

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Light overcalls (may be a non-min WJO type) 1M is nearly always five, but 1D sometimes only four cards Responses: new suit NF, 5+ cards Single jump to 2- or 3-level = NAT, forcing If 3 rd hand bids then 2NT shows a good 4-card raise If 3 rd hand passes then 2NT is natural
1NT OVERCALL (2 nd /4 th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-17 over 1m, 15-18 over 1M <i>now system on, except 2D after they opened 1H is "to play".</i>
Reopening – 11-14 over 1m <i>now system on</i> , 11-16 over 1M <i>now 2C = range ask. Transfers except 2D after they opened 1H is "to play".</i>
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
9-12 @ 2-level (5-12 opposite passed hand). 13 ⁺ -16 @ 3-level or reopening Unusual 2NT - 5-5(+) and constructive Reopening 2NT is 19-21
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1m) 2m 5/5 majors <i>now 2N = hearts, cue = spades</i> (1M) 2M 5oM5m <i>now 2N INV+ask</i> (1m) 3m = spades+other minor (1M) 3M - stop ask, usually with running minor
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
2C = MM, 2D = 5+D 4+M, 2M = 5+cards, 2N = minors Dbl = penalties by uph, 5+C 4M by ph Vs 2N: dbl = MM, 3m = 5+cards with 5+major Vs Gambling 3N: Multi-Landy (4M = 5/5)
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Vs 2M: X = takeout <i>now 3C wide-ranging, 2NT lebensohl-style except doubler bids their longer minor</i> Leaping and non-leaping Michaels (NF) Vs 2D: 3D = H+S, 4C = C+H, 4D = C+S. 2D-dbl-P-2N = INV
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1C or 2C
Colour/Rank/Other two-suiters (dbl/2D/2NT, or dbl/1D/1NT vs 1C) After 2C-P-2R: dbl = suit, 2N = MM or mm
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
1C-X: XX = 11+, 1S = 5+D, 1N+ = to play Others: XX= good 9+ <i>now x = pens, p = F1 up to 2X</i> Transfers over 1M X. 1H-X-1S = minors

LEADS AND SIGNALS
OPENING LEADS STYLE
Leads (including in partner's suit)
Suit High = odd with A/K/Q or even without A/K/Q
NT Attitude
Subseq Attitude. Around to weak dummy in NT: 9 or higher = one higher card, unless leading top to maintain lead
Other:
LEADS K from AK@5-level or vs 4m (asks for count)
Lead Vs. Suit Vs. NT
Ace AK+ AK+, AKJ+
King KQ+, AK doubleton KQ+, AKQ+, AKJT+
Queen QJ+, AKQ+, Qx QJ+, KQJ+, AQJ+, KQT9+
Jack JT+, KJT+, AKQJ+, Jx JT+, KJT+, AJT+
10 T9+, HT9+, Tx Same
9 H98+, J98+, 9x H98+, J98+, 9x, 9xx
Hi-X Xx, Hxx, xXxx, HXXxx Discouraging
Lo-X xxX, HxxX, xxxxX, HxxxxX Encouraging (typically hxXx)
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY
Partner's Lead Declarer's Lead Discarding
1 High = encourage High = even High = encourage
Suit 2 High = even Suit pref High = even
3
1 High = encourage Smith (high enc) High = encourage
NT 2 High = even High = Even High = even
3 Suit pref Suit pref
Signals (including Trumps):
Suit preference in trumps
DOUBLES
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Normal enough. 1m-dbl-P-2m forcing to suit agreement 1M-dbl-P-2M forcing to game
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS
1C (1D) X = hearts Support doubles up to 2H Game try doubles Lightner doubles X of splinter when oppo have only shown one suit (not 1H-P-3S) or RKC = "lead lowest-ranking unbid suit"

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Red NBO: England PLAYERS: Mike+Sarah Bell
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 card majors, 15-17 NT (14-16 1 st NV) 1C = natural or balanced, can have 5 diamonds 1D = 4+D unbal (could be 4D5C 11-15) Weak-only Multi, 2M 5M5m Light openings 1 st NV (decent 10+)
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2D weak-only multi NV, the 2S response to this is "to play opposite either major" (may be long or short in spades) Responses to 1C: 1D = 4+H; 1H = 4+S; 1S = no 4cM or GF with diamonds; 2D/H = transfers, 6M weak or 5M4C GF; 2S = INV with clubs Transfers in comp P:1S, 2C = hearts 3N opening = majors or minors
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: Sarah rare, Mike frequent (most often deviant 1NT openings e.g. 6/7-card minors, a bit light on HCP and/or with a singleton honour)

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1C		1 (rare)	4H	1 st NV: nat/10 ⁺ -13/17-19 NT Other: nat/12-14 NT/18-19 NT 3 rd seat: min hand with 5 moderate spades ok	1D = 4+H, 1H = 4+S, 1S = no 4cM or GF with D, 1N = INV, 2C = 5+C GF (may have 4cM) 2R = 6M weak or 5M4C GF, 2S = 5+C INV	1C:1D, 1H = wk NT or 5+C3H or 4H bad 1C:1H, 1S can also be 1444/1435 1C:2C, 2D = weak NT, 2N = (17)18-19	System on@1-level after 1C (1R). 1C (1S) X doesn't imply hearts 1C (1S) 1N = 5+H; 2D = 4H inv+ 2C response by PH = 5-10
1D		4	4H	Unbalanced, includes 4D5C 11-15. Sometimes 4+D balanced lead-direct 3 rd NV	2D inv+ raise (no 4cM) 3C = mixed raise (no 4cM) 3D = weak raise (may have 4cM)	1D:1H - 1S = minors, 1N = spades, 2C = three-suited 1D:1S -1N = hearts, 2C/2H = minors	Methods on by PH, and after 1D-dbl-1M-pass
1H		5	4D		1N = semi, 2C = GF 2+C, 2R 5+cards GF 2M = semi-const, 2N = GF 4T 3M-2 = 4T 0-5 or 8-9*, 3M = INV 3+T 3M+1 = C/D sing, 3M+2 = C/D void 4M-2 = oM sing, 4M-1 = oM void	1H:1N, 2C occasionally 2 cards 1M:1N, 2m occasionally 3 cards	By PH: 2C = 3+card support, 8+; 2D = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise
1S		5	4H	3 rd seat: not usually a min with 5 weak spades	4M-2 = oM sing, 4M-1 = oM void 1H:2S weak; 1S:3C, 1S:3H and 1H:3D all INV * we just raise to 2M with "6-7" (i.e. a min GF opposite 17-18 balanced)	1M:2N, 3C = min 1S:3N, 4C asks now 4D = 1C, 4H = 1D min, 4S = 1D max 1H:3S, 3N asks now 4C = 1C, etc	2C = 5+H; 2D = 3+T support, 8+; 2H = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise
1NT		-	4H	14-16 1 st NV, 15-17 otherwise 5M ok. See notes on psychics	Stayman (Smolen), 2S = C or invite, 2NT = majors ask, 3C = D, 3D = minors, 3M = short with 3oM, 4m = transfer to 4M	Over 2N: 3M = 5, 3N = 4/4 majors, 3C = "don't tell me if you have 4 spades" (this could be: i) 4 hearts; ii) no M with hearts shorter/weaker than spades; iii) 4S333, no-trumpy. Now 3H from responder shows 4 hearts). 3D = "don't tell me if you have 4 hearts" (Hands as above. Now 3S = 4 spades).	Transfers from 2NT Transfers vs 3m overcall 1N (2M) 4m leaping michaels
2C	yes	-		GF or 22+ balanced	2D = waiting, 2H = 0-4 no ace	2C:2D, 3M = 4M5+D GF 2C:2H, 3S = 4S5+H GF 2C:2D, 3C:3D = Stayman	X = double negative vs jump Otherwise, X and XX = 5-7(8) bal (pass = 0-4 any or (8)9+bal or pens, cue = 5+pure takeout)
2D	yes	0		Weak two in a major. Can be five cards 1 st NV and 3 rd NV	2S NV = to play opposite either major 2H, 2S VUL, 3M and 4H = pass or correct. 4C = bid the suit below your major, 2N enquiry, 3C and 4D = NF, 3D = GF with own major	2D-P-2S-dbl; now: P = spades, XX = hearts Over 2N - 3M = min, 3C = non-min w/H, 3D = non-min w/S	Over X: P = NF (mild suggestion) XX = bid major you don't have 3m = NF, Others = system on Dbl of 2M/3M/4H is PoC
2M		5		5M5m 5-10 NV, 6-11 vul	2N ask; 3C/3D/4C PoC; 2S:4D PoC 2H:4D raise to 4H, opener to double 4S (or 4H) if holding diamonds	Over 2N - 3m min, 3M GF with linked minor	Dbl of 3m/4m is PoC
2NT		-		20-21	Stayman, transfers, 3S = minors 4C = diamonds, 4D = xfer to 4H, 4H = clubs	Completing RST = fit 2N:4C, 4H and 2N:4H, 4S = 3041 2N:4C, 4D agrees now 4H = 3041, 4S/4N/5C = L/M/H short	X = takeout
3C 3D 3H 3S		6		Preempt	4D over 3C = 3041 4C over 3D/H/S = 3041		
3NT	yes	-		6+/5+, minors or majors, PRE	4X/5m PoC, 4N strong ask	After 3N:4m, opener bids longer major	X = penalties, bids PoC
4C/4D/4H/4S		7		Preempt	4D over 4C = 3041	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4NT	yes	-		ace-asking	bid the ace you hold (5C = none)	1430 if 4N, 3041 otherwise, Mixed cues, Non-serious 3M+1, cheap step as king ask (5N pick a slam if available) If oppo bid over KC: Pass with 0, (re)double with 1 or 4. Below 5X: bid with 2, pass with 3. Above 5X: pass with 2, bid with 3.	