

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Can be weak 5 cards at 1 level or 4 cards in Opening hand
Expect 3 HCP less in balancing seat.
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15+ to 18- but 11-15 in Balancing Seat
X followed by 1NT 18+ to 20, Balancing X then 1N 15_18-
Over 1NT overcall responses to opening 1NT apply.
X followed by 2NT 21-23,
Over 2NT bid responses to opening 2NT apply.
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
WEAK vary with vulnerability with 2NT Relay
2NT 2 lowest suits: Vary with vulnerability
At 3 level Weak to Intermediate.
Balancing: Opening Bid with 6 Cards. 2NT 18+-20
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Cue at 2 level = Both M, or other M and either m. Then 2N asks.
Cue at 3 level ask for STOPPER in their suit. May have long M.
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
If 1NT inc 16 or more then X = Minors,
If 1NT max 15, X = penalties, 2NT minors (or Strong = Majors)
2♣ = ♥ & another, 2♦ = ♠ & another (anchor short M)
Passed Hand X minors
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X TO, Over 3m Cue – Majors, Over 3M 4m=6m 4OM NF
Over weak 2M, Cue =Wants STOPPER, 4m = m+OM 5-5 NF
After (2M) X P 2N is weak expects 3♣
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
WEAK OVERCALLS
X Majors: Lowest NT Minors
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX 10+: Fit Jumps (3 card support but 5♣ after 1♣)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2)	2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2)	
NT	2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2)	2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2)	
Subseq	2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2)	2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2)	
Other: BUT least confusing from 3			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Asks for reverse attitude	Asks for reverse attitude	
King	Asks for reverse count	Asks r. count or unblock Q	
Queen	Normally Top H or Short	AQJ, KQ10, QJx, Qx, Q	
Jack	KJ10 Top H or Short	A/KJ10, QJ9, J10x, Jx, J	
10	Will not have J	A/K/Q109. 109x, 10x, 10	
9	Will not have 10	98x, may be 9xx or 9x, 9	
Hi-X	Short or 2 nd from 3 or 4	Short or 2 nd from 3 or 4	
Lo-X	Likely to have honour	Likely H or 3 in Partners suit	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Mainly R. Attitude	Reverse Count	Reverse Attitude
Suit 2	Some R. Count	Suit Preference	Reverse Count
3	Suit P. if Obvious		Reverse Count
1	Mainly R Count	Low like Opening L.*	Reverse Attitude
NT 2	Some R Attitude	Reverse Count	Reverse Count
3	Suit P. if Obvious		Reverse Count
Signals (including Trumps):			
• Except where obvious reverse count signal required.			
Normal Suit Preference in Trumps and when obvious: giving ruffs etc			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
SHAPE SUITABLE OR STRONG			
3 POINTS LESS IN PROTECTIVE SEAT			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
NEGATIVE and COMPETITIVE X UP TO 4♦			
IF OPPO CUE to show 2 suiter, X shows interest in Defence			
IF OPPO CUE Partners Suit X shows Q,K or A			
If oppo explring slam X Cue suggests lead (or possible save NV vs V			
If oppo interfere in Control Asking etc DOP1 or ROP1 apply (0 = 1 st step)			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: GREEN
NCBO: ENGLAND Nos 27142 and 96214
PLAYERS: Dave ROBINSON & Tony SOWTER
EVENT: SENIOR
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
FIVE CARD MAJORS
2/1 FG
1NT 14.5 to 17
1♣ may be 2 cards may have 5 cards in any suit
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2♣: WEAK 2 in ♦ OR ANY VERY STRONG
WEAK 2: 5:9 STRONG 23-24 Balanced or FG
2♦: 3 SUITED SHORT in ♣:
4-4-4-1 11:20 or 4-4-5-0 11-14
3NT: WEAK in ♣ OR ♦
4♣/4♦: show corresponding MAJOR
2NT response to 1 MAJOR is Raise to 3 Or More
MINOR INVERTED RAISES
JUMP TO 2 IN NEW SUIT IS WEAK
JUMP TO 3 IN LOWER SUIT NAT BUT NF
2NT response to 1♣ is very weak with 6+ ♣
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
Defence to Multi, X is TO of ♥ or strong, 2NT shaped TO
of ♠ in BOTH 2 nd and 4 th seats.
PSYCHICS: RARE

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♦	Natural OR Balanced.	1 suit F1. 1♦ could be 3. 1NT 8-10 with 4♣.	1♣-2♣-2♦=normally wk NT. Then	1♣ P P X then 1♦ denies 3♠
				May have ANY 5 card suit if weak NT. May have 5♦ if 18-20. If Balanced will not be in 1NT range. Rule of 19.	3♣ weak 5+♣. 2NT very weak 6♣, 2♣ F2NT or 3♣, 3NT nat with 4♣. 2 other suit is WEAK. (Then 2NT Relay: rebid suit minimum). 1♣ - 3 other is splinter.	2M F1, 2N/3♣ NF, 3M stop 1NT rebid weak then 2♣ asking, (SEE SUPP A) 3♣ over 2NT. 1♣ 1M 3♦ Raise in M either 18-20 BAL or 4M 225. Not FG!	XX has 3♠. 1M 5, 1N 18-19 1♣-(1♥)-1♠ shows QTxx + 2♠ is 4♠+5♣ (Fit Jump) Passed H. Fit Jump with 5♣.
1♦		4	4♣	Natural Usually 5.	1M F1, 1N NF, 2♣ FG, 2♦ F1, 2M WEAK, 2N nat NF, 3♣ nat game try NF, 3♦ weak, 3M splinter	Over 1M, 2N shows 4 in M or 6♦. 3♣ R (3♦6-3NF, 3M 5-4 NF, 3OM 6-3 FG, 3N 6-2, 4 level = raise but not splinter.	1♦ (1♥) 1♠ = QTxx +. Q in their suit = good raise. Fit jumps with 3 card support.
1♥ 1♠		5	4♦	5 CARD MAJORS	1♥- 2♠ WEAK (2N R as above). 1M-3M weak.		2NT still good raise (may be 3)
		5	4♦	Poor 5 carder may open 1♣ As may hand with 5♠ & 3♥	1M - 3 lower suit 6 card suit Invitational NF 1M - 3NT (3-3-3-4any Pudding 13-15+). Splinters. 1M - 2NT Good Raise to 3 or More (SEE SUPP B.)	After 1♠ - 3NT - 4♥ NF After 1M - 2NT SEE SUPP B	Fit Jumps First X is negative either hand
INT			4♦	14.5 - 17 Balanced No Singleton	2♣ for 5 card Ms. 4 suit transfers (SEE SUPP C) 3 any suit SLAM TRY No shortage. 4♣ to play 4M (55), 4♦ to play 4♥, 4♥ & 4♠ to play 4♠.	Transfer breaks etc SEE SUPP C	SEE SUPP C After X, XX 5 card suit, Bid lowest of 2 card suits, 2♠ NAT.
2♣		0		Weak 2 in ♦ or V. Strong	2♦ To Play 3♦ weak 2M nat but NF, 2N Relay. Responses to Relay: See SUPP F	After 2♣ - 2M (See SUPP D) After 2♣ - 2♦ (See SUPP E)	
2♦		4	No	Opening bid 4441 or 4450 NF Stiff ♣ 11-20 Void ♣ 11-14	2M to play, 2N Invitational, 3♣ Relay (see SUPP G) 3 other suit invitational, 3NT to play	See SUPP G	R0P1 or D0P1 (where 0 is first Step) if oppo bid over Relay
2♥		5		5-9 Normally 6 cards	Change suit F1, 2NT Relay		
2♠		5		5-9 Normally 6 cards	Change suit F1, 2NT Relay		
2NT			4♦	Nat 20+ to 22	3♣ for 5M, 3 suit transfers (see SUPP H)	(see SUPP H)	
				May have singleton A/K	3NT, 4♣ NAT, 4♦, 4♥ Transfer Weak/Strong	(see SUPP H)	
3m				Weak varies with Vulnerability	3M Natural (5+) F1, 4 other minor asks for Shortage.		
3♥				Weak varies with Vulnerability	3♠ Nat F1, 4m Q bid		
3♠				Weak varies with Vulnerability	4m Q bid, 4♥ to play		
3NT				Weak in One minor	4♣/ 4♦ are pass/convert . 4M to play.	Can cue shortage on way from 4♦ to 5♣	
4♣				Good 4♥. Vul 8 NV 7 Tricks	Next suit up invites Q bid		
4♦				Good 4♠. Vul 8 NV 7 Tricks	Next suit up invites Q bid		
4♥/4♠		6		To Play		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING Jump to 5NT for 2 of Top 3. RKCB (0-3, 1-4, 2, 2+Q, 3 + void, 2 + void)	
4NT				Specific Ace Asking	5♣ None, 5 suit or 6♣ bid ace, 5NT 2	If ♣ trumps 4♦ RKCB. Over 1 st 2 responses next step (exc. Trumps)for T Q. 6 Ace Blackwood – applies when 2 suits agreed or 2 suits shown opposite Balanced hand (Responses 0-3,1-4,2-5, 2/5 plus Lower Q, 2/5 plus higher Q 2/5 plus Both Qs). Over 1 st 2 steps next non Trump suit asks for Qs using Same pattern None. LQ, HQ, Both). After 4NT, 5NT asks for extras.	

David Robinson & Tony Sowter: SUPPLEMENTARY SHEETS**SUPP A: Developments after 1C 1 any 1NT (11.5-14)**

2C Asks for 5 card majors or support for bid major

Responses are not forcing (including 3C which would show a 6 card suit.)

a 2D response responder can pass, rebid his major NF, bid 2 unbid major (F2NT) to find a 4-4 fit, bid 2NT (invitational) or bid anything at 3 level which is FG.

Note that if responder starts with 1D and then shows a 4 card major (F2NT) his diamonds should be better than his major (either longer or stronger).

On such a sequence opener may show a minimum either by bidding 2NT or 3D. 2S (if sufficient would merely show 4S), 3C is a maximum with D support and weakness in the unbid major.

If opener shows a 5 card major then if the initial response was 1D, responder can bid the other major as a slam try.

After a 1H response, 1S promises clubs and spades, so opener may have either 5S, 3H or both when he rebids 1NT. 2C asks and with 5S and 3H, opener bid spades first as he can support hearts on the next round (if there is one).

Similarly after 1C-1S-1NT-2C if opener has 3S he will bid 2S – if can show 5H on the next round if there is one.

Other Responses:

Rebidding first bid suit is NF at 2 level, Invitational at 3 level. Rebidding higher suit at 2 level is 4-6 F3D. Rebidding 3C should show 4-6 (hand not strong enough to start with 2C which would have been F2NT. 1C-1M-1NT-3 lower suit (not C) is invitational 5-5.

SUPP B: 1M 2NT

This shows a sound raise to 3M or better. Responses are:

3C shows a singleton in either clubs or the other major then:

3D = Relay: 3M shows Minimum with C shortage (NF)

3OM shows Extras with C shortage

3NT shows minimum with shortage in OM

Others show Max with shortage in OM

3M is Non-Forcing

3OM shows 4.

3D shows a singleton D

3M then is NF.

3M Minimum no singleton

3OM second suit. Note with a minimum 4-5-2-2 after 1H-2NT opener bids 3H (NF) – responder can bid 3S to show 4 on way to 4H.

Note that this means that a sequence such as 1H 1S- 2C-3H shows 5 spades and 3 hearts.

SUPP C: Responding to 1NT

2C Asks for 5 card Majors: All responses are NF: 2D No 5CM or bid 5CM.

After 2D response, 2M = NAT 4 cards F2NT, 2NT no M Invitational, 3m NAT FG, 3H 5-5 in Ms NF, 3S 5-5 M FG+. Over the latter opener can bid 4C to agree H and 4D to agree S (both should show 3rd round control in other M.)

If responder shows 4CM and then bids minor it will 5 cards.

If Opener shows 5CM then continuations are natural except bidding the other major is artificial suggesting a fit and slam interest. A jump in new suit should be a splinter.

If opponents come in after 2C, 1st double is for T/O and opener must allow for fact that responder may be weak.

2D/2H are Normal transfers but note jump in new suit thereafter is a self agreeing splinter. New suit at 3 level is FG (direct support shows 4 cards and 3rd round control in shown major).

Transfer breaks, new suit shows good 5 with 3 in major, 2NT 4 in M, max high cards, 3H min 4 card support but not 4-3-3-3.

After interference openers action suggests support for partners major.

2S/2N Minor Suit transfers. Responders suit rebid shows shortage. Opener completes transfer with 3 card support or Hx in hand that wishes to play 3NT opposite HHxxxx. Note: Exception: Transfer to Ds then 4C is 5-5.

3 suit Single suited slam try no shortage. After this start 4NT is always RKCB.

After 1NT in competition: THEY

Bid natural suit: X TO, 2NT- through 3H transfers, 3S minors probably 5D 4C.

Show anchor suit: X shows general values, bid their suit for TO. 2N up transfers.

Show 2 suits: X values, bid either suit is natural and F1, 2N up transfers.

Show multi-type: X TO hearts, 2NT shape suitable TO spades.

They X: XX shows 5 card suit, bid at 3 level after would be FG. Suit bid shows that suit and a higher one but 2S is just S. 3 suit invitational, 2NT asks for 3C then bids weak,

SUPP D: 2C 2M

This shows at least 5 in a hand with interest in playing game opposite a suitable weak 2 in diamonds. With a weak 2D opener may:

Pass, rebid 2S or 2NT (max 2D bids), 3M, 4M, 3D dislike M and good intermediate in suit.

With a strong 2C, opener can bid, 3C, 3OM, 3NT, (4C cue), 4D or 4NT (RKCB)

SUPP E: 2C 2D Continuations

2H FG in hearts or 25+ balanced

Responder normally bids 2S but may transfer to suit of HHxxxx quality.

2S/3m Natural FG

2NT 23-24 with normal responses to 2NT

3H,3S,4C,4D show 4-4-4-1 with shortage in suit above. Bid short suit asks for controls starting with 0-6.

3NT To play based on long minor

4M To play one suited 9 trick hand

SUPP F: 2C 2NT Enquiry

3C shows max weak 2,

3D shows minimum weak 2.

Higher bids show strong 2C openings, e.g. 4H would now be 1-4-4-4 with 4S relay.

SUPP G: 3C relay over 2D opening> Responses are:

3D 11-13 4-4-4-1 Then 3M,4D invitational or 4C CA (0-2).

3H 14-16 4-4-4-1 (FG) Then 4C relay: Control asking CA (0-3)

3S 17-19 4-4-4-1 Then 4C relay: CA (0-4)

3NT 11-14 4-4-5-0 Then 4C relay: CA (0-2)

SUPP H: Responding to 2NT

If opener shows 5M in response to 3C, bid in other major shows slam interest. So 2NT-3C-3H-4C would be natural.

After 2NT-3C-3D- responder bids 4CM, 5Cm or 4H 5-5 Ms (pick), 4S 5-5 M slam interest.

With 5S and 4H responder can show the 4H and then bid 4S to play. Not that with 2S and 3H opener will bid 3NT over 3C.

Transfer to 3S followed by 4H shows 5-4 and values for 4NT (and is Forcing to 4NT!).

Transfer to major and raise to game is mild slam try, With desire to play 4H or strong interest in salm responder starts with 4D.