| Defensive and Competitive Bidding |
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| Overcalls (Style. Responses, Reopening) |
| General Style: Light NV, Sound Vuln <br> Responses: <br> 1 level overcall: $1 \mathrm{NT}=8-12,2 \mathrm{cue} / 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Good Raise <br> 2 level overcall: 2NT+ = Transfers, Transfer into Oppo Suit <br> = Stop Ask or raise, Transfer to Ps suit = Raise <br> Reopening: 5-15HCP, DBL if $16+$, Otherwise as direct seat |
| NT Overcall ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live, responses, reopening) |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} \text { seat: } 15-18 \\ \mathbf{4}^{\text {th }} \text { seat: } 11-14(\mathrm{~m}) \end{array} \quad \text { (As over 1NT opening) }\right)$ |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ seat: 11-16 (M) (2\& Stayman, range ask $2 \star=\min$, Other $=$ Natural, Max) Other: Sandwich $1 \mathrm{NT}=16-18$, Balancing $2 \mathrm{NT}=19-21$ |
| If they bid over our NT |
| If they X: $\mathrm{XX}=2 \mathrm{~L}=\mathrm{Xfers} \mathrm{P}=$ Strong or 2 suits (FXX) <br> If they bid: $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{INV}$ or weak suit, Other $2 \mathrm{~L}=\mathrm{X}$-fers |
| Jump Overcall (Style, responses, unusual NT) |
| General Style: NAT \& Wk Aggressive if NV, Sound if Vul Note: When Oppo open $1 \&$ we play $2 \star=4+4+\mathrm{M}$ as a $2 \star$ opening bid Note: 3 M response is $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}$ |
| Direct \& Jump cue bids (Style, responses, reopen) |
| Two suited hands: $(1 \mathrm{~m})-2 \mathrm{~m}=$ ART $5 \mathrm{\varphi}-5 \mathrm{t} ;(1 \mathrm{~m})-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Lowest 2 suits; $(1 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{NT}=5 \mathrm{~m}-5$; $(1 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{oM}-5 \mathrm{~m}$; $(1 \mathrm{~m})-4 \mathrm{~m}$ and $(1 \vee)-4 \vee=$ Good 4 M bid (like 3 NT opening) |
| Vs NT (vs. Strong/Weak, reopening, PH) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X}=\text { Always Penalties vs Weak NT; } 4 \mathrm{M}-5 \mathrm{~m} \text { vs Strong NT } \\ & 2 \boldsymbol{~} \mathbf{V} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2=6+\mathrm{M}, 2 \mathrm{M}=5+\mathrm{M}-4+\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{NT}= \\ & \mathbf{4}^{\text {th }} \text { Seat: } \mathrm{X}=\text { One suit, } 2 \mathrm{~L}=\text { This suit } \& \text { suit above } \end{aligned}$ |
| Vs Pre-empts (DBLs, cue-bids, jumps; NT bids) |
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| Vs Artifical strong openings. i.e $1 *$ or 2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \diamond / \downarrow=\uparrow / \wedge ; 1 \wedge / 1 N T=4 \vee / \Delta-5+m, 2 \star=\downarrow+\star ; 2 N T=\downarrow+\star ; \\ & \text { Other }=\text { Nat } \end{aligned}$ |
| Over opponents T/O double |
| General Rule: System remains on where possible RDBL $=$ ART $8+$ BAL, $1 \star / \mathrm{M}-(\mathrm{DBL}): 1 \mathrm{NT}$ to $2 \mathrm{any}=\mathbf{T R F}$, $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{SUPP} ;$ INV,$+ 3 \mathrm{~L}=\mathrm{PRE}$ |



|  | Min. | Description | Responses | Subsequent actions |  |  | Competitive \& PH bidding |
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| 1\% | 2 | $\begin{gathered} (8) 10+\mathrm{HCP} \\ 4+\% \mathrm{~s} \\ \text { or } \\ 2+\% \text { BAL } \\ \text { (can be } 2 \\ 5 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ |  | ```\(2 \Leftrightarrow=\) Forces \(2 *\); Then bids are Natural INV \(2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{NAT}\) INV, \(2 \mathrm{NT}=\) BAL; INV, \(3 \mathrm{~m}=\) Longer Major; INV, \(3 \mathrm{M}=6 \mathrm{M}\); INV \(2 \star=\mathrm{GF}\); Staymanic (After 2L response, 3L = NAT; GF longer major) \(2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{F} 3 \&\) (Other bids \(=\) Natural; GF) Bids \(=4 \mathrm{M}\), longer minor; GF 3L = Longer Minor; INV``` |  |  | ```(DBL): System on over 12 XX = 8+BAL Over \(1 \uparrow\) : XX/ \(1 \uparrow / 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\) Transfers \((1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\) X-fer to NT) (1ヶ): \(\quad X=4+\vee\) (1M): Negative \(X\) over \(1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}\), Over \(1 \boldsymbol{v}: 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=0-3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, X=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}\), Other = NAT (1NT): Natural (2any): \(\quad \mathrm{DBL}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}\) (then LEB), 2any \(=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \boldsymbol{a}=\mathrm{X}\)-fer (X-fer to their suit \(=40 \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{X}\)-fer to 3 NT ) (3any): \(\quad \mathrm{DBL}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}\), NLM``` |
| $1 *$ | 4 | $\begin{gathered} (8) 10+\mathrm{HCP} \\ 4441 \mathrm{w} / 4+ \\ \text { or } 5+ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Leftrightarrow=\text { NAT or BAL GL } \\ & 2=4+; \text { GF } \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NAT} ; \text { INV } \\ & 3 *=\text { INV } \\ & \text { 3L }=\text { SPL } \\ & \text { Other }=\text { As } 1 * \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee \\ & 1 \stackrel{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 5 | $\begin{gathered} (8) 10+\mathrm{HCP} \\ 5+\uparrow \text { or } 5+\infty \\ \text { Can be } 4 \uparrow / 4 \text { a } \\ \text { in } 3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }} \\ \text { position } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | LMH Short) <br> Shortage) $\mathrm{r}=\mathrm{Nat})$ tly = Shapely) |  | ```(DBL): \(\quad\) TRF from 1 NT to \(2 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{ReDBL}=8+\mathrm{BAL}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\) SUPP; GF, (1NT): Natural (2any): \(\quad \mathrm{DBL}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}\) (then LEB), 2any \(=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{X}\)-fer (X- fer to their suit \(=40 \mathrm{M}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{X}\)-fer to 3 NT ) (3any): \(\mathrm{DBL}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}\), NLM BPH 1v: \(2 * / 2=3 / 4+\vee\),```  |
| 1N | 14-16 | Any 5(332) <br> Any 6m(322) <br> Any 5(422) <br> singleton rare |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { te, max-> cue }(3 \mathrm{NT}= \\ & \Lambda=5 \mathrm{M} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (DBL): } \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{FXX} \text { (Then bids }=4 \mathrm{c} \text { suits) } 2 \mathrm{~L}=\mathrm{X} \text {-fer }, \mathrm{XX}=4 \\ & \text { (2any): } \mathrm{DBL}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}, 2 \mathrm{NT}+=\text { Rubensohl,(Slow shows) } \mathrm{LM} \\ & \text { (3any): } \mathrm{DBL}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{NLM} \end{aligned}$ |
| 2\% |  | Game-Forcing or $23+$ bal | $\begin{aligned} & 2=\text { Waiting } \\ & \text { 2L }=\text { Natural } \\ & \text { 2NT = Minors } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | ```(2any): (3any): DBL = T/O, See High level bidding``` |
| 2NT | 20-21 | May be creative |  |  | NAT, $4 \mathrm{M}=3$ card <br> Bids $=4$ card + cue <br> T ( $4 \mathrm{~N}=6$ card KC) eclusion 4 ace BW (0/1 | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ <br> $4 \boldsymbol{+}=$ <br> $1 / 2 / 3)$. |  |
| Pre-emptive bidding |  |  |  |  | High level bidding |  |  |
| Bid Meaning |  |  | Responses |  | 4NT = RKCB 1430 | Applie | in any situation where a trump suit has been set |
| $2 \uparrow=4+$ and $4+\mathrm{M}$; weak |  |  | $2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{INQ}(3 *=\mathrm{min}, 3 *=$ Nat; Longer $\uparrow, 3 \mathrm{M}=$ Nat, longer M), $3 *=$ TRF to major; GF, 3M = Nat forcing |  | $4 \mathrm{NT}=6$ card KC | Where 2 suits have been shown and there isn't space to set one below 4NT |  |
| $2 \downarrow=4+\downarrow 4+$ Weak |  |  |  |  | 5NT = Pick a slam | In mos | confused auctions 5NT is Pick a slam. |
| 2^ = Weak (aggressive NV) |  |  | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Shortage Ask 3L = NAT Forcing |  |  |  |  |
| 3any = Weak (aggressive NV) |  |  | Bids = NAT, 4NT = BW 4C over 3M = Slam Try |  | 4NT = Natural | If unco | tested and no fit or if contested and naturally bid NT |
| 3NT = Good 4M opener |  |  | $4{ }^{*}=$ X-fer to major $4 *=$ Bid your major, $4 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}, 4 \mathrm{NT}=$ Quant, $5 \mathrm{~m}=$ Control $\mathrm{Ask}\left(5 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{no}, 6 \mathrm{M}=2^{\text {nd }}, 5 \mathrm{~N}=1^{\text {st }}\right.$ round) |  | SPL and Cue-bids | Italian cue-bidding style |  |
| 4any = Weak (aggressive NV) |  |  | 4NT = RKCB |  |  |  |  |
| 4NT = Specific Ace ask |  |  | $5 \%=$ None, $5 \mathrm{any} / 6 \%=$ That Ace, $5 \mathrm{NT}=2$ Aces |  |  |  |  |

