

## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

**Style:** natural/aggressive  
**1 level** = Natural (5+ cards)  
**2 level** = Natural (5+ cards)  
**Raise** = Jumping is weak, 3♣ better than preempt, 3♦ = fit 4 12+  
 2NT = fit 4° 9/11 hcp  
**Responses:** natural, only cue-bid is forcing 1+ round  
**Reopening** = suit 7/13, double 7/10 or 14+ any, 1NT = 11-14

### 1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)

15/17 balanced  
**Responses** system on

**Reopening:** 11/14 balanced (also without stop)  
**Responses:** Only cue is forcing

### JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

weak (5/10 hcp) 6(+) cards  
**Responses:** 2NT or Cue = forcing 1+ round  
**Reopen:** 12-15 6 cards

### DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)

Ghestem, JUMP = ask stopper

### VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening: PH)

**Double** = 15+bal 17+unbal 2♣ = 5/4 majors  
**2♦** = Multi (1 major); 2♥/2♠ = 5/4+ major/minor; 2NT = 4♠ 6+m  
**3♣/3♦** = 4♥ 6+♠/♦

**Reopening:** same direct, 2♦ (maybe only 5 cards)

### VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jump; NT bids)

**Double** = take out

**Jumps** = over 2H/2S leaping Michaels  
**NT** (2 or 3) = natural to play      **NT** (4) = bicolor 5/5+ any  
**Bids** = natural

### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Vs 1♣ - 1♦=♥, 1♥=♠, 1♠= long minor, 1NT= MINORS,  
**DBL=MAJORS, 2♣/2♦= NAT + 5 cards M**

### OVER OPPONENT'S TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Vs 1♣ - DBL - 1♦=5+♥ 1♥=5+♠ 1♠=5+♦  
**Redouble** = 10+      **1M** = F1R  
**Raise** = NF - pre-empt      **jump in a new suit** = limit (nat. or fit 4°)

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

### OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
<b>Suit</b>	3rd-5th	3rd-5th
<b>NT</b>	Attitude	Count/Attitude
<b>Subseq</b>	Attitude	Same
Other: <b>highest from doubleton</b>		

### LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
<b>Ace</b>	AKxxx; AKQ; Ax	AKx; AKxx
<b>King</b>	KQJ; KQ109; AK;	KQJx; KQ109x; unblock A/J
<b>Queen</b>	QJxx; Qx	KQ10x; QJ10; QJ98; KQxx(x)
<b>Jack</b>	J109; J108; Jx	J109x; J1087x
<b>10</b>	Natural	Natural
<b>9</b>	Natural	Natural
<b>Hi-x</b>	Even	Even
<b>Lo-x</b>	Odd	Odd

### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
<b>Suit</b>	1 UDCA	UDCA	Enc = Odd
	2		
	3		
<b>NT</b>	1 UDCA	UDCA	Enc = Odd
	2 Low = enc		
	3		

### Signals (including Trumps):

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### DOUBLES

#### TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

**Style:** Natural  
**Responses:** natural  
**Reopening:** aggressive  
**After overcall:** with good hand and without the opponents suit

#### SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL and COMPETITIVE DOUBLE/REDOUBLE

**Negative; Responsive**

**Double in competition** = good hand + (HCP but also distribution)  
**Penalty** = only after: a) partner's opening bid 3♣/♦/♥/♠ ect.

b) a redouble or a partner's penalty double

## Convention card

ITALY LADIES

PLAYERS: **S. Capobianco - E. Dalpozzo**

### SYSTEM SUMMARY

**GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE:** NATURAL 5 card major

- 1♣ = 2+ cards (if balanced 12/14)
- 1♦ = 11/21 4+ cards
- 1♥ = 11/21 5+ cards
- 1♠ = 11/21 5+ cards

1NT Opening: 15/17 Balanced  
 2NT Opening: 20/21 Balanced

**2♦=18/19 Balanced no 5 Majors**

**2 OVER 1 Response: FORCING GAME**

### SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

2♥ response over 1 minor opening = 4-9 HCP 5+♠/4+♥

Op. 2♦=18/19 Balanced no 5 Majors

PSYCHICS: rare

### SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

### IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWERE

**PLAYERS: S. Capobianco - E. Dalpozzo**

OPENING	*IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN N° OF CARDS	NEG. DBL. THRU	PLAYERS: S. Capobianco - E. Dalpozzo			
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	MODIFICATION OVER COMPETITION AND WITH PASSED PARTNER
1♣	*	2	5♦	Natural 11/22 HCP Balanced 11/14	1♦/1♥/1♠/1NT = Natural; 2♣ = 2+♣ FG; 2♦ = weak 6M; 2♥ = 5-9 HCP 5+♠/4+♥; 2♠ = inv with ♣; 3♣ = preempt	1♣-1♦-2♥=art or nat, 1♣-1♥-2♦=art or nat, 1♣-1♠-2♣=art or nat 1♣-1♦/1♥/1♠-2NT= 15+ WITH SUPPORT	
1♦		4	5♥	Natural 11/22 HCP Balanced 11/14	1♥/1♠/1NT = Natural; 2♣ = 2+♣ FG; 2♦=4♦ 5-8 HCP; 2♥ = 5-9 HCP 5+♠/4+♥; 2♠ = FG with ♦; 3♣ = inv with ♦	1♦-1♥-2♠=art or nat, 1♦-1♠-2♥=art or nat, 1♦-1♥/1♠-2NT= 15+ WITH SUPPORT, 1♦-1♥/1♠-♣= F1 (nat or strong)	
1♥		5	5♠	Natural 11/22 HCP	1NT=NF; 2♣/2♦/2♥ = FG; 2♥=3♥ 5-8; 2NT=10-11 3/4♥; 3♣ = 6-9 4♥; 3♦=4♥ with a singleton; 3♠/4♠/4♦ = void (♠♣♦)	1♥ - 1♠/1NT - 2♣ = F1 (Gazzilli) 1♥ - 1♠/1NT - 2NT = 6-4 16+ 1♠ - 1NT - 3♣/♦ = 5+-5+ 16+	2♣=drury;3♣=6-9 4♥; 2nt=10-11 4♥
1♠		5	6♥	Natural 11/22 HCP	1NT= NF; 2♣/2♦/♥= FG; 2♠=3♠ 5-8; 2NT=3/4♠ 10-11; 3♣ = 6-9 4♠; 3♦ = 4♠ with a singleton ;3♥=6+♥ 10-11; 3NT/4♣/4♦ = void (♣♦♥)	1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ = F1 (Gazzilli) 1♠ - 1NT - 2NT = 6-4min 16+ 1♠ - 1NT - 3♣/♦ = 5+-5+ 16+	2♣=drury;3♣=6-9 4♠; 2nt=10-11 4♠
1NT			4♥	15/17 balanced	2♣ = Stayman; 2♦/2♥/2♠/2NT = trsf; 3♣//3♦/ 3♥/3♠ = sing		
2♣	*	0	6♠	FG except 2♣-2♦-2NT Any distribution or 22+ balanced	2♦=waiting ; 2♥= positive 5+♠; 2♠ = positive 5+♥; 2NT= 5-5 /6-4 M; 3♣ = positive 6+♦; 3♦ = positive 6+♣	2♣-2♦-2♥= nat 4+♥ or Bal FG 2♣-2♦-2♠ = nat 4+♠	
2♦	*		3♥	18/19 Balanced	2♥ = 4+♠ or special hands; 2♠=trsf to 2NT (4+♥ or NT hands); 2NT = trsf to 3♣; 3♣ = puppet or 5+♥/4♠; 3♦ = 5+♠/4♥; 3♥/3♠ = shortness; 3NT = 5+♥/5+♠ forcing	2♦-2♥-2NT = 4♠	
2♥	*	6	3♦	5/10 HCP	2♠ = asking; 2NT= 5+♠		
2♠	*	6	3♥	5/10 HCP	2NT= asking; 3♣ = 5+♥; 3♦ = 6+♦; 3♥ = 6+♣		
2NT			no	Balanced 20/21	3♣ = puppet; 3♦/3♥ = trsf; 3♠ = minors		
3♣		7	no	Preempt 3/10 HCP	Natural		
3♦		7	no	Preempt 3/10 HCP	Natural		
3♥		7	no	Preempt (3-10)	Natural		<b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>
3♠		7	no	Preempt (3-10)	Natural		
3NT	*	7	no	Gambling	4♣ = P/C		4NT = RKCB (14/03)
4♣		7-8	no	Preempt (3-10)	Natural		Cue-bid = 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> control
4♦		7-8	no	Preempt (3-10)	Natural		Exclusion Blackwood
4♥		7-8	no	Preempt (5-13)	Natural		5NT=GSL TRY
4♠		7-8	no	Preempt (5-13)	Natural		
5♣		8	no	Preempt (5-13)	Cue-bid		
5♦		8	no	Preempt (5-13)	Cue-bid		

## Supplementary sheets CAPOBIANCO DALPOZZO

1♣ 1♦

2♥ (natural or strong hand with n 6+♣) → 2♠ ask

2SA = 6+♣ 18-21 HCP

3♣ = 5♣ / 4♥ 16-21 HCP

3♦ = 6♣ / 4♥ or 6♣ / 5♥ 16-21 HCP

3♥ = 6+♣ with 3♦ 18-21 HCP

3♠ = 6+♣ 15-17 HCP

1♣ 1♦

2NT (strong with support ♦)

1♣ 1♥

2♦ (natural or strong hand with 6+♣) → 2♠ ask

2NT = 6+♣ 18-21

3♣ = 5♣ / 4♦ 16-21 HCP

3♦ = 6♣ / 4♦ or 6♣ / 5♦ 16-21 HCP

3♥ = 6+♣ 16-21 HCP with 3♥

3♠ = 6+♣ 15-17 HCP

1♣ 1♥

2NT (strong with support ♥)

1♣ - 1♠

2♦ (natural or strong hand with 6+♣) → 2♥ ask

2♠ = 6+♣ 15-17 HCP

2NT = 6+♣ 18-21 HCP

3♣ = 5♣ / 4♦ 16-21 HCP

3♦ = 6♣ / 4♦ or 6♣ / 5♦ 16-21 HCP

3♥ = 6+♣ 16-21 HCP with 3♠

1♣ 1♠

2NT (strong with support ♠)

1♦ 1♥

2♠ (natural or strong hand with 6+♦) → 2SA ask

3♣ = 5♦ / 4♠ 16-21 HCP

3♦ = 6♦ / 4♠ or 6♦ / 5♠ 16-21 HCP

3♥ = 6♦ 16-21 HCP with 3♥

3♠ = 6♦ 15-17 HCP

2NT = 6♦ 18-21 HCP

1♦ - 1♥

2NT (strong with support ♥)

1♦      1♠

2♥ (natural or strong hand with 6♦) → 2SA ask

3♣ = 5♦ / 4♥ 16-21 HCP

3♦ = 6♦ / 4♥ or 6♦ / 5♥ 16-21 HCP

3♥ = 6♦ 16-21 HCP with 3♠

3♠ = 6♦ 15-17 HCP

3NT = 6♦ 18-21 HCP

1♦ - 1♠

2NT (strong with support ♠)

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1♣      2♣

2♦ = 11-14 HCP unbalanced hand no both minors

2♥ = 11-14 HCP balanced or 11+ HCP with minors

2♠ = 5+♣ 4+♠ 16-21 HCP

2NT = 5+♣ 4+♥ 16-21 HCP

3♣ = 6+♣ sing ♦ or ♥ 16-21 HCP

3♦ = 6+♣ no sing or sing ♠ 16-21 HCP

3♥/3♠/3NT = 4441 16-21 HCP (sing ♠/♥/♦)

1♦      2♣

2♦ = 11-14 HCP unbalanced hand no both minors

2♥ = 11-14 HCP balanced or 11+ HCP with minors

2♠ = 5+♦ 4+♠ 16-21 HCP

2NT = 5+♦ 4+♥ 16-21 HCP

3♣ = 6+♦ sing ♣ or ♥ 16-21 HCP

3♦ = 6+♦ no sing or sing ♠ 16-21 HCP

3♥/3♠/3NT = 4441 16-20 HCP (sing ♠/♥/♣)

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1♥ 1♣/1NT

2♣ (natural or any strong hand) → 2♦ ask 8+HCP

2♥ = 5♥ 4+♣ 11-14

2♠ = 16+ with 3♠

2NT = 15-17. 5♥332

3♣ = 16+ HCP 5♥ 4♣

3♦ = 16+ HCP 5♥ 4♦

3♥ = 16+ HCP 6+♥

3♠ = 16+ HCP 6♥ 4♠

3NT = 18-19 HCP 5♥332

1♥ 1♠/NT

2♣ 2♦ ask

2♠ 2SA ask

3♣ = 16+ HCP 5♥ 4♣ 3♠ 1♦

3♦ = 16+ HCP 5♥ 4♦ 3♠ 1♣

3♥ = 16+ HCP 6+♥ with 3♠

3♠ = 16+ HCP 6♥ 4♠

3NT = 15-19 HCP 5♥332 with 3♠

1♥ 1SA

2NT = 6♥ + 4♣/4♦ - 3♣ ask

3♦ = 15-17 HCP 6♥ 4♣

3♥ = 15-17 HCP 6♥ 4♦

3♠ = 18+ HCP 6♥ 4♣

3NT = 18+ HCP 6♥ 4♦

1♥ 2♣

2♦ = 11-14 HCP no 4♠

2♥ = 5+♥ 4+♠

2♠ = 15+ HCP balanced or 6+♥

2NT = 15+ HCP 5+♥ 4+♦

3♣ = 15+ HCP 5♥ 4♣

3♦ = 15+ HCP 6♥ 4♣

3♥ = 15+ HCP 5♥ 5♣ sing ♦

3♣ = 15+ HCP 5♥ 5♣ sing ♠

3NT = 15+ HCP 5♥ 4♣ 4♦

1♣ 1SA

2♣ (natural or any strong hand) → 2♦ ask 8+HCP

2♥ = 16+ HCP with 3♥

2♠ = 5♠ 4♣ 11-14 HCP

2NT = 5♠332 18-19 HCP

3♣ = 16+ HCP 5♠ 4♣

3♦ = 16+ HCP 5♠ 4♦

3♥ = 16+ HCP 6♠ 4♥

3♠ = 16+ HCP 6+♠

3NT = 15-17 HCP 5332

4♣ = 16+ 5♠ 5♥

1♣ 1SA

2♣ 2♦ ask

2♥ 2NT ask

3♣ = 16+ HCP 5♠ 4♣ 3♠ 1♦

3♦ = 16+ HCP 5♠ 4♦ 3♠ 1♣

3♥ = 16+ HCP 5♠ 4♥

3♠ = 16+ HCP 6+♠ with 3♥

3NT = 16-19 HCP 5332 with 3♥

1♣ - 1NT

2NT = 6♠ + 4♣ or 4♦ strong hand - 3♣ ask

3♦ = 15-17 HCP 6♠ 4♣

3♥ = 15-17 HCP 6♠ 4♦

3♠ = 18+ HCP 6♠ 4♣

3NT = 18+ HCP 6♠ 4♦

1♣ 2♣

2♦ = 11-14 HCP no 4♣

2♥ = 5+♠ 4+♥

2♠ = 15+ HCP balanced or 6+♠

2NT = 15+ HCP 5+♠ 4+♦

3♣ = 15+ HCP 5♠ 4♣

3♦ = 15+ HCP 6♠ 4♣

3♥ = 15+ HCP 5♠ 5♣ sing ♦

3♣ = 15+ HCP 5♠ 5♣ sing ♥

3NT = 15+ HCP 5♠ 4♣ 4♦

1♣      2♥

2♣ = 11+ HCP 6+♠ or 11-14 HCP balanced or unbalanced with minors

2NT = 3 card support in ♥ or 15+ bal

3♣ = 15+ HCP 5+♠ 4+♣

3♦ = 15+ HCP 5+♠ 4+♦

3♥ = 11-14 HCP 4 card support in ♥

3♠ = 11-14 HCP 5♠ 5♣ sing ♥

3NT = 15+ HCP 4 card support in ♥ no sing

4♣ = 15+ HCP 4 card support in ♥ sing ♣

4♦ = 15+ HCP 4 card support in ♥ sing ♦

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1♣      1♦ (opponents)

! = 5+♥

1♥ = 5+♠

1♠ = 4♥

1NT = natural

2♣ = natural F1R

2♦ = 4♠ 4♥ inv+

2♥ = 4♣

2♠ = take out DBL GF no Majors

2NT = natural

3♣ = pre

3♦ = 5♠ 5♥ inv

1♣      1♥ (opponents)

DBL = 4/5 ♠

1♠ = take out DBL without ♠

1NT = natural with stop

2♣ = natural F1R

2♦ = natural F1R

2♥ = 6+♠ 6-11 HCP (texas)

2♠ = 6♠ FG

2NT = natural

3♣ = pre

3♦ = 5♠ 5♦ GF

3♥ = 5♠ 5♣ GF

1♣

1♠ (opponents)

DBL = 4+♥

1NT = natural with stop

2♣ = natural F1R

2♦ = 5+♥ GF

2♥ = take out DBL without ♥

2♠ = 5+♦ GF

2NT = natural

3♣ = pre

3♦ = pre

3♥ = pre

1♦

1♥ (opponents)

DBL = 4/5 ♠

1♠ = take out DBL without ♠

1NT = natural with stop

2♣ = natural F1R

2♦ = 4/5♦ weak

2♥ = 6+♠ 6-11 HCP (texas)

2♠ = 6♣ GF

2NT = natural

3♣ = pre

3♦ = pre

3♥ = 5♠ 5♣ GF

1♦

1♠ (opponents)

DBL = 4+♥

1NT = natural with stop

2♣ = 5+♥ GF

2♦ = 4♦ weak

2♥ = take out DBL without ♥

2♠ = 5+♣ GF

2NT = natural

3♣ = pre

3♦ = pre