## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening)
1 level $=8+$ points, $5+$ suit. Can be light in certain situations
2 level $=10+$ points, good $5+$ card suit
Advancer's 1 level and 3 level new suit bids are forcing. 2 level new suits are constructive 8-11 hcp and passable
Advancer's support is wide ranging and often based on trump length
Cue bids, Mixed raises and Pre-emptive raises are all available
Reopening bids may be light ( $8+$ points)
1NT OVERCALL (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
Direct: 15-18 with a stopper
Reopening: 12-14
Live: $(1 \mathrm{x})-\mathrm{P}-(1 \mathrm{y})-1 \mathrm{NT}=15-18$ with stoppers
Live but passed: $\mathrm{P}-(1 \mathrm{x})-\mathrm{P}-(1 \mathrm{y})-1 \mathrm{NT}=5 / 5$ in the unbid, $<9 \mathrm{hcp}$
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
2 level $=(5) 6+$ suit with honour, (3-5)6-9 hcp depending on position 3 level = usually 7 card suit with honour. Often 6-4 shape as well $4^{\text {th }}$ seat: Pre-empt will be stronger (better suit quality and/or 8-9 hcp) Unusual NT $=5+/ 5+$ lowest unbid suits. $4 \mathrm{NT}=2$ places to play Reopen: Same as direct
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Michaels as Overcaller and Reopener: 8-12 or 16+ hcp. 5+/5+.
Responses: (note 15)
Competition: Cue bids $=$ Cue Raise (10+). Jump Cue $=$ Mixed Raise (7-9)
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
$X=$ penalties (16+ against strong, 15+ against weak)
2C = Majors 5+/4+. 2D = 12+hcp, 6+ Major (can be great 5 card)
$2 \mathrm{H}=5+$ Hearts, $4+$ minor, (9+ non vul)12+hcp. Same with 2 S
2NT $=(9+) 12+$ hcp, both minors $5+/ 5+$
For details, see (note 10)

VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Doubles $=12+$ with shortage, $16+$ any. Overcalls $=13-15$ and $5+$
cards
$(2 \mathrm{x})-2 \mathrm{NT}=15-18$ with stopper. System on. Advancer uses Lebensohl over X
Over artificial 2D, 2NT $=15-18, \mathrm{X}=$ values (123 doubles)
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1\& or 2\&
NT = minors 5+/4+, $\mathrm{X}=$ majors $4+/ 4+, 1$ level overcalls can be weak (6 hcp).

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

System on including transfers over 1C, bergen raises, inverted minors etc
For details, see (Note 1)

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | Overlead, 4th, 2nd, MUD, | Same |
| NT | Overlead, 4th, 2nd, MUD, | Same |
| Subseq | Attitude switches | Same |
| Other: |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace | $\underline{\mathbf{A} K x(+), \underline{\mathbf{A} K Q(+), ~} \underline{\mathrm{Ax}}(+){ }^{\text {( }} \text { ( }}$ | $\underline{\text { AKxx }}$ (+) |
| King | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \mathbf{K}, \mathrm{AK} \mathbf{x}(+) \text { against } 5+\text { level, }, \\ & \mathbf{K} \mathbf{Q x}(+) \end{aligned}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{K} Q J x(+), ~ \underline{K} Q T x(+), ~ A \underline{K} J T 9}$ |
| Queen | QJx(+), | QJT(+), QJ9(+), AKQT9 |
| Jack | $\underline{J T x}(+)$, | JT9(+), $\underline{\mathbf{J} T 8(+)}$ |
| 10 | T9x(+) | T98(+), $\mathbf{T} 97(+)^{\text {( }}$ |
| 9 | 9, 9x | 9, 9x |
| Hi-X | $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \mathrm{x}$, can be $\mathrm{x} \underline{\mathbf{X}} \mathrm{x}, \mathrm{x} \underline{\mathbf{X}} \mathrm{xx}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \mathrm{x}$, can be $\mathrm{x} \underline{\mathbf{X}} \mathrm{x}, \mathrm{x} \underline{\mathbf{X}} \mathrm{x} x$ |
| Lo-X |  | Hxx $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ (x), Hx $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$, can be $\mathrm{x} \underline{\mathbf{X}} \mathrm{x}$ |
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## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Attitude | Count | Low encourage |
| Suit 2 | Count | Count |  |
| 3 | Suit Pref | Suit pref |  |
| 1 | Attitude | Count | Low encourage |
| NT 2 | Count | Count |  |
| 3 | Suit Pref | Suit pref |  |

## Signals (including Trumps):

Suit pref \& count will sometimes become highest priority after seeing Dummy

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Style: 11+ on perfect shape, 13+ on imperfect shape, more conservative opposite a passed partner
Responses: No-jump $=0-8$ hcp, Jump $=9+$ hcp, 5 card suit, Cue $=9+$ hcp unknown best strain. $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ scramble
Re-opening: Can be light $8+$

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Support X and XX, Snapdragon XX (note 12), X for lead directing

W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Green Sticker

## NCBO:

PLAYERS: Damon Flicker + Sebastian Wright
EVENT (Open/Women/Senior/Transnational)

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

2/1 with Transfers over 1C
Openings can be light and/or lead directing in certain situations Pre-empts can be as short as 5 cards in certain situations $1 \mathrm{C}=2+, 1 \mathrm{D}=4+, 1 \mathrm{H}=5+, 1 \mathrm{~S}=5+$. Generally $11+\mathrm{hcp}$
$1 \mathrm{NT}=(14) 15-17$. May contain a 5 card Major
2NT $=20-22$ Bal, may contain a 5 card Major 3NT in 1st, 2nd seat = Gambling AKQxxxx no outside A or K

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2D = Flannery 11-15 (note 7)
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## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

When we have bid strongly to a game: $\mathrm{X}=$ happy to defend, Bidding $=$ prefer playing, Pass $=$ interest in playing

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Openings and raises can be light in certain situations



- $\quad 2 \mathrm{C} / 2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}=$ Natural, 5 card suit, To play ( $0-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ )
- $\quad \mathrm{XX}=$ Values $8+$
- Pass $=0-7$, then Partner will either bid their 5 card suit or XX to start bidding 4 card suit ups line
- After 1NT - (X) - P-(Y), the next X is Takeout, bidding at the 2 level is non-forcing, bidding at the three level is forcing

Note 2: Bergen Raises

- $\quad 2 \mathrm{M}=6-10$ and 3 trumps because partner is $11-14$
- $3 \mathrm{C}=7-9$ and $4+$ trumps
- $3 \mathrm{D}=10-12$ and $4+$ trumps
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{M}=0-6$ and $4+$ trumps
- $3 \mathrm{OM}=11-12$ and 3 trumps

Note 3: Drury

- After an opening bid of one in a major in third or fourth position the partner's 2 shows 9/11 HCP and 3/4 card support.
- Subsequent bids: 2 from the opener shows a normal hand with proper opening values. 2 in the opening major is a sign off.

Note 4: RKC (4NT - Asking for As and K trumps)
Responses:

- $\quad 5 \mathrm{C}=1$ or 4
- $5 \mathrm{D}=3$ or 0
- $5 \mathrm{H}=2$
- $\quad 5 \mathrm{~S}=2+$ Queen of Trumps

Note 5: Non Serious 3NT
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- After agreeing a Major at the 2 or 3 level, 3NT is NEVER to play
- Cueing 3NT is courtesy cueing and partner should
- $\quad$ Sign off with minimum hand
- Continue cueing if they have slam interest also
- Cueing and skipping 3NT is a serious slam try. Asks partner to cue.

Note 6: Jacoby 2NT (1M - 2NT)

- $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}=$ Any minimum (3D in response is a further shape enquiry with the same responses)
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{D}=$ further shape enquiry
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{H}=$ No shortage
- $3 \mathrm{~S}=$ Low
- $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ Mid
- $4 \mathrm{C}=$ High
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{D}=$ Extras no shortage
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{H}=$ shortage in C
- $3 \mathrm{~S}=$ shortage in D
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{NT}=$ shortage in oM

Note 7: Flannery 2D ( $5+\mathrm{H}, 4$ spades and 11-15)

- $2 \mathrm{H}=$ to play
- $2 \mathrm{~S}=$ to play
- $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ GF inquiry
- $3 \mathrm{C}=$ shortage in clubs
- $3 \mathrm{D}=$ shortage in diamonds
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{H}=6+$ hearts, 4 spades
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{min}$ no shortage
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{NT}=\max$ no shortage
- $4 \mathrm{C}=$ void clubs
- $4 \mathrm{D}=$ void diamonds
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}=$ natural to play
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{D}=$ any invitational hand
- 3H denies the game invite - pass or correct to spades
- 4H accepts the game invite - pass or correct to spades
- $3 \mathrm{H}=$ pre-emptive
- $3 \mathrm{~S}=$ pre-emptive
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play

Note 8: Transfers over 1C
Completing at the 1 level $=12+$ points, 3 card support FORCING

- Two Way Checkback over 1 level rebids (except after 1S transfer to NT or 1C-1D-1S). Therefore straight to 2 level shows less than 10
- Completing at the 2 level $=12-14$ points, 4 card support
- Completing at the 3 level = 15-17 points, 4 card support
- With 3 card support and bal 18-19, preference bidding 2NT and then go through checkback
- With 4 card support and bal 18-19, bid 4 M ( 3 M would be $15-17$ invite). Jumps would be GF unbalanced splinter
- Opener should preference reversing over completing the transfer
- Often partner will respond to 1 C with 0-2 clubs, maybe 3, passing with $4+$ is reasonable

Note 9: After 1NT - (Y)

- 1NT - (2D as natural) -
- $\mathrm{X}=$ Take out of Diamonds
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{D}=$ Both Majors
- $\quad$ 1NT - (2D as single suited $M$ ) -
- 1,2,3 Doubles
- 1NT - (2M) .
- Any bid at the 2 level is non-forcing (would have transferred and passed)
- Any bid at the 3 level is $5+$ suit and Game Forcing
- Relay and then 3 level bid $\rightarrow$ non-forcing if minor, invitational if you could've bid at 2-level
- $\quad$ Cue $=$ Stayman no stopper
- Relay then Cue = Stayman with Stopper
- X = 4+ HCP , take out. Most likely has other major but could be a 3154 that wants to compete

Relay then $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ stopper

## Note 10 : After (1NT)

- $\quad$ Strong NT
- $\quad X=16+$ values
- $2 \mathrm{C}=$ both majors
- $2 \mathrm{D}=$ single suited major
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors
- $2 \mathrm{H}=5+\mathrm{H}, 4+$ minor
- $2 \mathrm{~S}=5+\mathrm{S}, 4+$ minor
- Weak NT
- (1NT) - X = 15+ hcp
- (1NT) - Bid = Overcalling values, constructive
- $(1 N T)-\mathrm{P}-(\mathrm{P})-\mathrm{X}=13+$ helping partner get in in case they weren't $15+$

Note 11 : After Interference of RKC

- $\quad \mathrm{X}$ or $\mathrm{XX}=0$ or 3 Keycards
- Pass $=1$ or 4 Keycards
- $\quad$ Cheapest bid $=2$ without the Queen
- $\quad$ Second cheapest bid $=2$ with the Queen

Note 12 : Snapdragon Xs

- $\quad$ SnapDragon Doubles
(1D)-1H-(X)-XX shows Hx in partner's suit and $10+$ points ( $8+$ if non vul)
(1D) $-1 \mathrm{H}-(1 \mathrm{~S})-\mathrm{X}$ shows Hx in partner's suit and $10+$ points ( $8+$ if non vul)
Note 13: 2M-2NT
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}=\min \mathrm{hcp}, 5$ card suit
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{D}=\max$ hcp, 5 card suit
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{H}=$ max hcp, $6+$ suit
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{~S}=$ max hcp, $6+$ suit
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{AKQxxx}$ of the suit

Note 14 : 1NT - [4-5-x-x]

- If responder is GF
- Smolen
- If responder is Invitational
- Transfer and then bid Spades
- If they are weak
- Stayman than $2 \mathrm{H} \leftarrow$ Crawling Stayman (garbage Stayman)


## Note 15: Responses to Michaels

- (1m)-2m
- $2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}$ shows ANY HAND without game interest. Eg. 12 points with 2-1 or 2-2 in the Majors will just bid the "longer" or better major. You have no chance of game. You might have a bad hand with 3 trumps (less than 9 points)
- 3H/3S shows a fit, usually 4, (or good hands with 3), NOT INVITATIONAL
- $4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S}$ show a desire to play in $4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S}$. Ranging from 5 card support and a singleton and $0+$ points. Up to 14 HCP with $3+$ card support.
- $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{INV}+$,
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}$ - any min
- 3 D - good
- $3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}$ - shows $6 / 5$
- $4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S}$ - pass or correct
- (1M) - 2M
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{M}=0-7 \mathrm{hcp}$ (0-12), happy to play 2 M
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{INV}+$ and what's your minor.
- $3 \mathrm{C} / 3 \mathrm{D}$ BAD with that minor
- 3H GOOD with C
- 3S GOOD with D (can be INV for M if I go back to M)
- 3C = weak hcp, pass or correct (no M Fit)
- $3 \mathrm{D}=$ Pass or Go higher in C (No M fit)
- $3 \mathrm{M}=$ General INV

Note 16: Stopper showing after 1NT - (P) - Y - (Z)

- $\quad$ Pass - Denies stopper in Z
- Completing the transfer or stayman shows stopper in Z
- Then Y bidder can XX to re stayman or transfer

Note 17: Subsequent bids after 1D/1H/1S opening

- 4th Suit Forcing
- $\quad 2$ Way Checkback after 1NT rebid. 1 Way Checkback after 2NT rebid
- $\quad$ Reverses are forcing. Blackout $=$ lower of unbid suit and 2 NT
- After 1NT rebid
- Bidding at the 2 level shows 5-4 less than GF hand
- Bidding at the 3 level shows 5-5 GF hand
- 2NT shows 5-unspecified 4 GF . Forces 3C and then opener bids their 4 card suit or 3 NT if their 4 card suit was clubs
- After $2 / 1 \mathrm{GF}$, rebidding shows 6 card suit
- $\quad$ Non-serious 3NT (note 5)

Note 18: Responses to 1NT

- $2 \mathrm{C}=$ Simple Stayman (including garbage and crawling stayman)
- $2 \mathrm{D}=$ Transfer to Hearts
- $2 \mathrm{H}=$ Transfer to Spades
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{~S}=$ Point enquiry or Transfer to Clubs
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Transfer to Diamonds or 55 in the minors
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{I}$ don't like Diamonds
- $3 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{I}$ like Diamonds
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}=$ Puppet Stayman
- 3D = No 5 card Major. May or may not have a 4 card Major
- $3 \mathrm{D} / 3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S}=$ Slam try in D/H/S
- $4 \mathrm{C}=$ Gerber
$4 \mathrm{D}=0$ or 4 Aces
$4 \mathrm{H}=1$ Ace
$4 \mathrm{~S}=2$ Aces
$4 \mathrm{NT}=3$ Aces
- $\quad 4 \mathrm{D}=$ Texas transfer to Hearts
- $\quad 4 \mathrm{H}=$ Texas transfer to Spades
- $\quad$ Specific ways of showing $4-5-\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{x}$ (note 14 )

Note 19: Inverted minor raise structure

- $1 \mathrm{C}(11+)$
- $2 \mathrm{C}(10+)$
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{H}(13+)$
- $3 \mathrm{C}(10-11)$
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{NT}(12+$ and spade stopper $)$
- $\quad 5 \mathrm{C}(15+$ no spade stopper $)$
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}$ (12-14 no spade stopper / half a stopper)
- $2 \mathrm{~S}(13+)$
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}(10-11)$
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{NT}$ (12+ and heart stopper)
- $\quad 5 \mathrm{C}(15+$ no heart stopper $)$
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}$ (12-14 no heart stopper / half a stopper)
- $3 \mathrm{C}(11-12)$

Note 20: 1D - 1M - 2M (11-14, could be only 3 card support)

- $4 \mathrm{M}=$ Game values, $5+\mathrm{M}$
- $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Game values, 4 M . This bid asks opener whether he raised on 3 or 4
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{M}=4$ card support and a better hand (13-14 hcp)
- $\quad 3 Z=$ only 3 card support of $M$
- Jump shifts = splinter implying 4 card support
- Jumping to 4 M shows 4 trumps and a bad hand (11-12 hcp)
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{Y}=5+\mathrm{M}$, invitational values / Game Try
- $\quad 3 \mathrm{M}=$ to Play
- $4 \mathrm{M}=$ to Play

