BIDDING IN DEFENSE AND COMPETITION OVERCALLS
General style: natural, solid
On 1st level: 5+cards, 9+HCP, 7-5 TL
On 2nd level: $5+$ cards, $12+\mathrm{HCP}$ or $\leq 7 \mathrm{TL}$
On 2nd level jump: 6+cards, 6-10 HCP or 7-8 TL
On 3rd level: $5+$ cards, $14+\mathrm{HCP}$ or $\leq 6 \mathrm{TL}$
On 3rd level jump: 6+cards, 8-10 HCP or 6-7 TL
Responses to overcalls is natural, it forses to $2 \mathrm{M} / 3 \mathrm{~m}$
Cue-bid in opener's suit is GF with fit
Jump to 2NT after overcall major is INV with fit
Jump to 2NT after overcall $1 *$ is $10-12$ HCP without 4M
Jump to 3M after major overcall is preemptive with fit
Jump to new suit is preemptive with $6+$ cards
Double jump to new suit shows shortness
1NT/2NT OVERCALL

## 1NT $=15-17 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{BH} / \mathrm{SH}$

Responses are same as after opening (Stayman, transfers)
Transfer to opener major is asking for good stopper in this major ( $1 \vee$ )-1NT-(pas) $-2 \star=54+\wedge, 0+\mathrm{HCP}=>2 \downarrow$ is maximum, other natural (1m) $-2 \mathrm{NT}=5 \mathrm{~m} 5 \mathrm{P}, 6 \mathrm{TL}$ or $\leq 4 \mathrm{TL}$
(1M) $-2 \mathrm{NT}=55$ minors, expecting 6 TL or $\leq 4 \mathrm{TL}$
CUEBIDS IN OPPONENT'S SUIT
$(1 \mathbf{M})-2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{OM}+5 \mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{TL}$ or $\leq 4 \mathrm{TL} ;(\mathbf{1 M})-3 \mathrm{M}=$ ask for stopper
 $(1 \mathrm{~m})-4 \mathrm{~m}=55+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 6 \mathrm{TL}$ or $\leq 4 \mathrm{TL}$ DEFENCE AGAINST NT
Double = strong; 2 $2=$ LANDY, 44+ $\mathbf{~} / \mathbf{A} ; 2 N T=55$ minors
In orders: $2 \star=5+\boldsymbol{\bullet}$, transfer; $2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=5+\boldsymbol{\star}$, transfer; $2 \boldsymbol{\omega}=4 \boldsymbol{\omega}+5 \mathrm{~m}$ From reopen: $2 \downarrow=5 \downarrow, 4 \mathrm{M} ; 2 \uparrow / \Delta=5+$ cards, natural DEFENCE AGAINST PREEMPTS
On 2nd level: 5+cards, $\leq 7$ TL
On 3rd level: $5+$ cards, $\leq 6$ TL
Jump in Major suit: $6+$ cards, strong
DEFENCE AGAINTS STRONG $18=16+$
Double/1X = 3cards in other suits
1NT $=44+\mathbf{~} / \mathbf{4} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors

## $2 \mathrm{X}=5+$ cards

$3 X=6+$ cards, preemptive AFTER OPPONENT'S TAKE-OUT DOUBLE

## Natural, system on

1m-(double)-redouble $=10+\mathrm{HCP}$, strong
1M-(double)-redouble = invite, fit


Other signals
Italian discards, Lavinthal, preference in the trump suit/ opponent's long suit, or to partner's ruff, to A lead we card quantity (to K quality)

## DOUBLES

## TAKE-OUT DOUBLE

a) 12-15 HCP, promise $3+$ cards in the other suits (without opening suit) b) $16+\mathrm{HCP}$, in the second round: $\mathrm{NS}=5+$ cards, or $\mathrm{NT}=18+\mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{BH}$ c) $10+(8+) \mathrm{HCP}$, reopen double on 4th place, $3+$ cards in the other suits
SPECIAL DOUBLES AND REDOUBLES


Support double $=\mathbf{1 m}$-(pas)-1M-(1/2OM)-double $=$ promise exactly 3 cards in partner's suit and on the second level it promises reserve of HCP
Negative double $=\mathbf{1 M}-(2 \mathrm{~m})$-double $=$ at least 44 of the other suits
Competitive double $=\mathbf{1 M}$-(pas)-2M-(3m/2OM)-double $=\mathrm{INV}$
$-\mathbf{3 M}=$ to play
Leading double = on opponent's artificial bids (transfers, strong openings...) Penalty double $=$ from 3 $/ \stackrel{\wedge}{ }$, 3NT, or after showing GF
Redouble strong $=1 \mathbf{m} / \mathbf{M}$-(double)-redouble $=10+\mathrm{HCP}$ Redouble SOS = 1NT-(double)-redouble $=0-3 \mathrm{HCP}$, play in suit (7fit)

## SYSTEM

## Slováková-Rečičárová

## SYSTEM OVERVIEW

GENERAL RULES AND STYLE
Opening 1\&/ promise 2+cards 11+HCP, 7-5(4) TL Opening 1 $1 /$ s promise $5+$ cards $11+\mathrm{HCP}, 7-5(4) \mathrm{TL}$
Opening 1NT promise 15-17 HCP, BH/SH
Strong bids: 2*, 2 (strong multi)
Natural preempts on 3. level, Multi 2 $\downarrow$, Muiderberg 2 $\downarrow / \mathbf{\Delta} / \mathbf{N T}$ Showing major fit immediately has preference from new suit
New suit forcing after overcall
Bidding two suits shows SH (1m-1-1NT/2NT can have 4a)

## Inverted minors

New suit jump after 1m invite, 6+cards
New suit double jumps after 1m preemptive, $6+$ cards
2X over 1M is GF
Repeating major by responder on second level = weak
Repeating major by responder on third level = GF
$\mathbf{1 M}-\mathbf{3 M} / 4 \mathrm{M}$ is preemptive
1『-3@/1ヵ-3NT unknown singleton (3NT/4e ask)
$\mathbf{1 \vee - 3 N T}$ void in spades, $\mathbf{1 @}-\mathbf{4} \mathbf{V}$ void in hearts
$\mathbf{1 M}-\mathbf{4 m}$ void in the minor suit
Strongest minor raise via Inverted minors
Strongest major raise via 2\%/2NT

## SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

Inverted Minors, Structured revers, Two-Way-Checkback GAZZILLI, DRURY, Bergen convention, Unknown singleton Stayman, transfers after 1NT, Lebensohl, quantitative 4NT Kokish relay, Blackwood 1430 (to 2 - 0314), Exclusion (0123) Michaels Cuebids, Leaping Michaels, Unusual 2NT Multi, Muiderberg, Multi Landy, 3rd suit, 4th suit


| $2 \mathrm{~A}=$ ask for shortness | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ ask for shortness |
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2NT = ask for spade values
$3 \mathrm{~m}=$ ask for values
$3 \Delta=$ unknown singleton
$3 \mathrm{NT}=$ void in spades
$3 \mathrm{~m}=$ ask for values
$3 \vee=$ ask for heart values
3NT = unknown singleton
$4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void
$4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void
PSYCHES

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { U } \\ & \text { Z } \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{0} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | ```BH \(=\) balanced hand \((4333,4432,5332)-\) at least 2 cards in every suit, 8 cards in 2 suits at most UNH = unbalanced hand ( \(5521,5440,5530,6421,6430,7321,7222,7330\) ) - 10 cards in one suit ( 5440 is exception) or 7 cards in one suit GUL \(=\) goulash hand ( \(6511,6520,7420,7411,8+\) cards \()-11\) cards in 2 suits or 8 cards in one suit TH = top honour (A, K, Q); TL = theoretic loser - missing TH; UH = useful honour - A, K, Q in trump suit or long opener‘s/ overcaller's suit; NS = new suit``` |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Opening description | Responses | Further bidding |  |  |
| 1*/* | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { BH } \\ 2+\& / 3+ \\ \hline \frac{\mathrm{SH} / \mathrm{UNH}}{(4) 5+\boldsymbol{m}} \end{gathered}$ | $12-14$ <br> $18-20$ <br> $11-19(21)$ <br> $7-5(4) \mathrm{TL}$ |  |  $1 \mathrm{NT}=8-9 \mathrm{HCP} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=10-11 \mathrm{HCP} ; 3 \mathrm{NT}=12-16 \mathrm{HCP} ; 1 \wedge=5-7 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathbf{B H}$ $10-1 \mathbf{M}-3 *=18-20$ HCP, BH, fit <br> Limited Inverted Minors: $3 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{\$}=6-8 \mathrm{HCP}, 5+$ cards; $2 \$ / \$=9+$ HCP, $5+$ cards; $1 \uparrow-2 * / 3 *-3 *=15+$ HCP, $6+$ cards $1 \infty-2 \uparrow$ invite, $6+$ cards; $1 \uparrow-2 *=12+$ HCP, GF; $3 \uparrow / 3 \infty=$ weak, $6+$ cards | After 1M: 1NT = 12-14, BH; 2NT = 18-20, BH; 2 $\mathbf{V} / \mathbf{\Delta}=12-14$, fit; $3 \vee / \mathrm{A}=$ invite, fit; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ unknown single; $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void; $4 \vee / \mathrm{s}=$ to play; $\mathrm{NB}=4$ cards, $\mathrm{SH} / \mathrm{UNH} ; 2 \pi / \downarrow=11-15, \mathrm{SH} ; 3 \Omega=14-17,6+$ cards <br>  $1 \uparrow-2 \boldsymbol{2}: 2 \uparrow=12-14,2 \mathrm{NT}=18-20,2 \boldsymbol{2} / \mathrm{\Delta}=4 \mathrm{cards}, 3 \boldsymbol{2}=15+\mathrm{HCP}, 5+\boldsymbol{c}$ Structured revers, Two-Way-Checkback |  |  |
| $1{ }^{\circ}$ | 5+ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 11-19(21) } \\ & 7-5(4) \mathrm{TL} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Often SH: } \\ & 5422,5431,6322,6331 \\ & \text { BH } 5 \mathbf{~} 332 \\ & \text { UNH } 6 \mathbf{4 x} \text { or } 5 \mathbf{5} \mathbf{~} / 4 \end{aligned}$ | $1 \Delta=4+$ HCP, $4+$ cards; $2 \Delta=$ invite, $6+$ cards; $4 \Delta=$ to play, $6+$ cards <br> $1 \mathrm{NT}=6-11 \mathrm{HCP} \rightarrow$ then GAZZILLI <br> $2 *=12+\mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{GF}, \mathrm{BH} / 3 \mathrm{fit} / 5+; 2 *=12+\mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{GF}, 5+$ cards <br> $2 \checkmark=6-9 \mathrm{HCP}$, fit; $3 \uparrow=$ weak, $4+$ fit; $4 \uparrow=$ weak, to play <br> 2NT $=$ GF, $4+$ fit; $3 \kappa=7-9 \mathrm{HCP}, 4+$ fit; $3 \leqslant=10-11 \mathrm{HCP}, 4+$ fit <br> 3 $\mathrm{A}=$ unknown singl; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ void in spades; $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void; $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ quantitative |  |  |  |
| 14 | $5+$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 11-19(21) } \\ & 7-5(4) \mathrm{TL} \end{aligned}$ | Often SH: $5422,5431,6322,6331$ BH $5 \uparrow 332$ UNH $64 \times \mathrm{x}$ or $5 \boldsymbol{5} \mathbf{5 x}$ | 1NT $=6-11 \mathrm{HCP} \rightarrow$ then GAZZILLI <br> $2 d=12+\mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{GF}, \mathrm{BH} / 3 \mathrm{fit} / 5+2+/ \downarrow=12+\mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{GF}, 5+$ cards <br> $3 \vee=$ invite, $6+$ cards <br> $2 \wedge=6-9 \mathrm{HCP}$, fit; $3 \boldsymbol{A}=$ weak, $4+$ fit; $4 \mathrm{~A}=$ weak, to play <br> $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{GF}, 4+$ fit; $3 \stackrel{2}{2}=7-9 \mathrm{HCP}, 4+$ fit; $3 \uparrow=10-11 \mathrm{HCP}, 4+$ fit <br> $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ unknown singleton; $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void; $4 \mathrm{\varphi}=$ void; $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ quantitative |  |  | $4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{BW}$ (5 key cards) <br> $\frac{14-2 N T}{}$ <br> 3NT = HCP , slam try <br> $4 \infty / 4 / \varphi=$ void singleton <br> $4 \mathrm{~A}=11-14 \mathrm{HCP}$, to play <br> $4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{BW}$ (5 key cards) |
| 1NT | $\begin{aligned} & 2-4(5) \quad / a \\ & 2-6(7) \end{aligned}$ | 15-17 | $\begin{aligned} & 15-17 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathbf{B H} / \mathrm{SH} \\ & \text { Can be } \mathbf{5 M} / 7 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ |  <br>  <br>  <br> $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ quantitative; $5 \%=$ to play |  $3 \vee / 3 \mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{GF}, 4 \mathrm{M} 5 \mathrm{OM} ; 3 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play; $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ quantitative 1NT-transfer-accept-NS $=5-5$, INV + |  |  |
| 2\% | - | $\frac{23+}{\substack{18+\\(<4 \mathrm{TL})}}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 23+\mathrm{HCP} \text { BH } \\ 18+\mathrm{HCP} \text { UNH/GUL } \\ (20) 22+\mathrm{HCP} \text { SH/UNH } \end{array}\right.$ | $2 \star=5+\mathrm{HCP} /$ at least a control <br> $2 \varphi=0-4 \mathrm{HCP}$, without a control <br> $2 \boldsymbol{2}=6+\boldsymbol{*}$, headed by at least AK/AQ/AJ10/KQ <br> $2 N T=6+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, headed by at least AK/AQ/AJ10/KQ <br> $3 \times / *=6+$, headed by at least AK/AQ/AJ10/KQ |  |  |  |
| 2 | 6+ / / | 6-10 <br> $21-22$ | MULTI: weak hand $6+\downarrow / \alpha$, or 21-22 HCP, BH | $2 \boldsymbol{v}=0-13 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C} ; 2 \boldsymbol{2}=0-13 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}, 4+\boldsymbol{\psi} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=12+\mathrm{HCP}$, ask; $3 \mathrm{NS}=$ forcing, $6+$ cards; $4 \vee / \Delta=$ to play; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play |  |  |  |
| 29 | $\begin{gathered} 5 \uparrow+ \\ 5 \wedge / \mathrm{m} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 6-10 | MUIDERBERG, weak hand, UNH $(5 \vee+5 \star / \mathrm{m})$ | $2 \wedge=0-11 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=12+\mathrm{HCP}$, ask; $3 \boldsymbol{\mathrm { N }}=$ preemptive; $4 \boldsymbol{\mathrm { V }}=$ to play; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play; $\mathbf{N S}=$ forcing, $6+$ cards; $\mathbf{N S}$ jump $=$ shortness; $4 \mathrm{~A}=$ to play; $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ quantitative |  |  |  |
| 24 | $5+5 \mathrm{~m}$ | 6-10 | MUIDERBERG, weak hand, UNH ( 5 a +5 m ) | 3 = $0-11 \mathrm{HCP}, \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=12+\mathrm{HCP}$, ask; $3 \mathrm{~s}=$ preemptive; $4 \mathrm{~A}=$ to play; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play; NS = forcing, $6+$ cards; NS jump = shortness; $4 \downarrow=$ to play $4 N T=$ quantitative |  |  |  |
| 2NT | 5*5 | 6-10 | MUIDERBERG, weak hand UNH ( 5 a 5 ) | $3 *=0-13 \mathrm{HCP}$, to play; $3=0-13 \mathrm{HCP}$, to play; $3 \mathrm{M}=$ forcing, $6+$ cards; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ to play; $4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{*}=$ slam try; $4 \mathrm{M}=7+$ cards, to play; $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{*}=$ to play | $\begin{aligned} \hline \text { 2NT-3M-3NT } & =\text { no fit, to play } \\ 4 \mathrm{~m} & =65 \\ 4 \mathbf{M} & =\text { fit, to play } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 3 $\% / \uparrow / \mathrm{T} / \mathrm{¢}$ | 7 | (6)8-11 | PREEMPTIVE, in general 2 TH in trump suit and no control outside. | In general partner bids pass or a game. New suit is forcing, and it is looking for a major fit or traying slam. 3 NT is to play, 4 NT is BW ( 5 key cards). | $\begin{gathered} 3 \mathrm{x}-3 \mathrm{NS}-4 \mathrm{x}=\text { minimum hand } \\ -40 \mathrm{x}=\text { an honour } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| 4\%/ヶ/ / / $\dagger$ | 8 | (6)8-11 |  |  |  |  |  |

