

<b>DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING</b>
<b>OVERCALLS</b> (style ; Responses ; ½ Level ; Reopening)
<b>Style</b> : natural, can be light 7+HCP
<b>Responses</b> : New suit F1, weak jump raises.
<b>Reopening</b> : no jump usually shows 7-13(14) HCP NT : 1NT 9-13, 2NT 17-19, but slightly different over 1♠
<b>T/O Doubles General Style</b>
Can be light if shaped
Reopening 8+ according to shape
<b>NT Overcalls</b>
Direct: 15-18 HCP, Reop: 9-13 HCP, but 10-15 after 1♠ op Responses : Stayman and Transfers
<b>JUMP Overcalls</b>
<b>Style</b> : natural weak except : (1♣) 2♦ = ♠ + ♥, (1♦) 3♣ = ♠ + ♣ NF, (1♥/♠) 3♣ = ♠/♥ + ♦
<b>Unusual NT</b> : two lower unbid suits
<b>Direct cue-bid</b> : two-suiter except 1♣ 2♣ natural
<b>Jump cue bid</b> : asks for stopper but (1m) 3m = ♠ + m'
<b>VS INT OPENING</b>
<b>VS Strong NT (14-16 or more)</b> X = 5+m, 4M or strong, 2♣ both majors, 2♦ 1 major, 2♥/♠ 5♥/♠, 4+m, 2NT both minors
<b>VS Weak (13-15 or less) or 3<sup>rd</sup> hand NV NT</b> X = values, 2♣ both majors, 2♦/♥ Transfer, 2♠ = 4♠ + 5+m, 2NT = 4♥ + 5+m, 3♣/♦ constructive After X, 2 <sup>nd</sup> X of a natural suit is T/O.
<b>VS PREEMPTS</b>
<b>Style</b> : T/O double, natural overcalls. Over a weak 2M, cue bid shows both minors, 4m = 5M' 5m
<b>Responses</b> : New suit F1, 2NT asks
<b>VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENING</b>
<b>VS Strong 1♣</b> X shows opening values and majors, 1-level natural, 1NT both minors, 2NT both majors, 2 and 3-level nat preempts 1♣ 1M Pass 1NT : cue bid 2x : natural NF
<b>OVER OPPONENTS T/O DOUBLE</b>
XX=10+ HCP, next X are penalty. After 1M (X) : 1NT → 2M = Transfer, 2NT inv+ with a 4+ card fit, 3m = fit showing

<b>LEADS AND SIGNALS</b>			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	Lead	In Partner's suit	
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> /low	3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	
NT	4th best	3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	
Subsequent	Attitude/Count	Count	
Other : VS suit, lead 2nd from xxxx, 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> from six cards			
VS suits contracts, may lead K from AKx(x) and a sing aside			
<b>LEADS</b>			
Lead	Suit	NT	
Ace	AKx(x)	Ask for attitude	
King	AK, KQ(x)	Ask for count/unblock	
Queen	QJ(x), Qx, AKQ(x)	Ask for attitude	
Jack	(H)J10(x), Jx	(H)J10x	
10	10x, (H)109(x)	(H)109x(x), H10x	
9	9x, HH9x	9x, 9xx, H9x	
Hi-x	xx, xxxx, Hxxx	Hxx, xxx, xxx(x)	
Low-x	xxx, Hxx, Hxxxx	Hxxx, Hxxxx,	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER PRIORITY</b>			
	Partner's lead	Declarer's lead	Discarding
1	Std count	Std count	Std count
2	High enc	S/P	High enc
3	S/P		S/P
1	Std count	Smith echo	Std count
2	High enc	Std count	High enc
3	S/P	S/P	S/P
Smith echo VS NT : upside down from the leader, std from his partner (could be reversed in some situations)			
Signals in Trump: Hi-lo often shows an ability to ruff, otherwise S/P			
<b>TAKE OUT DOUBLES</b>			
<b>Style</b> : can be light if shaped <b>Responses</b> : natural, cue-bid shows strength <b>Reopening</b> : 8+, according to shape			
<b>Responder's doubles</b> : 1m 1♥ X : 4 or 5♠, 1♠ : 0-3♠ 1♣ 1♦ X : 4 or 5♥, 1♥ : 4 or 5♠, 1♠ : no 4 card major			

<b>CONVENTION CARD</b>
Category : Green
NCBO : France
Event : Any
Players : Thomas Bessis & Cédric Lorenzini
<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROCH AND STYLE</b>
5-Card Major, Better Minor
2♣ GF or 22-23 NT
2♦ 18-19 BAL
2♥/♠ weak 2
1NT Opening : 14+-17
2/1 : GF
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE</b>
<b>Openings</b>
2♦ 18-19 bal
3NT solid minor no Ace or King aside
<b>Competitive bids</b>
See responder's doubles.
Lots of conventional agreements in competition
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE</b>
Fit showing jump bids.
3 <sup>rd</sup> suit F1.
Psychics : rare

## OPENING BIDS AND DEVELOPPEMENTS

Opening	Tick if artificial	Minimum number of cards	Negative X thru	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	7♥	10-22 HCP, better minor 15+ HCP if 4-4 ♣/♦	2♣ : 5+♣, no 4c M, GF 2♦ : inv ♣ raise 2♥ : 5+♠ 4+♥ 3-9 HCP	See take out doubles. 2-way check-back after 1x 1y 1NT	Fit showing jumps.
1♦		3	7♥	10-22 HCP, better minor 11-14 or 1444 15-17 if 4-4 ♣/♦	2♦ : (4)5+♦, no 4c M, GF 2♥ : 5+♠ 4+♥ 3-9 HCP 3♣ : inv ♦ raise	Same as above.	Same as above
1♥		5	7♦	10-22 HCP	2♠ : ~ 7-10 HCP with 6+♠ 2NT : 3+c raise, inv to bad GF 3♣/♦ : nat 6+c inv 3♥ : PRE 3♠ : unspecified sing splinter 3NT, 4♣/♦ : void splinter	2-way check-back after 1♥ 1♠ 1NT 2♣ Gazzili after 1♠/NT response  After overcall : 2NT GF 4+ card raise, Cue-bid inv+ 3 card raise or INV 4+ card raise Fit showing jumps, splinter	Reversed Drury Fit showing jumps 3♣ NAT
1♠		5	7♥	10-22 HCP	Same as above except : 3NT unspecified sing splinter 4♣ void in ♣ or ♥, 4♦ void 4♥ natural	Same as above	Same as above 3♣ NAT
1NT			7♥	14+-17 HCP bal or semi-bal 5M or 6m possible	2♣ Stayman, 2♠ range ask/♣ 2NT ask for 5-card major 3♣ Transfer ♦ 3♦/♥ = 6+♥/♠, slam try 3♠ = 22(45) or (23)44, 13+	After overcall : Rubensohl	
2♣	x	0	7♥	GF or 22-23 NT	2♦ waiting	2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ Kokish	
2♦	x	2	4♠	18-19 BAL	Multi meaning transfers	After overall : Rubensohl	
2♥/♠		(5)6		Weak 2, according to Vul	2NT ask	Natural	
2NT			7♥	20-21 bal or semi bal	Stayman, Transfers		
3♣/♦		6		PRE aggressive NV/V	Natural	4♦/♣ KC (optional NV)	
3♥/♠		6		PRE aggressive NV/V	Natural	4♣ KC (optional NV)	
3NT	x			Solid minor no Ace or King aside	4♣ P/C, 4♦ ask, 4♥/♠ to play		Can be stronger in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat
4x		7		PRE	4NT to play over 4m		
4NT	x			Both minors according to vul			
5♣/♦		7					

## HIGH LEVEL BIDDING AND SLAM CONVENTIONS

RKCB 5 key cards 1430, 5♠ 2 + Q of Trump, 5NT 2 KC and a void, 6x : 1 or 3 KC and a void. Priority King theory in some situations.

Controls and cue-bid, Josephine, 5NT grand slam force

