## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

 OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening) 1M: 8-17, $5+$ cards. 1D: 8-19, $5+$ cards. 2m: 10-19 NV, 12-19 V, $5+$ cards. 2M: $10-17 \mathrm{NV}, 12-17 \mathrm{~V}, 5+$ cardsReopening: maximums reduced by 3 HCP each, all subsequent bidding 'pretends' the overcall had 3 extra HCP
Responses: non-jump new suit $=8-115+$ cards, jump new suit $=12-$ $165+$ cards, $1 \mathrm{NT}=8-11$ no fit, $2 \mathrm{NT}=12-14$ no fit
Raises: single $=6-93$ cards, double raise below game $=6-94+$ cards, cue $=3+$ cards $10+$. In competition 2 NT shows 4 cards and $10+$ 1NT OVERCALL ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
$2^{\text {nd }}: 15$-(bad) 18 bal, may be offshape.
reopening: 11-14 bal, may be offshape
Responses are system on
$4^{\text {th }}$ live shows remaining 2 suits, longer in lower-ranked suit

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Single jump: 6+ cards in suit, 6-10 (similar to weak two).
Responses are as with weak twos (See flipside)
Larger jumps are similar to an opening of that call, as with responses Unusual NT: Lower two unbid suits.
Reopen: 13-15, $6+$ suit if suit. 2NT reopening is $19-20 \mathrm{bal}$
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct/reopening minor cuebid: 5/5 majors 6-11 or 16+
Direct/reopen major cuebid: $5 / 5$ other major and minor 6-11 or 16+
2NT response is an invitation in either major, otherwise natural
Jump cue bid is a stopper ask with a long suit.
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Both strong and weak: $\mathrm{X}=$ pen, $2 \mathrm{C}=5 / 5+$ majors, $2 \mathrm{D}=$ single suiter $2 \mathrm{M}=5 / 5+\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=5 / 5+$ minors
Same in reopening or as a passed hand
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Take-out doubles up to 4H. Double of 4 S is a general value-show Non-leaping Michaels over 3 M (i.e. 4 m shows $5 / 5+\mathrm{m}$ and other major). Cue-bids of minors show $5 / 5$ majors. Jump overcalls are stronger than non-jump. 3NT overcall of 3 x is 17-21 (semi-)bal. Lebensohl (Note 1) over T/O double of weak two. 2NT is $16-18$ bal VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1* or 2* Over 1C: $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{H}, 1 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{D}+\mathrm{H}, 1 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{S}, 1 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{S}+\mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{D}+\mathrm{S}$ $2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D} . \mathrm{X}$ and NT are reversed over negative 1 D response. As above over 2C opening and 2D response just one level higher Stronger hands pass first, and jump overcalls are single suit preempts OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX shows no fit $9+$ and sets up forcing pass to 2 S.
New suits are forcing at 1 -level but NF at 2-level. Major raises are still on (e.g. 1S-(X)-3C). 2NT bids show a limit or better raise.

OPENING LEADS STYLE

|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Suit | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$, overleads | If raised, low from H |
| NT | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$, overleads | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ |
| Subseq | Low from H | Low from H |
| Other: Overlead interior sequences |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace | AK(+)/ Ax/A | "'" |
| King | KQ(+)/ Kx/K | "" |
| Queen | QJ(+)/ Qx/Q | $\mathrm{AQJ}(+) /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Jack | KJT(+)/JT(+)/Jx/J | ،" |
| 10 | T9(+)/KT9(+)/QT9(+)/Tx | "'"/AT9(+) |
| 9 | 9x/9 | ،" |
| Hi-X | Sx/xSx(+) | "" |
| Lo-X | HxS/HxxS(+) | "" |

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Low encourage | Low=even | Odd encourage |
| Suit 2 | Low=even | S/P | Even Hi=Hi suit |
| 3 | S/P |  | Even Lo = Lo suit |
| 1 | As above for all |  |  |
| NT 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |

Signals (including Trumps): $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{P}$ in trumps when possible.

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Solid (12+) in immediate seat, lighter (9+) in reopening. Offshape if 18+ Non-jump response, 0-7. Single jump response 8-11. Cue response in a minor shows both majors and $10-11$, or $12+$. It is forcing 1 round.

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Responsive doubles of raises up to 4 S show equal rank unbid suits with $9+$ HCP. If new suit, then shows 4 cards in that suit with $6+$
Support doubles/redoubles after $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{M}$ interference by $4^{\text {th }}$ seat up to 2 M
1-level redoubles by opening side show 9+ without a fit, forcing pass to 2 S Redouble by advancer shows no fit and 12+
Double of final NT contract asks to lead doubler's suit or dummy's first suit if no doubler's suit.
Negative doubles show unbid major(s) up to 4H

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

2/1 Game Force. 5-card majors, better minor. 1NT semi-forcing Generally solid openings and pre-empts, except in third seat at non-vul.
Weak twos
$1 \mathrm{NT}=15-17$, can have 5 M or rarely 6 m 322 , sgl honour
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SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

## Over a multi $2 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{X}=13-15 \mathrm{bal}$ or $22+, 2 \mathrm{M}=17+\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ of the M ,

 $2 \mathrm{NT}=16-18 \mathrm{bal}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=19-21 \mathrm{bal}$.Over RCO 2's: first $\mathrm{X}=$ values, second $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$, later $\mathrm{X}=$ pen $1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{M}, 1 \mathrm{C}-2 \mathrm{D}$ or $1 \mathrm{H}-2 \mathrm{~S}$ : 0-7, 6 -card suit

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## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

$1 \mathrm{x}-\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{XX}$, up to $2 \mathrm{~S} .1 \mathrm{x}-(1 \mathrm{NT})-\mathrm{X}$, up to 2 S . If we have shown an invitational or better sequence (Jacoby 2 NT or $2 / 1 \mathrm{GF}$, cue raise etc.)

## IMPORTANT NOTES

PSYCHICS: rarely when responding to pre-empts with a fit


