## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

1x Overcall: 5+, 9-16DP, 2x Overcall (No jump): 5+, 11-16DP Responses: 1y: 9+ DP 4-card+, 2y: 9-13 DP 5-card+, CUE: versus 1 x is $14+$, versus 2 x is $9+$. Simple support $9-13 \mathrm{DP}$, indirect fit. Jump support 8-10 DP, direct fit. Jump new suit: 1113 DP , direct fit, for m fits shortage, for M fits non-shortage. (Passed hand or if responder bids 2x SUPP is weak (5-8 DP), CUE is strong \& fit.) Balancing style: Same

## 1NT OVERCALL

1NT O/C on 1m: $15^{+}-18-\mathrm{HCP}$; Any 1NT Balancing $11^{+}-15^{-}$ Responses: As if it were a 1NT opening (Disregard opener).

1NT overcall on 1M: 11-16DP Other M 4+ and a 5+ m Responses: $2 / 3 \& \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}, 2 \star: 9+\mathrm{M}$ fit, CUE: $9+$ no fit in M

JUMP OVERCALLS (Also after 3 passes)
2x Jump Overcall: 7-12DP, Balancing: 11-16DP
3x Jump Overcall: 9-12DP, Balancing: 13-16DP
Responses (2NT natural, cue: invitation+):
After a 2/3x overcall new suit bids are forcing.

## DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS

MCB strength: NV: Weak or Strong, VUL: Medium/Strong. (1M)-2M: Mm, (1m)-2 :MM, (1m)-2NT:mM, (1M)-2NT:mm (1x)-P-(1y)-2y is NAT, 2 x is bi-color strong, 2 NT is weak
1 NT is 4 and $5+$ in a lower suit. (If $1 \%$ is $2+$ it can include \&s) ( 1 m )- 3 m is natural pre-emptive, ( 1 M )-3M is asking for stopper VS. NT
X : A long m or $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{M}$, (or unusually strong single suit)
2 m (Don't): This suit and a suit above, 2NT: $\mathrm{m}+\mathrm{m}$ 2M: NAT.
Over weak NT "transfers" (but 2\& for M+M)
(Any 1NT opening not including 16 Hcp we consider weak)

## VS. PREEMTS

X: Take-out, Cue-bids bi-color
$(3 \mathrm{~m})-4 \mathrm{~m}$ is any 2 suits
Jumps: stronger than no-jump
NT: NAT

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1\& or 2* On 2* (and response $2 \star$ ): $2 \mathrm{~N}: \uparrow+\mathrm{any}, 3 \mathrm{~N}: ~ \downarrow+\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{~N}: \mathrm{m}+\mathrm{m}$. On 2 NT (and response $3 \boldsymbol{\bullet}$ ): $3 \mathrm{~N}: \uparrow+$ any, $4 \mathrm{~m}: \downarrow+\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{~N}: \mathrm{m}+\mathrm{m}$

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
$1 \mathrm{x}-(\mathrm{X})-2 \mathrm{y}$ is non-forcing: 6-10 DP NAT, XX: $11+$ (1y is 6+)
$1 \mathrm{x}-(\mathrm{P})-1 \mathrm{y}-(\mathrm{X})$-Pass is 3 card fit basic hand (XX is strong hand)

$\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{P}$ when following to trump suit
S/P when single in dummy or obvious not to continue S/P discards when there are 3 potential suits, otherwise hi ENC DOUBLES
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
In general, Xs are take-out oriented unless clearly for penalty Our take-out X style promises all unbid suits (3+) Conversion of (1x)-X-(P)-1NT-(P) to a suit shows 5(44) 10-11P.

ADV's CUE is not GF, promises $8+2$-suits to play or any GF Double jumps INV points (8-11) \& length (double 5, triple 6+)
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE X/XXs
1NT - (X) - XX promises a 5-card $m$ and intent to escape. 1NT-(P)-P-(X)-XX shows 5+ card m.

After opponents X an artificial bid, XX is for weakness in the suit, pass is values/length in the suit.

## W B F CONVENTION CARD

## CATEGORY: Green

NCBO: UAE
PLAYERS: Elvan Edis - Timur Edis (L1-T2)

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SYSTEM SUMMARY (L1-T2)
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5533 (Preferred minor)
1NT: $\mathbf{1 2}^{+} \mathbf{- 1 5} \mathbf{H C P}$, (Except when we r Vul \& u r not, or in the $4^{\text {th }}$ seat: Then $15^{+}-18^{-} \mathrm{HCP}$ )
Both $2 \&$ (unbal.) and $2 *$ (Balanced) are strong openings
$2 \vee / \wedge, 3 \mathrm{x}, 4 \mathrm{M}, 5 \mathrm{~m}$ weak, 4 m two suiter.
2/1 bids promise rebid, but not game forcing.
1 x -1 y-1/2NT can have 4 -card M (even fit)
We play splinters, inverted m (F2NT), 2-way CB,
Puppet, lebensohl in many positions, reverse Flannery.
$4^{\text {th }}$ suit below 2 NT only forcing to 2 NT .
Raptor 1NT overcalls over 1M openings
(4-card in the other M and a long m ).
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Our NT bids can be done with semi-balanced hands and can even have a singleton honor (especially with a minor).
When we have a $\downarrow$ fit we switch NT and $\uparrow$ bid meanings. For
example, $2 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ over $2 \boldsymbol{v}$ opening is an asking bid, 2NT shows $\boldsymbol{\uparrow} \mathrm{s}$.
We use distribution point limits with unbalanced hands, adding points for length before a fit and adding points for shortness after a fit. See the back side for the details.
After 1 M opening responding between $2 \mathrm{M}+1$ and 3 M show 4+ fit and:
$2 \mathrm{M}+1$ : 11-13 or 17-19 DP; followed by
$2 \mathrm{M}+2,+3,+4$ : Invitation showing shortness. $2 \mathrm{M}+2$ : $8-10 \mathrm{DP}, \mathrm{M}-1$ short or no shortness; followed by $2 \mathrm{M}+3$ Question: Is M-1 short?
$2 \mathrm{M}+3 / 4$ : 8 -10DP, suit below is short.

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

After 22+ HCP or 23+ DP is established in our partnership all passes to opponent's bids at level $4 \bullet$ and above are forcing. Passes to overcalls on strong openings $(2 \boldsymbol{\&} / 2 \downarrow)$ are GF. IMPORTANT NOTES
We use Russinow leads against suit contracts only for 9,10 , J and Q leads. Our King leads are always 3 honor leads. J and Q leads. Our King le
PSYCHICS: Almost Never

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|  |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED <br> HAND BIDDING |
| 1** |  | 3 3 | $4 \vee$ | Preferred $m$ 13-21DP when 3-3 when 4-4/5-5/6-6 | Inverted $m$ Raise (F2NT), jump in oth m: 8-10DP \& fit <br> $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ : Reverse Flannery ( $5+/ 4+\uparrow / \downarrow 6$-10 DP) <br> $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ : Reverse Flannery ( $5+/ 4+\boldsymbol{\wedge} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ 11-12 DP) <br> Jump 3x: Splinter (14-16 DP or 20+) | 1x-1y-1NT shows balanced hand, does not deny 4 -card M (even fit if 1 NT was weak) After 1m-1x-1NT: 2-way After a 2 NT rebid by opener: Natural. $1 \bullet-2 \star-2$ can still be 3-card. | Having passed initially does not change bidding much. (No Drury) <br> After Opponents Overcall: New suits are natural. Doubles are negative but don't promise 4-card M.: 1m-(1 $\downarrow$ )-X denies 4-card $\uparrow$. On a M opening, if there is an overcall, jump new suits below splinters: 8-10 DP, 4+ fit and this suit is ideally not short. |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5 |  | 5-card+, 13-21 DP | Forcing NT (No upper limit). <br> 2A: 11-13/17-19 DP, 4+ fit, subs. bids show shortness. <br> 3A: Bal 14-16/20+ DP 4+ fit, 3NT for $\AA, 4 \mathrm{~m}$ Splinters | 1 -1 -1NT-2 is check back <br> 1M-2y -2NT: 15-17 HCP, 1x-2y-3y: 17DP+ <br> After all 1M-2M bids: Invite on shortness <br> $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{y}-4 \mathrm{x}$ : 20-21DP 3 -card support, long x. <br> 1x-1y-3NT: 20-21 DP ideally 6331 (Short y) <br> 1x-1NT-3NT: 20-21 DP, 6-card x |  |
| 1. |  | 5 |  |  | Forcing NT (No upper limit). <br> 2NT: 11-13 / 17-19 DP, 4+ fit, subs. bids show shortness <br> 3NT: Balanced 14-16/20+ DP 4+ fit, 4x: splinters |  |  |
| 1NT |  | - |  | $12^{+}-15^{-}$HCP except: In 4th seat, or VUL vs NV we play $15^{+}-18$ | TRF, NF STAY, SA Texas ( $4 \star$ to $4 \bullet, 4 \bullet$ to $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ ), m TRF ( $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 N$ ) showing long suit, weak hand, 55 ms , 54 ms with slam interest, 3 m : NF but constructive, 3M: Slam interest in $\mathrm{m}(\downarrow$ for $\boldsymbol{\bullet}, \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ for $\downarrow$ ), 4 M : NAT. Jump receiving transfer weak, any other bid strong with 4 -card. |  | Lebensohl on NAT bids, delayed LBS on artificial overcalls. |
| $2 *$ | x | - | No | 22DP+ unbalanced, or trick based ( $81 / 2$ tricks for Ms, $91 / 2$ for ms ) | $2 \boldsymbol{v}$ : Weak hand ( $0-3 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{o}$ king) <br> 2 : Game force ( $4+$ Hcp or at least a King) <br> 2NT: 5-card $\downarrow$, slam interest | $2 *-2 *-2 N T: 3$ suit hand, $3 \star$ asks short suit $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ : GF in spite of negative response. $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \mathrm{NT}$ : Don't know where to sign off. | Pass on overcall is GF <br> X or XX is weak hand |
| 2 , | x | - |  | 22DP+, denying short suit (may have Honor single m) | 2 : Relay, 2NT: 5-card $\mathbf{\Downarrow}$, slam interest <br> 3x: Slam interest in this suit | After 2-2v: 2A: 25+ DP, 3x: NAT 2/3NT: 22-24, 24-26 HCP |  |
| $2 \vee$ |  | 6 |  | $7-12 \mathrm{DP}$ <br> Promises only this suit | 2^: Asking, 2NT: 5+ $\uparrow$ forcing <br> 3 m : Constructive but non-forcing. | Return to suit is minimum. <br> 3x: Max, with $K$ or $A$ in the suit bid <br> 4x: Max hand and singleton in $x$ <br> $2 \mathrm{x}-2 \mathrm{nt}-3 \mathrm{y}-3 \mathrm{x}$ : Asking for shortness | When there is no bid to invite, X becomes invitation. |
| 2 , |  | 6 |  |  | 2NT: Asking <br> 3m: Constructive but non-forcing. 3 1RF. |  |  |
| 2NT |  | - |  | $20^{+}-22^{-} \mathrm{HCP}$ <br> 5-card M possible | TRF, Puppet Stayman (However, $3 \star$ answer to Puppet does not promise 4 M . Promises $3+\uparrow$ and/or $4+\boldsymbol{\bullet}$ ) $3 \mathrm{~A}: \mathrm{m}$ Stayman, 4m: RKCB, 4M: NAT | Simple acceptance of transfer is 2 -card, 4 M is 3 -card, cue bids are 4-card. |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ \text { any } \end{gathered}$ |  | 7 |  | $\begin{gathered} 9-12 \mathrm{DP} \\ (51 / 2-61 / 2 \text { tricks }) \end{gathered}$ | New suits are forcing 4 m raises are pre-emptive | After 3m-3M: 3NT: short M, 4m: 2-card SUPP, other suits: 3-card SUPP and shortness |  |
| 3NT | x | 7-8 |  | One running m (only) | 4/5/6/7 $\uparrow \uparrow:$ P/C, $3 / 4 \mathrm{M}:$ NAT, 4NT: Asking for $8^{\text {dh }}$ card. |  |  |
| $4{ }^{4}$ | ? | 6 |  | $\begin{gathered} 6+\underset{(13-16 \mathrm{DP})}{\operatorname{and} \text { a } 5-\mathrm{card} \mathrm{M}} \end{gathered}$ | Other m: RKCB on m, 4 $\mathbf{v} / \mathrm{A}$ : P/C 4NT RKCB on M |  |  |
| 4 * |  |  |  |  |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| - 4 |  | 8(7) |  | (7-8 tricks) | Our Distribution Point Counting Style <br> - No Fit: Only points for length: 5th\&6th 1,7 th onwards <br> 2 points. <br> - Indirect fit (One side is lacking 4 cards in trump): <br> Extra points for shortages only (1, 2, 3) <br> - With direct fit (Both sides 4-card+ trump suit): <br> Shortages: 1, 3, 5 P. For every extra trump 1P. <br> Upgrades: 2 Aces +1 P , for 3 or 4 Aces +2P. <br> Downgrades: No points for unsupported Jacks. | Captain always gets KC answer, if time for RKCB partner will jump to responses. Answers are $03 / 14 / 25-\mathrm{Q} / 25+\mathrm{Q} /$ even with void/odd with void <br> $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}:$ RKCB when fit is $\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 4 \mathrm{NT}$ when fit is $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$. <br> 4 m Minorwood (Where 4NT is not part of the steps, always NEG answer) Q question with answers showing Kings by name. (Return to suit denies Q) DOPI, DEPO if intervention, on Xs no change but "Pass/XX" showing problem <br> The undoubled slam (A balancing X to a $\mathbf{6}$; after a high-level competition from our side not allowing opponents to ask for KCs shows only 1 defensive trick and intent to further compete) |  |
| 4NT | x | 5-5 |  | Minors (8-9 tricks) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 8 |  | (8-9 tricks) |  |  |  |  |

