


DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
NATURAL, position dependent on the 1 st level, PRE on higher levels:
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-18 HCP Over a passed partner it's 17-20hcp (e.g. p-(1x)-1nt, while still 15-18 in sandwich position) 12-14(15) in reopening
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Preemptive, natural continuation could be equivalent to leaping-Michaels in positions where it makes sense (e.g. (1s)-p-(2s/3s)-4m)
Reopen: intermediate 12-14, 6+cards
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1M) – 2M = 5OM+5m 6(+) LT or ≤4 LT; (1M)-3M = asking for stopper (1m) – 2m = 55+ ♥,♠ 7+ LT, or 55+♥,♠≤4 LT (1m) – 3m = 55+ ♥,♠ ~5 LT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
DB L- penalty
2c- both majors
2d-one major
2h/2s- one major constructive(<7LT)
2NT-minors
3x natural
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
DBL-take out, non-leaping/leaping Michaels, Lebensohl
4m bids after 3m preempt are slightly different from just Michaels, look at the notes/github for more
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Vs. 1c- DBL- black suits or red suits 1d-majors or minors 1M- 3+cards either canape or natural 1NT-s+d or h+c 2x is constructive and natural
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3/lowest	3/lowest	
NT	Attitude, low encouraging	3/lowest	
Subseq	Top from seq	Top from seq	
Other: We're allowed to lead 2 nd from even if we believe count is the only relevant information we convey (e.g. 9832 it's allowed to lead 8)			
A/Q asks for attitude from partner, K asks for count/unblock			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx(...), Ax	AKx(...), Ax	
King	KQ(...), Kx, AK(...)	KQ(...), Kx, AK(...)	
Queen	QJx(...), Qx, KQ(...)	QJx(...), Qx, AQJ(...), KQ(...)	
Jack	KJ10(...), J10(...), Jx	AJ10(...), KJ10(...), J10(...), Jx	
10	Q109(...), 10x(...), Tx	Q109(...), 109xx(...), Tx	
9	H98(...), 9x(...), 9x	H98(...), 9x(...), 9x	
Hi-X	Hx. Xx. xXxx, xxXx	Hx, Xx, Xxx(...), xXx(...)	
Lo-X	xxX, xxxxX	HxX, HxXx, HTxX, HHxX	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Count	Count	Lavinthal
Suit 2	Lavinthal	Lavinthal	Count
3	Attitude	Attitude	Attitude
1	Count	Lavinthal	Lavinthal
NT 2	Lavinthal	Count	Count
3	Attitude	Attitude	Attitude
Signals (including Trumps): lo-hi even, no signals in trumps			
Lavinthal: high card asks for higher suit, low for lower, middle might want continuation or no preference			
small is encouraging			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Promises suits not bid/some tolerance for partners suit(s), or is a precursor to showing a strong hand aggressive in balancing positions			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Doubles in competitive bidding are cooperative - showing extras and more or less (semi)balance d hand. Penalty doubles after we pass takeout double, redouble for penalty or double a 2-suiter, after partner pre-empts and obvious cases. We play optional support doubles, those will usually have a t/o-ish shape			

EBL CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Red NCBO: Croatia PLAYERS: Ivan Žufić & Kristijan Štefanec EVENT (Netherlands 2023, U31)
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
1st/2nd seat: We open all 9hcp Polish style 1m openings (8)9-11hcp 1nt opening, 1M and 2m are natural with 8hcp minimum. 2M is ~14-17hcp natural 2NT and 3m are artificial 2-suiters of various storing-ish ranges. We keep our system mostly up to date on this link
3rd/4th seat: 1/2nt is 17-19/22-24, 1c is 14-16bal or any 18+, other is non-constructive We upgrade/downgrade very often (usually not more than +- 2hcp, but have been seen with more drastic upgrades for freakish hands) and use LTC extensively to help us with that.
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2nt = 5+M4M 14-17hcp 3c = 5+d 5+c 12-14hcp 3d = 5+s 5+h 14-17hcp
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Forcing pass sequences apply when we have established game force and have shown strength Forcing pass after 1nt-(x)-xx (xx as strong, penalty)
IMPORTANT NOTES

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
				1♣	X	0	4h
1♦	X	0	4h	Any 12-17HCP unbal/semibal without 5M or any 15-17HCP BAL In the 3rd/4th seat it's natural, up to 17hcp, not very constructive	1M=4+M, (0)4+HCP, 1NT=7-9HCP, partner invites with 16-17bal, 2c = any inv w/o 4M, NF 2d = any GF w/o 4M	2-way checkback, new minor forcing	good/bad 2nt (2nt showing weaker than 3m openers hand in competitive NF situation where 2m is not available)
1♥		5	3d/h neg. dbl only if it's the first responders bid	(8)9-13(14)HCP, 5+♥/♠ We upgrade and downgrade often, but should open all 9hcp and somewhat more than a half 8hcp hands. In the 3rd/4th seat it's natural, up to 17hcp, not very constructive	With fit: 2M = fit below inv; 2nt = 3+cards, inv+; 3M = 4+cards, competitive, ~8LTC(below inv); 3x (or 1h-2s) = fit showing, (inv+, HHxxx or better in x with 4 card support) without fit: 1nt = NF; 2/1 is F1, usually invitational, natural	Natural, except on 1M-2nt	If we showed fit with 2nt, x is shortness
1♠		5					
INT		-	-	(8)9-11 HCP BAL possibly semibalanced, we open with all 9hcp, some 8hcp vul and often with 8hcp non-vul 3rd/4th seat it's 17-19hcp with stayman and four transfers	2c = asking for 4H, either inv with 4h or various GF hands; 2d = asking for 4S, either GF with spades or various invitational hands; 2M = natural, signoff 2nt = invitational; 3x = to play	We play some very simple relays after 1nt-2c to show distribution of the opener, otherwise mostly natural	1nt-(x) - xx = penalty 1nt-(x) - 2x = x+higher suit 1nt-(x)-pass = 5+card suit, likely wants to escape
2♣		5	-	8-11hcp, various distributions as long as we consider it's good to open 2c/d with it. 3rd/4th seat it's natural and to play	2d = relay, asking for 4M; 2M = natural, F1; 2nt = asking for strength; 3c = to play	2m-2(m+1) is relay: 2d-2h-2s = 5+d, 4s 2d-2h-2nt = 5+d, 4h	
2♦		5	-		2h = relay, asking for 4M; 2s = natural, F1; 2nt = 5+h, F1; 3d = to play		
2♥		5	-	5+cards, 14-17hcp, cannot have 4 hearts 3rd/4th seat it's natural and to play	2s is natural F1; transfers between 2nt and 3M; 3(M-1) shows inv+ w/ 2+M 3M is invitational w/ 3+M	Natural apart from: 3oM bids usually show good hands with fit	
2♠		5	-				
2NT	X	-	-	5+M4M 14-17hcp 3rd/4th seat it's (22)23-24bal with standard responses	3c is relay 3d asks to bid longer major 4c/d shows preference for h/s other to play	2nt-3c-3d = 6+card suit, 3h asks further 2nt-3c-3M = 5M 4oM 4c/d by responder always shows slamtry and preference for h/s	
3♣	X	5	-	5+d 5+c, 12-14hcp 3rd/4th seat it's natural and to play	3m is to play, 4m is slamish, 3M is 6+cards F1	natural	
3♦	X	0	-	5+s, 5+h, 14-17hcp 3rd/4th seat it's natural and to play	3M is to play 4c/d is preference for h/s		
3♥		6	-	Preemptive, vul and position dependent, 4-11 HCP	New suit is forcing, searching for a game or with a slam ambition	Repeating suit shows minimum, new suit shows extra	
3♠		6	-				
3NT	x	7m	-	Solid minor suit, no outside A	Some values besides the solid suit, but not much	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♣		6	-	Preemptive, vul and position dependent, 4-11 HCP		RKCB answers 14/03; 5NT odd keycards, void; 6x even keycards, when cue bidding 5nt is 1/3 of trump AKQ No exclusion unless painfully obvious it cannot be anything else, responses are 14/03 again Forcing pass when shown strength and GF, pass wants to bid on, x wants to penalize	
4♦		6	-	Preemptive, vul and position dependent, 4-11 HCP			
4♥		6	-	Preemptive, tactical			
4♠		6	-	Preemptive, tactical			
4NT		-	-	Minors preemptive			