

## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

6 – 16 natural- possible 4 card suit

New Suit F1

Jumpshift = fit and good suit after pass, else Inv.

Direct jump raise = Inv on min / wk on Maj.

Jump cue-bid = 4 card fit and good hand

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live, Responses, Reopening)

In 2<sup>nd</sup> strong, balanced or semi-balanced

Responses: after minor opening- stayman, transfers

After major - transfers

In 4<sup>th</sup> : 10 – 13 Responses same as above

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)

weak

Reopen natural 2nt = 1nt opening 17-19

DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Responses, Reopen)

1 m – 2♦ = majors 1M – 2M other M + 1min

Impossible trsf asks for stopper

Reopening cue= 2suiter

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

X = 5 min + 4 Maj // 2♣ = Maj 5/4+ // 2♦ = 6♥ or ♠ //

2♥/♠ = 5♥/♠ and 4+ min // 2NT = min

VS PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT bids)

Takeout X natural cuebid = asks for stopper, may be

Minors

Leaping michaels

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

1♣ strong: double = both majors 1nt = both minors

Other Natural

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

New suit F1 (trsf) 1 over 1, 2 over 1 (Trsf) nf

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3rd – 5th	3rd – 5th
NT	4th best	3rd – 5th
Subseq		

Other:

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx	AKx
King	KQx	KQJx, KQ10x
Queen	QJx	QJ10x or KQx
Jack	J10x or HonorJ10x	J10x or Honor J10x
10	10 9 x or Honor 109	10 9 x or Honor 109
9	9x	9xx or Honor 98x
Hi-x	even number	Bad suit
Lo-x	odd number	4 <sup>th</sup> best

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1 low enc	high=odd	Small enc
	2 count	Suit pref.	count
	3 Suit pref		
NT	1 low = encour.	high=odd	Small enc
	2 count	Suit pref	Small=even
	3 Suit pref		

Signals (including Trumps): UDCA,

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening)

3 suiter or 16+ HCP any distribution

Responses natural – only cuebid F

Reopening either 3 suiter or 14+HCP

Suit at lowest level ambiguous

SPECIAL; ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE (RE-)DOUBLES

1minor 1♥ x = 4+ cards in ♠

1♠ = trsf for 1NT

2♣/♦/♥ = trsf wk // 2♠ = 7-9 in the min, // 3min = Inv.

1♥/♠ double 2♥/♠ double is a preference for minors

Openers X show either 3 cards in partners M

or a strong hand

## International-Convention-Card



Category: Seniors

NCBO: Switzerland EVENT: Argentina

PLAYERS: Jean-Jacques Dousse

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

NATURAL, 5 CARD MAJOR

1♠ could be 4 cards in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th

2♣ = both Maj WK, min 5/4

2♦ = GF (except on the answer of 2H)

2♥/♠ = 6 (5) cards ♥/♠ WK

1NT Opening: (14+)15 – 17(18-) balanced or semi-balanced

2 over 1 Responses: Game Forcing

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

2♣ Roudi

2♣ drury fit (10-11)

3NT: solid minor no outside A 7cnds AKQ

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Dopi/ropi

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

Frequent light opening in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat according to vulnerability.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, preempts are often weak

PSYCHICS: rarely

OPENING	TICK IFA RT	MIN No.OF C	NEG X THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 ♠		3	4♥	Nat 11 – 22HCP	2♣ Inv; 2♦/2♥/2♠ = trsf (7-9); 3♣ = Pre	1♠/♦ 1NT 2♣ = both Maj / other trsf // 2NT = both min	
					1♠ 1Maj does not exclude long ♦	1♠ – 1♥/♠ – 2♣ – 2♦ = relay forcing / 2♥♠ = WK 1♠ – 1♥/♠ – 2♥/♠ – 2NT = Relay (3♣ = 3♥/♠ min, ...l)	Jumps with fit
						1♣ 1♦/♥ X/1♥ (trsf) 1♠ (trsf for 1NT) & 2♣♦♥♠ Trsf / 3♣ Pre 1♣ X XX/1/2♦♥♠ Trsf / 1NT = Nat	
1 ♦		3		Nat 11 – 22 HCP	2♣ Inv ♣ or ♦ 2♦/2♥/2♠ = trsf (7-9); 3♠/♦ = Pre.	1♦ X XX/1/2♣♦♥♠. Trsf / 1NT = Nat / 3♦ Pre 1♦ 1♥ 1♠ (trsf for 1NT) & 2♣♦♥♠ Trsf, / 3♠/♦ = Inv	
1 ♥		5	4♦	Nat 11 – 22 HCP	Rev bergen	1♥/♠ – 2x – 2♥/♠ – 3♥/♠ : FG! - 3♠/NT = WK	Jump = fit natural
					1NT F1 / 2NT GF + fit 4 cards //3NT Sign off // 1Maj X 1NT = Nat / 2♣ = trsf ♦, or lead ♦ + fit 7/9 // 2♦ = trsf ♥ 7/9 // 2♥ = 3+cards 4/7	1♥ 1♠/NT 2NT = 5/4 18-19 or 6♥+ -> 3♣ = Relay 3♠/♦ = 5/5 / 3NT = 18-19 5/3/2	Drury2♣ (10-11),
1 ♠		5(4)	4♥	Nat 11 – 22HCP	Rev bergen	Same	See above
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1 NT				15 – 17 balanced or	2♣ =stayman 2NT = Nat, NF	SMOLEN (4♣ = 6♥ + 4♠ / 4♦ = 6♠ + 4♥)	Rebensohl /,2nt with stopper
				Semi-balanced	2♦ /2♥/2♠/3♠ =transfer 3♦ = Both min. strong		
				Possible 5Maj or 6minor	3♥/♠ = Nat, slam try 4♠/♦ = majors GF		
2 ♣	X	0		Both Maj WK, min 5/4	2NT Relay -> 3♣ = 5/4 max / 3♦ = 5/5 min / 3♥ = min 5♥ / 3♠ = min 5♠ / 3NT = 5/5 max		
2 ♦	X	0		Gf (except on the answer of 2♥)	Steps (Italian controls)	2♦ - 2X - 4♠/♦ = both Maj, short ♠/♦	
2 ♥		6		6 (5) ♥ + WK	2NT relay		
2 ♠		6		6 (5) ♠ + WK	2NT relay		
2 NT				20/22 balanced	Puppet / 4♣ = majors with ambition, 4♦ majors no ambition / 4♥ 5 5 minors short ♥, 4♠ 5 5 minors short sp, / 3♠-3nt-4♥ = 5 ♠ +4♦ slammish, 3♠-3nt-4♠ 5♦ + 4 ♣slammish, 3♠-3nt- 4♠ =♦ slammish,3♠-3nt-4♦ = ♣slammish / 3/4NT 5♠ + 4♥		
3 ANY				PREEMPT	3H/S = nat		
3 NT				Solid Minor	4♣ = correct in minor 4♦ = asking singleton,	<b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>	
						kickback 4130 After Blackwood, next step asks for Queen of trumps	
4 ♣				NAMYATS	STRONG HEART SUIT	JOSEPHINE	
4 ♦				NAMYATS	STRONG SPADE SUIT	LIGHTNER DOUBLES	
4 NT				BOTH MINORS			