

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
<b>OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>
1 level seldom a 4 card suit (normally 5), range is 8-16 pts
2 level 5+ Cards – 10+ Points if good suit or good shape <b>NVul</b>
Responses: Unass.Cue Bid= 10+ points and 3/4 card support
1NT immediate Overcall shows 15 to 17 Points system on
All jump overcalls are Weak
<b>1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> 1NT Overcall shows 15 to 17 points
4 <sup>th</sup> 1NT Overcall shows 11 to 14 points
Responses to 1NT are same as opening 1NT – (Systems On)
Stayman, Trf etc.
<b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>
2NT=5-5 in the two lowest suits
Weak Jump Overcalls – (5-10 points, usually 6 cards)
Leaping Michaels over Ops Weak 2 Openings GF 5/5 or better
Reopen: Opening Hand or Better
<b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>
Direct cue shows 5/5 in hearts/spades – unlimited values
<b>Questem</b> - cue bid shows 2 highest unbid suits, 2NT, 2 lowest unbid suits, 3C, highest and lowest
<b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)</b>
Multi Landy- 2♣= Both Majors: 2♦= Single Suited
2♥/2♠ = named suit and 3 or 4 a minor, 2NT asks for minor. In 4 <sup>th</sup> /balancing, suit is natural
Double is for penalty – if partner very weak, all bids are natural
<b>VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>
DBL = Takeout thru 3♠; 3NT = to play.
Leaping Michaels over Ops Weak 2's (5+ - 5+, FG)
2♦♥♠X - (pass)-2NT = Lebensohl
<b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣</b>
<b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>
With 'fit' – stretch, 2N, good raise or natural
XX shows 9+ points, no liking for partners suit & asks for another suit – even 3 card.

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	<b>Lead</b>	<b>In Partner's Suit</b>	
Suit	4th/2nd	Hx, Hxx/Hxxx, lowest	
NT	4thfrom H/2 <sup>nd</sup> from length no H	Hx	
Subseq	Attitude -small = encourage	Attitude -small = encourage	
Other:	Top of Nothing /MUD	Top of Nothing/MUD	
<b>LEADS</b>			
<b>Lead</b>	<b>Vs. Suit</b>	<b>Vs. NT</b>	
Ace	Ask for Attitude	Ask for Attitude	
King	Ask for count	Count and/or unblock	
Queen	QJ(x)	KQ(x), QJ(x)	
Jack	J10(x)	J10: KJ10: AJ10	
10	2nd / 4th	2nd / 4th	
9	Poor suit	Poor suit	
Hi-X	Top of Doubleton	Normally shows no interest	
Lo-X	Implies Honour / Singleton	Implies Honour	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>			
	<b>Partner's Lead</b>	<b>Declarer's Lead</b>	<b>Discarding</b>
1	Attitude Low like	Count (H-L = Even)	Revolving
Suit 2	Count (H-L = Even)	Count (H-L = Even)	Revolving
NT	Unblock K		
Signals (including Trumps):			
Lavinthal (McKenney)			
<b>DOUBLES</b>			
<b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>			
11+ points takeout			
Reopening 8 + points			
Some low level X transfers especially after 1 level opening and overcall			
<b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>			
Negative X = 6 HCP at 1 level, 8+ at 2 level. showing the other major			
Double of a conventional bid is lead directing			
Support doubles and redoubles			
1NT response over interference is 8-10 & stops in bid suit			
Neg X does not promise both missing suits			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
<b>CATEGORY: GREEN</b>
<b>NCBO: Cyprus Bridge Federation</b>
<b>PLAYERS: ALL OTHER PLAYERS</b>
<b>EVENT: World Bridge Federation</b>
<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>
5 Card Major – 2/1 - RRCB 3041
1NT response = Not Forcing
1♣=2+ cards      1♦=4+ cards
1♥/♠=5+ cards
1NT=15-17 and 2NT 20 – 22 BAL does not deny a 5 card Major
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>
Weak 2's in the Majors or D♥.♠ Leaping Michaels
Lebensohl over a Weak 2 Opener doubled by partner – suit bid at 2 level is natural & weak, 2N relay to clubs, pass or correct or invite, new bid in a suit that could have been bid at 2 level is invitational, showing 9-11 points
Intervention over our 1N, all bids are natural
<b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>
1N,X, pass – no 5 card suit, if no intervening bid opener redoubles, scramble for 4/3 fit or pass XX with 6+ points
When it is clear opponents are sacrificing
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>
Fourth suit forcing, but not after 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠
1N rebid or 2N over partners 2 level response is 11-14
2N response over partner's 1 level response is 18-19 Bal
May open light in 3rd seat. 9+ points & 5 card suit
Rule of 18 in 1,2,3 position with highly distributional hand
<b>PSYCHICS: Very unusual</b>

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♥	11-14 bal, 18-19 bal or natural	Suits 4+ points, 4+ Card Suit 1NT 5-11 points and denies a Major alert weak Jump shift in major = long suit 5+ weak	Change of Suit is Forcing.	1♣-2♣ inverted minor 6 Clubs
1♦		4	4♥	11-14 bal, 18-19 bal or natural	Suits 5+ points, 4+ Card Suit	Change of Suit is Forcing.	1♦-2♦ inverted minor
					1NT 5-11 points and denies a Major alert Jump shift in major = weak long suit 5+		
1♥		5	4♦	10-21 with a 5 Card Suit	Direct Support. Jac 2NT 13+ HCP 1♠ shows a four card spade suit and 5+ points	Support double shows 3 card support	Fit Jumps, 2NT 4 card support Cue of ops suit shows 3 card sup
1♠		5	4♦	10-21 with a 5 Card Suit	Direct Support. Jac 2NT		Fit Jumps, 2NT 4 card support
				1 Major opening can be light on hcp (9+) 3 <sup>rd</sup> posif shapely NVul.	Splinter = 4C/4D/4H, 10+HCP & singleton or void in suit bid Mod Bergen raises	After suit agreement, change is cue bid showing first round control	Double of ops suit shows 3 card support
INT				15-17 balanced – or Semi Bal 1NT Opening can have 6 in a minor, no more than 2 dblton .	Stayman, Full Transfers, Gerber, 3 Level Slam Interest, 2S enquiring 8 points or 6 cd minor	Super Accept TRF if 17 points with 4 card support 2N =15/16, 3C =17	
					2♠ Enq, 8+/6 minor, transfer to 3♣ if 17 points otherwise bid 2NT	Texas Transfers 1NT > 4♦ is ♥ / 4♥ is ♠	
2♣	X			23+ points or 3 losers (Forcing)	2♦ Waiting bid. Other bids natural, positive hand., showing A & K	Bid suit	
2♦	X			Strong long card any suit – 13+ 4 losers 5/5 or better dist	2H relay	Bid suit	
2♥		5-6		Weak 5-10	Pass or correct / Ougust	Natural / Ougust Responses	
2♠		5-6		Weak 5-10	Pass or correct / Ougust	Natural / Ougust Responses	
2NT				20 – 22 BAL - May have 5cM	Puppet Stayman, Transfers, 4NT Quantitative Gerber		
3♣		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct	Change of suit is forcing 1 rnd	
3♦		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct		
3♥		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct		
3♠		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct		
3NT				Running Minor no side A or K	4♣ is pass or correct without stops in majors		
4♣		(7) / 8		Pre-emptive			
4♦		(7) / 8		Pre-emptive			
4♥		6+		Pre-emptive to play	4NT = RKCB Asking Aces		
4♠		6+		Pre-emptive to play	4NT = RKCB Asking Aces		
4NT	X	5 / 5		Both Minors 5 / 5		RKCB (03/14) ♣ Shows 3 or 0 and ♦ Shows 1 or 4 KING ASK reverts to B/WOOD – Showing how many Kings minus K of Trumps	
5♣		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence		4♣ response to 1NT or 2NT is Gerber 4♦0/4, 4♥ 1, 4♠ 2, 4NT 3	
5♦		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence		5♣ ,5♦0/4, 5♥ 1, 5♠ 2, 5NT 3	
5♥		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence			
5♠		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence			



## WBF Convention Card Supplementary Sheet

### 2-Way Checkback Stayman – Essentially after a 1NT or 2NT rebid

2/3♣ Invitational with around 11 - 12 points – Opener must bid 2♦

2/3♦ Game Forcing Stayman **Slam tries start with a 3 level bid.**

Responses after any initial ♣ or ♦ then showing a ♥ then 1NT rebid are:-

2♥ shows 3 card ♥ support (does not deny the other Major)

2♠ shows having 4♠'s (denies having 3 card suit in ♥ as support)

2NT denies having either 4 Spades or 3 Hearts

3♣ or 3♦ denies both 4 Spades and 3 Hearts and is showing a good 5♣ or 5♦ suit

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3♣ or 3♦ denies both 4 Hearts and 3 Spades and is showing a good 5♣ or 5♦ suit

Responses after initially being showed a ♥ and now prompted to describe their hand because of 2♣ relay to 2♦ are as follows:-

PASS with a weak hand with a long Diamond suit

2♥ invitational showing a holding of 5 Hearts

2♠ invitational showing a holding of 5 Hearts and 4 Spades

3♥ invitational showing a holding of 6 Hearts

3♠ invitational showing a holding of 5 Hearts and 5 Spades

Responses after initially being showed a ♠ and now prompted to describe their hand because of 2♣ relay to 2♦ are as follows:-

PASS with a weak hand with a long Diamond suit

2♥ invitational showing a holding of 5 Spades, 4 Hearts

2♠ invitational showing a holding of 5 Spades

3♥ invitational showing a holding of 5 Spades, 5 Hearts

3♠ invitational showing a holding of 6 Spades

### 1NT DOUBLED by Ops for Penalty

1NT – X – XX Wriggle Redouble is typically "SOS", forcing opener to bid 2♣, 2D, trf to H, 2H trf to S. with no 5 card suit, & no intervention, forcing pass by responder & re-double by opener, pass or scramble for best fit

### Lebensohl - After Ops Weak Two Openings -

A 2NT response to Partners X is an artificial relay to 3♣.

Ops Weak 2 Opening – DBL from p – Ops PASS – 2NT is p to relay to 3♣  
We will then pass, sign off in a suit, or make another descriptive bid.

### Leaping Michaels – Over ops weak 2♦/2♥/2♠ Opening

Our 4 Level Leap overcall promises a good 5 – 5 two suited hand 15+ HCP  
4♣ jump overcall shows clubs and the unbid major.

4♦ jump overcall shows diamonds and the unbid major.

### Losing Trick Count Responses to Weak 2♥/2♠ Major Openers

Typically a Weak 2 Opening hand is 8 / 7 Losers

Responses to Weak 2♥/♠ can be GAME with 6 losers or raise with 7 losers.

### A Pre-Empt 3 Level Opening has typically 7 / 6 Losers

Responses to Weak 3 Openings can be GAME in ♥/♠ with 7 or less losers.  
Change of suit is forcing

### Ogust Responses - [2NT Response] to partners Weak 2 Opening

♣ Shows Bad hand (5-7 p) with **one** of the top 3 honours in pre-empted suit

♦ Bad hand (5-7 points), holding **two** of the top three honours

♥ Good hand (8-10 points), holding **one** of the top three honours

♠ Good hand (8-10 points), with **two** of the top three honours

3NT – Shows a good hand (9-10 points) and holding the **A, K, Q** in the suit.

### Two Suits Overcall -Showing 5 / 5 distribution - Questem

Cue bid of the openers suit shows the two highest unbid suits 5/4

### **Multi Landy**

A **X** is for Penalties with a holding of 15+ Points 7 tricks on lead, partner to bid naturally if very weak

2♣ Shows 5/5 or 5/4 in Majors, with 2 or less, or equal length bid 2D, relay

2♦ Shows at a single suited hand, usually major, 11+ points, 2H relay

2♥ Shows at least 5 hearts and 4/3 in a minor 11+

2♠ Shows at least 5 spades and 4/3 in a minor 11+

2NT Shows at least 5-5 in ♣ clubs and ♦ diamonds (5/4 maybe)

### **Gambling 3NT shows a solid 7-8 card minor suit - typically denies a void or 4+ card side suit**

Partner will normally pass an opening 3NT. If opponents double 3NT for penalty responder may bid 4♣ as a runout bid, asking opener to pass or correct to 4♦.

### **Gerber - 4♣ Response to a No-Trumps Bid**

4♦ shows 0 or 4 aces.

4♥ shows 1 Ace

4♠ shows 2 Aces

4NT shows 3 Aces

If happy with partner's response, the Gerber bidder can bid 5♣ to ask for kings and the answers are the same as above but one level higher. E.g. 5♦ shows 0 or 4 aces.

### **Inverted Minors – ON after a passed hand but OFF after a X or Overcall**

1♣ - 2♣ Shows 10+ points and No 4cM and we have an eight card fit –F 1 Round

1♦ - 2♦ Shows 10+ points and No 4cM and we have an eight card fit –F 1 Round

1♣ - 3♣ Less than 6 points and No 4cM and we have an eight card fit

1♦ - 3♦ Less than 6 points and No 4cM and we have an eight card fit

### **Jacoby 2NT – Denotes 4 card support and 13+ points.**

After 1♥ – 2NT

3♥ is showing 16+ points, slam interest

4♥ is showing Minimum opener, sign-off

3NT is 13-15 balanced

Three level ♣ ♦ ♠ bids show a singleton

Four level ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ bids shows length (5 or more cards in the suit)

After intervention 2N shows 4 of major & 10+ pts, other jump bids are fit showing with long minor

2NT Shows 5-5 in the two lowest-ranking suits

3♣ Shows one higher and one lower ranking suit

### **Roman Discards – Odds / Even**

Discard of an Odd card shows interest in that suit (3, 5, 7, 9 Encourages)

Discard of an Even card is Lavinthal 2, 4 come the two lower suits, 8, 10 come the higher of the side suits.

### **RKBC 03-14**

[5 ♣ Shows 0 or 3 Key Cards ] including the King of Trumps

[5 ♦ Shows 1 or 4 Key Cards ] including the King of Trumps

[5 ♥ Shows 2 or 5 Key Cards ] without the Queen of Trumps

[5 ♠ Shows 2 or 5 Key Cards ] with the Queen of Trumps

5NT - KING ASK reverts to REGULAR BLACKWOOD – Showing how many Kings minus the previously shown KING of Trumps

6♣ Shows 0 Kings, 6♦ Shows 1 King, 6♥ Shows 2 Kings, 6♠ Shows 3 Kings – keep below agreed suit unless G slam likely or 6 NT

**Strong 2♦ shows 6 card or 5/5 any suit not necessary ♦s and 13+ HC Points**

### **4 Losers**

2♥ Relay

### **Texas Transfers**

Coming after partners 1NT opening [Promising GAME values, but denying slam values]

4♦ Shows at least 6 hearts and game values, asks partner to transfer to 4♥

4♥ At least 6 spades and game values, requiring partner to transfer to 4♠

### **Transfers after 1NT Openings**

After a 1NT Opening [15-17 points] :-

2♣ Stayman

2♦ Asks you to transfer to ♥ - Super Accept if 17 points with 4 card support

2♥ Asks you to transfer to ♠ - Super Accept if 17 points with 4 card support

2♠ from p is asking you to bid 2NT if you are minimum and 3♣ if you have 17 Points. This can then be subsequently passed or corrected to ♦s to play a weak hand in the minors.

2NT – Invitation to 3NT