

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level seldom a 4 card suit (normally 5), range is 7-16 pts - can be weak but lead directing – [Not Forcing]
2 level 5+ Cards – 9+ Points if good suit or good shape NVul [NF]
All jump overcalls are Weak / Pre-Emptive
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd 1NT Overcall shows - 15 to 18 points – (Systems On)
4 th 1NT Overcall shows - 10 to 15 points– (Systems On)
Responses to 1NT are same as opening 1NT – (Systems On)
Stayman, Transfers etc unless there has been intervention by Ops
Double of Ops intervention indicates that was our intended bid
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Unusual 2NT=5-5 in the two lower suits
Weak Jump Overcalls – (5-10 points, usually 6 cards, seldom 5)
Reopen: Opening Hand or Better or 6 Loser Hand
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue shows 5-5/(4) card suit in hearts/spades – unlimited values
Unusual 2NT Shows the two lowest unbid suits
Jump Cue – Asks for a stopper in Opener’s Suit - Seeking 3NT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
Natural over Ops NT Opening
Double is for penalty – if partner very weak, all bids are natural
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
DBL = takeout
3NT = to play
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
If ops open 1♣ - Our 2♣ shows 5/5 Majors – Everything else is natural
If ops open 2♣ - Natural long suit
OVER OPPONENTS’ TAKEOUT DOUBLE
1NT – 6 – 10 points
2NT – 11 – 12 points
XX shows 9+ points

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner’s Suit	
Suit	4th from honour / 2 nd Poor	Hx, Hxx / Hxxx, xxx	
NT	Top of Seq. of 3 or 4 th High	Hx, Hxx / Hxxx, xxx	
Subseq	Attitude - small = encourage	Highest of Partners Suit	
Other:	2 nd Top of Nothing / MUD	2 nd Top of Nothing / MUD	
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
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	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner’s Lead	Declarer’s Lead	Discarding
1	Attitude High like	Count (H-L = Even)	Mckenny/Lavinthal
Suit 2	Count (H-L = Even)	Count (H-L = Even)	Mckenny/Lavinthal
NT	Unblock K		
Signals (including Trumps):			
Lavinthal (McKenney)			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
11+ points takeout			
Reopening 8 + points			
Some low level X transfers especially after 1 level opening and overcall			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
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+ & stops in bid suit			
Neg X does not promise both missing suits			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: GREEN
NCBO: Cyprus Bridge Federation
PLAYERS: Marianne Jaqueline Biggs and Jane Moss
EVENT: Women’s Online Teams 2025
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 Card Major – SAYC – Reg Blackwood
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
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Intervention over our 1N, all bids are natural
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
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
IMPORTANT NOTES
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
Stayman does not promise a 4cM
May open light in 3rd seat. 9+ points & 5 card suit
PSYCHICS: Very unusual

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 6-10 points and denies a Major	Change of Suit is Forcing.	
1♦		4	4♥	11-14 bal, 18-19 bal or natural	Suits 5+ points, 4+ Card Suit 1NT 6-10 points and denies a Major	Change of Suit is Forcing.	
1♥		5	4♦	10-19 with a 5 Card Suit	Direct Support. 1♠ shows a four card spade suit and 5+ points		
1♠		5	4♦	10-19 with a 5 Card Suit 1 Major opening can be light on hcp (9+) if shapely NVul .	Direct Support.		
INT				15-17 balanced – or Semi Bal 1NT Opening can have 6 in a minor, no more than 2 dbltons.	Stayman, Full Transfers, Gerber, 3 Level Slam Interest, 2S enquiring 8 points or 6 cd minor	Super Accept if 17 points with 4 card support	
					2♠ Enq, 8+/6 minor, transfer to 3♣ if 17 points otherwise bid 2NT		
2♣	X			23+ points or 3 losers (Forcing)	2♦ Waiting bid. Other bids natural, positive hand.		
2♦	X			Weak 5-10	Natural or Ogust Responses	Natural or Ogust Responses	
2♥		5		Weak 5-10	Natural or Ogust Responses	Natural or Ogust Responses	
2♠		5		Weak 5-10	Natural or Ogust Responses	Natural or Ogust Responses	
2NT				20 – 22 BAL - May have 5cM	Stayman, Transfers, 4NT Quantitative Gerber		
3♣		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct		
3♦		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct		
3♥		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct		
3♠		(6) / 7		Weak	Pass or correct		
				Pre-empts can be light when we are NVul and Ops VUL			
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 = Blackwood Asking Aces		
4♠		6+		Pre-emptive to play	4NT = Blackwood Asking Aces		
4NT	X	5 / 5		Both Minors 5 / 5			
5♣		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence			
5♥		(7) / 9		Pre-emptive – With no defence		Regular Blackwood – Responses are ♣ 0, ♦ 1, ♥ 2, ♠ 3, 4NT 4	
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♣ ,5♦ 0/4, 5♥ 1, 5♠ 2, 5NT 3	



WBF Convention Card Supplementary Sheet

Michaels Cue Bids

Michaels cue-bid promises a two-suited hand, with at least five cards in each suit. We have no point minimum for making a Michaels Cue Bid Overcall, although we do take into account the vulnerability. The Michaels cuebid is forcing. Partner is asked to bid one of the two suits shown.

Overcall	Meaning
2♣ over 1♣	5♥ hearts and 5♠ spades.
2♦ over 1♦	5♥ hearts and 5♠ spades.
2♥ over 1♥	5♠ spades and an unspecified minor (5♣+ clubs OR ♦ diamonds)
2♠ over 1♠	5♥ hearts and an unspecified minor (5♣+ clubs OR ♦ diamonds)

Unusual 2NT – 2 Suit Overcall –Showing 5 / 5 distribution

2NT Shows 5-5 in the two lower remaining ranking suits.

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

Responses to Partners 2♣ Opening

2♦ Relay

All three level suit responses are showing 8+ points and a five card suit

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.

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.