x/ \mathbf{H} x $\underline{\mathbf{x}}/\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ xxx/ $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ x $\underline{\mathbf{x}}/\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ x	
NT	4	th		\mathbf{H} x/Hx \mathbf{x} /x \mathbf{x} xx/ \mathbf{x} xx/ \mathbf{x} x	
LEADS					
Lead		Suit		NT	
Ace*		AKx/AKxx(x)		AK/AKx/AKxx	
King*		AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT		AKJxxx/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)	
Queen*		QJ(x)/QJT(x)		AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)	
Jack		JT(x)		JT(x)/JT(x)	
10		HJT9x/HT9x/T9x		HJT9x/HT9x/T9x	
X		Hxx <u>x</u> /x <u>x</u> xx/x <u>x</u> x		$Hxx\underline{x}/HHx\underline{x}x/x\underline{x}xx/\underline{x}xx$	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY					
		Partner's Lead	Declarer's Declarer's Lead		Discarding

Suit: Low=ENC o/e Count 2nd Lavintal Count Count NT: Low Even o/e Count Low ENC on Ace Lavinthal Lavintal Count

Others: Low=ENC; *5-level H promises higher Honour

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Reopening)

NEG DBL to 2♠, focusing on MM

T/O to 4 ♠

Reopening 14+p

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

SUPPDBL and SUPP RDBL to 3♥

RESP DBL to 3♥



Convention card



System: Natural, 4-card M

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SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL

Opening 4+card suit

1♣. 1♦. 1♥ and 1♠ are 4 cards

1 NT 15-17 in all zones, may include 5 card M, 6 card m or 5422.

Weak jumps (1x - 2y).

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

2♦ 5-5 any suits

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

1x-(1/2 y)-p = pass may be forcing pass and ask for an X from partner if he is short in opps suite.

IMPORTANT NOTES

XYZ (all inviting hands through 2c); Unusual NT;

Michael's cue = 5 c highest unbid suit + 5c another

PSYCHICS:

Seldom

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIA	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRII	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1*		4	2♠	10-21 hp 4+cards	2 FG with 4+c, no 4+c M 3 PRE (3-8) , no 4+card M	1♣-2♣ – 2NT BAL, – 2M 4cM, – 3♣ STR	Inv mm also by passed hand. Natural competitive bidding.
1♦		4	2♠	10-21 hp	2 ◆ FG with 4+c, no 4+c M 3 ◆ PRE (3-8), no 4+card M	1 ♦ - 2 ♦ , 2NT BAL, 2M 4cM, 3 ♦ STR	Inv mm also by passed hand. Natural competitive bidding.
1♥		4	2♠	10-21 hp	2NT 4+c♥, 10+ 3♠, 4♣♦ SPL (void)	1 ♥-2NT – 3c weak, 3d strong, 3h short c, 3s short d, 3NT short in other major –4x SPL (void) Help suit trials after 1 ♥-2 ♥	2NT invitational also by passed hand and X.
1♠		4	2♠	10-21 hp	as per 1♥ 4♣♦♥ SPL (void)	as per 1♥	as per 1♥
1 NT				15-17 in all zones, (4th hand 11-14) may be 5card M or 6card m	2♣ Stayman, 4-way TRF, 2♠ ->♣,3♣->♦, 3♥/3♠ = 6M FG, S/T	Jump with superaacept of transfer. 1NT (x) system on 1NT (2x) system off, pass almost forcing	
2*	х	0		FG or 22-24 BAL	2 ◆ (R) 2M 5c M 5+ p 2NT 5+/5+ m 3m 6c m 5+p	2*-2x - 2NT 22-24HCP (-3*= stayman)	X of overcall = PEN
2♦	Х	0		5+ cards in any two suites 5-9 p	2NT F1 2♥, 2♠ P/C	$2 \diamond -2NT - 3 \clubsuit = \clubsuit + M, -3 \diamond = \diamond + \checkmark, -3 \checkmark = \checkmark + \spadesuit$ $-3 \spadesuit = \diamond + \spadesuit, -3NT = \clubsuit + \diamondsuit$	X of overcall = PEN $2 \bullet (X) \text{ pass} = 3 + c \bullet$
2♥		6		6-10 p	2NT F1 2▼-2♠ F1 3♣, 3♦= to play	2 v - 2NT - 3 = MIN, 3 ogood suit bad points, 3 v good points bad suit, 3 ogood suit good points	
2 🛦		6		6-10 p	as per 2♥	as per 2♥	
2 NT				20-21 hcp, BAL	3♣ puppet stayman	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
3x		6m 7M				RKCB 0314 Cue-bid with 1. and 2. controls mixed	
3NT		7		Gambling, no sidestopper. 4♣ S/P, 4♠ asking for shortness Jacoby 2NT = 10+ 4c Splinter		Jacoby 2NT = 10+ 4c	
4♣,♦		8		PRE 8 cards		- Spiniter	
4♥,♠		5 PRE 8 cards, weak					

BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Opening bid 2 ◆ shows 5+ cards in any two suites 5-9 hcp.

Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

2NT F1	$2 - 2NT - 3 = 4 + M, -3 = 4 + \forall, -3 = 4 + 4$	X of overcall = PEN
2♥, 2♠ P/C	$-3 \blacktriangle = + + , -3NT = + +$	$2 \bullet (X) \text{ pass} = 3 + c \bullet$

With what hands will responder pass the opening bid? Possibly with a very long diamond suit.

Meanings of other responses and rebids:

Competitive Agreements

Responses after opponent's DBL

$$2$$
 ♦ (X) pass = $3 + c$ **♦**

2 ♦ (X) RDBL = can play 2 ♦ even against a singleton

Responses after opponent's overcall:

X of overcall = PEN

Defensive bidding

After opponents opening bid of 2 ◆ showing 5-5 we bid as follows

(2 ♦) - 2 N′	Γ =		16-18
(2♦)	2 NT	(pass)	pass / $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ = the only weak bid $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ = Baron $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ / $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ = forcing, 5 korts suit
(2•)	2 NT	(D PEN)	RD = SOS $3x = stop$
(2•)	D = diamonds (4+) or 19+ with 2+ k diamonds		
(2 ♦) Pass	D D = 19+	(2♥)	pass
(2 •) (2 •)	D D	(2 ♥) (2♠)	D = T/O D = T/O
(2 ♦) (pass)	pass 3♣ = Baron 3 M = 5 c si		2 NT = 16-18
(2•) pass	pass D = PEN	(2♥)	pass
(2 \ \) pass	pass (2♥) pass 2 NT = "impossible bid", semi-balanced < 16p		
(2•) pass	pass 2 ♠ = 5 c	(2♥)	pass
(2•)	2♠ = semi-s	strong, 5 c	