| Defensive and Competitive Bidding |  |
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| Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening) |  |
| Normally 11+, but may be 7+ 1-level (lead directing) |  |
| 1 NT overcall ( $2^{\text {ND }} / 4^{\text {TH; }}$; Responses; Reopening) |  |
| $\begin{array}{\|l} 2^{\text {nd: }}: 15-18 \text { NT system ON } \\ 4^{\text {th }}: 12-15 \mathrm{NT} \text { system ON } \end{array}$ |  |
| Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |  |
| (3)4-9(10) <br> 2NT: 2 lowest unbid suits, 6-11(12) or 15/16+ |  |
| Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses) |  |
| Michaels after 1M (other M+m), 6-11(12) or 15/16+ (1m) $2 \star$ both Majors |  |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH) |  |
| $\|$X - equal strength + <br> $2-$ both $M$ <br> $2-$ - one $M$ <br> $2 \backsim-4(5) \vee$ and longer $m$ <br> $2-4(5)$ and longer m <br> $2 N T-$ both $m$ | If pre-passed $\begin{aligned} & 2-+ \text { another suit } \\ & 2-+M \\ & 2-\text { both } M \\ & 2-1 \\ & x-\text { one suit } \end{aligned}$ |
| VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids) |  |
| Take-out DBL, Lebenshol Over $3 \mathrm{~m}-4 \mathrm{~m}=$ both M (3M) - 4NT = both minor (Non)Leaping Michals |  |
| VS. Artificial Strong Openings |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yeslek } \\ & \sim-\text { or both M } \\ & \text { - or both black } \\ & \text { NT }-\infty \text { or both } \mathrm{m} \\ & +\uparrow \text { or both red } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Over Opponents' take out double |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{XX}=9+\mathrm{hp} \\ & 1 \text { (dbl) now on the 1-le } \end{aligned}$ | l still transfers. |


| Leads and Signals |  |  |  |
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| Opening Leads Style |  |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| NT | $4^{\text {th }}$ (promise 10 or better) | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| Subseq | Attitude when playing a new suit |  |  |
| Leads |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | AKx/AKxx(x) | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) |  |
| King | AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) |  |
| Queen | AQJ (x)/QJ (x)/QJT $(\mathrm{x})$ | AQJ (x)/QJ(x)/QJT (x) |  |
| Jack | HJT(x)/JT(x) | HJT(x)/JT(x) |  |
| 10 | HT9x/T9x | HT9x//T9x |  |
| 9 | 9 x , | 9x(x), 98xx(x), (H98) |  |
| X | 3rd /5th | Hxx / Hxxx $(x) / \underline{\mathbf{x} x} / \underline{\mathbf{x x}} \mathbf{x}$ |  |
| Signals in order of priority |  |  |  |
|  | Partners lead ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Declarer | Discarding |
| Suit: | Low=enc | Count | Enc/Discrg |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count <br> $\mathrm{Hi} /$ low=even | S/P | Count |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{P}$ | Smith | S/P |
| NT: | Enc/Discrg |  | Enc/Discrg |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count | Count | Count |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | S/P | S/P | S/P |
| $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text { In General: low/high }=\text { encouraging or odd } \\ \text { Smith: Low }=\text { enc, Lavinthal in trump } \\ \text { (Leads against } 5 \text { and } 6 \text { level, A for att and } K \text { for count }) \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |  |
| Doubles |  |  |  |
| Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening) |  |  |  |
| Support double (up to 2А)/ negative double / Sound style, light reopenings |  |  |  |
| Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's |  |  |  |
| RDBL in transfer seq shows 3 card support at 1\&2 level. |  |  |  |



|  | 宕 | \# |  | Description | Responses | Subsequent Auction | Passed Hand Bidding |
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| 1* |  | 3 | 3. | 11-22 hcp (usually with same length in \&\& |  $1 \mathrm{NT}=10 / 11,2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ inv minor $4+\boldsymbol{*}, 2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ weak $\bullet, 2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ weak $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, <br>  =void, 4 M to play | Accept transfer with most hands with 3crd support, jump to 2 level with 4 crd support and minimum opening. | Pass-12-20 $=9+$ NF |
| 1 * |  | 3 | 3. | 11-22 hcp | Natural, $2 \star$ inv minor, 2M to play, 2NT 11-12, $3 \boldsymbol{s}=6 / 7-9$ with $\downarrow, 3 \star$ pre-empt, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ splinter, $4 \star$ void, 4 M play |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pass- } 1-2=9+\text { NF } \\ & 1-(1 x)-2 x=\text { inv }+ \text { with } \end{aligned}$ |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5 | 3. | 11-21 hcp | 1NT=6-11hp, 2 $=9 / 10-11 / 12,3$ card support OR F1 with OR balanced GF $2 \downarrow=$ nat F1 (usually $5+$ ); $2 \downarrow=5-9$ (us. 3), 2 $8 / 9-11$ BAL with $4 \mathrm{crd} \downarrow$ OR minisplinter in $\uparrow$, 2 NT GF w $4+\downarrow$, $3 \wedge=$ $7 / 8-10$ mini splinter, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=4-74+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ void | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { 1 }-2 \downarrow: 2 \star 3-\downarrow=\text { shortness inv }+, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { any hand inv }+ \text {. } \\ & 1 \vee-2 \mathrm{NT} 3 \text {-nat extra. (3cards }+ \text { ), } 4 \mathrm{~m}=\text { void. } \\ & 1 \downarrow-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{GF} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pass }-1 \downarrow-2 \boldsymbol{*}=3+\downarrow, 9+ \\ & 1 \downarrow-(\mathrm{dbl})-2 \boldsymbol{2}=\text { inv+ with } 3 \downarrow \\ & 1 \downarrow-(\mathrm{dbl})-2 \downarrow=\text { inv }+ \text { with } 4+\downarrow \end{aligned}$ |
| 1^ |  | 5 | 3. | 11-21 hcp | 1NT=6-11hp, 2 $=9 / 10-11 / 12,3$ card support OR F1 with OR balanced GF, $2=$ nat F1 (usually $5+$ ), $2 \boldsymbol{}=$ nat F1, 2 $=5-9$ (us. 3), 2NT GF w 4+, $3 \boldsymbol{2}=7 / 8-10$ minisplinter OR 8/9-11 BAL with 4 crd $\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 3 \uparrow=7 / 8-10$ minislinter $4 \mathrm{crd} \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 3 \vee=7 / 8-10$ mini splinter, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=4-74+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, $4 \boldsymbol{\omega} \nmid \boldsymbol{\varphi}=$ void | Same as after 1v $1 \uparrow-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{GF}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pass }-1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \boldsymbol{a}=3+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 9+ \\ & 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-(\mathrm{dbl})-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\text { inv }+ \text { with } 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} \\ & 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-(\mathrm{dbl})-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\text { inv+ with } 4+\boldsymbol{\wedge} \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 NT |  |  | 2. | 15-17 <br> May have 5M, $6 \mathrm{~m}, 5422$, (1444) | $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ Stayman, $2 \boldsymbol{\vee}=$ transfer, $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ interest in minors, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ invite, <br> $3 \boldsymbol{*}=5(6) \downarrow$ and $3 \wedge, G F ; 3 \wedge=5(6) \wedge$ and $3 \vee$, GF $4=55$ in M , no/very slaminterest; $4 \diamond \vee=$ transfer | $\begin{aligned} \hline \text { 1NT-2 } / / 2 \uparrow-2 \downarrow=\text { pick a major, to play } \\ \text { 1NT-2 } / / 2 N T=- \text { preference, } 3==\text {-pref or same } \\ \text { 1NT-2 } / / 2 N T / 3-3 v=\text { Slam interest } \\ \text { 3 }=\text { Slam interest } \\ \text { 3NT= Slam try in both minors } \\ \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2* | x | 0 |  | Any strong hand. If bal 20- 21/(24)25+ | $2 *=$ wait (any hand), $2 \vee$ nat GF $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ at least 55 in GF <br> $3 \vee=0 / 1$ in suit, $3 / 4$ in oM, 5-8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{2 *}-2 \star / / 2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{F} 1 \\ & 2 \boldsymbol{2}-2 \boldsymbol{/} / 2 \mathrm{M}-3 \boldsymbol{*}=\text { second negative } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2 * |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 6 \\ (5) \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Weak ((3)5- } \\ & 9(10)) \text { with } \\ & 4^{\text {hi: }}: 8-11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{NF}, 3 \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{F} 1 \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { asking for singleton } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| $2 \vee$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ (5) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Weak ((3)5- } \\ & 9(10)) \text { with } \\ & 4^{\mathrm{h}}: 8-11 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \wedge=\mathrm{NF}, 3 \wedge=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { asking for singleton or void, } 3 \vee= \\ & \text { pre-empt } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 2^ |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 6 \\ (5) \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Weak ((3)5- } \\ & 9(10)) \text { with } \\ & 4^{\text {hi: }: ~} 8-11 \end{aligned}$ | Similar to above |  |  |
| 2 NT |  |  |  | 22-24 balanced May have 6m/5M, 4441 | $3 \boldsymbol{\ell}=$ puppetstayman, $3 \uparrow \boldsymbol{\downarrow}=$ transfer, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ minors, $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ transfer M slamtry $(\boldsymbol{\sim}=\boldsymbol{\vee}), 4 \mathrm{M}=$ slamtry $\mathrm{m}(\boldsymbol{\vee}=\boldsymbol{\sim})$ | Slam Conventions |  |
| 3 x |  |  |  | Pre ((3)5-10 | New suit F1 | 0314 RKCB, Dopi, Ropi, Depo, Splinter bids, Cuebids ( $1^{\text {st }} 2^{\text {nd }}$ controlls), Exclusion blackwood $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ nonserious slamtry when M is agreed |  |
| 3NT |  |  |  |  | Running minor, $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ no outside A or K |  |  |
| 4*** |  |  |  | Preempt |  |  |  |
| $4 \vee, \wedge$ |  |  |  | play |  |  |  |

