

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Nat, can be weak on lev1. Usually sound on lev2.
New suit responses are constructive but not forcing
4 th position after 2 passes jump in new suit=constructive
Over 1M overcall, 2NT response is invitational+ raise
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd :1NT= (14)-(18) / system on
4 th : 11-15 vs minor open / system on
4 th : 12-15 vs major open / system on
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Overcall with jump to level 2 = 6 card and <10 hcp
Overcall with jump to level 3 = at least 6 c
2NT = usually 5-5 the minors (or the lowest 2 remaining suits)
Reopen: constructive
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Over 1♥/♠:direct QB=the extreme suits, over 1♣-3♣=the extreme suits
Over 1♦/1♣ 2♦=Ms – 2NT Relay if available shows interest
After two suiter intervention: low QB=limit raise +, hi QB= interest in 4 th suit
Over ♦/♥/♠: jump QB= ask for stopper
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
2♣=both Ms, 2♦=♥ or ♠ or strong M+m,
2♥/♠=♥/♠+4+m, 2nt=minors
Double (to strong NT) =5+m+4M or any str hand or ♦
Double (to weak NT) = PEN (maximum range of NT)
When they overcall 1NT, double is penalty oriented
VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Dbl=T/O, 2NT=16-18hcp, Jump in new suit=str hand-suit
Rubensohl, Leaping Michaels
3NT after 3lev bid=16+hcp maybe unbalanced
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Vs 1♣: Double=both Ms, maybe very weak, 1NT=both m, 2NT=any str two-suiter, Vs 1♣-1♦=as above, Vs 2♣ double=Ms
After intervention in major 1NT=strong cue 2♣ is natural
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Rdbl=strong, 2NT=limit+ raise and many transfers apply
Mixed raise
After 1M-dbl-1NT (fit), 2NT (fit)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd /4 th	If fit was given attitude	
NT	2 nd /4 th	If fit was given attitude, otherwise 2 nd /4 th	
Subseq			
Other: A, Q in NT promise good suit and demands deblockage or counting			
K from AK if we have side singleton (HL bidding)			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKxx, Ax	AKxx	
King	KQxx, AK	AKx(xx)	
Queen	QJx(xx)	(H)QH(H)xx	
Jack	J10(xx)	(H)J10x	
10	H10x or 10(x)	(H)1098x	
9	(10)9 x	109x or 9(x)	
Hi-X	2 or 4c+(if it from low cards	2 or 4c+(if it from low cards	
Lo-X	3+c	3+c	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Hi=d, low=e	Count (hi-low=odd)	Low=enc High-SP
Suit 2	Count (hi-low=odd)		Same as above
3	S/P		
1	Hi=d, low=e	Count (hi-low=odd)	Same as above
NT 2	Count (hi-low=odd)		
3	S/P		
Signals (including Trumps): sp or ruff possibility			
Smith high encourage by both players			
Trump echo when ruff possibility			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Most doubles at low level are T/O or strength showing			
Responsive double up to 3 hearts, Support double up to 2 hearts			
Ater 2 suits bid by opps Dbl is near opening strength			
After 2 suits bid by opps NT overcall is weak 2-suit			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
DOPI-ROPI, Negative, Lead directing, Lightner,			
Maximal, Competitive Redouble, Game try doubles			
Dbl on opts spl: for next lower suit if vulnerable, length showing when non vulnerable – possible sacrifice			

EBL CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: GREEN
NCBO: Hellenic Bridge Federation
PLAYERS: CHRISTODOULOS BANIKAS IOANNIS PAPAGIANNIS
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Very weak preemptive and take out doubles in favorable vulnerability
5 card majors, 2 over 1 game forcing
1NT response to a major opening is almost forcing
The response to 1♣ maybe very weak
1NT (non-vulnerable) 10-13 otherwise 14-16(17)
1♣ maybe 2c or longer ♦
1♦ always 5c or 4-4-4-1 (any singleton)
Opening bids may be weaker than 1hpc, even in 1st and 2nd
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
1♣=then trf responses (1♦=hearts, 1♥=spades, 1♠=diamonds) or relay to 1NT
2♦=17-19balanced 1 st /2 nd /4 th position
2♦= 1 M 5+cards <11 hcp 3 rd position
2♥/♠=5cMwith 5c (4) m in 3 rd position up to 11hcp
Inverted minors, Gazzilli, Bergen raises, Jacoby 2NT
Good/bad 2NT: After opponents' intervention
After 1M-2♣/2♦: extra length responses and many relays
1m -2M (5+sp and 4+hearts)
2-way Check Back Stayman
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
When hcp superiority is established;
On relays or ask bids situations; on high level competition
IMPORTANT NOTES
We play a lot of transfers
Dbl usually are not penalty
PSYCHICS: rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♥	10+ hcp, can open 1♣ with 4♦	1♦/♥=trf, 1♠=♦ or trf NT, 1NT=4(5)♣, 2♣=inverted, 2♦=5♦+4♣ 5-9hcp, 2♥=5♠+4♥5-9hcp, 2♠=5♠+4♥, 9-11hcp, 3♣=preemptive	1♣-1♦/♥ next step=11-14, After 1♣-1♦/♥- next step: 2♣=relay, 2♦=FG, after 1♣-1♦/♥-2NT=GF 6+♣, 1♣-1♦/♥-3♦=17-19 4card fit or mini splinter	3rd position openings may be very light 1♣ - 2♠=5+♠ 4+♣ 1♣ - 2♥=5+♥ 4+♣
1♦		4(5+)	4♥	10-22hcp 5+, 4c if 4=4=4=1	2♦=inverted, 2♥=5♠+4♥ 5-9hcp, 2♠=5♠+4♥ 9-10hcp, 3♣=invitational with fit	1♦-1♥/♠-1NT=depends on vulnerability, 2-way check back and many relays	1♦ may be 4c
1♥/1♠		5	5♦	10-22 hcp	1NT=almost forcing, 2♣=2+ c FG, 2♦=5c+FG, 2M=3c 7-10hcp, Bergen raises, Jacoby, 1♥-2♠= any splinter fit constructive, 1♠-3♥= any splinter fit constructive, 1♥-4♦, 1♠-4♥ preemptive in ♥/♠ with 1.5 defensive trick	1♥-2♥-3♥=6+c, 1♥-2♥-2♠=at least invitation F1, 1♥-2♥-2NT=Game try, 1♠-2♠-2NT= at least invitation F1, 1♥-1♠/1NT-2♣=Gazzilli,*, 1♥-1♠/1NT-2NT=strong one or two suiter, after 2/1 extra length responses	2way Drury 1♥-2♠=inv, 5♠+3♥
1NT			5♦	14-16 (17) hcp, May have 5c M, or 6c m, 10-13 hcp non- vuln, (14-17) in 4 th	2♠=trf ♣, 2NT=trf for♦ can be weak with both ms 3♣=puppet, 3♦=both ms strong, Transfer-texas-smolen-gerber, 3♥/♠=singleton with 5-4 in minors, 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♠/♠ 4-4-4-1, repetitive Stayman	1NT-2♣-2M-jump in NS=spl, 1NT-3♦-3NT-4♣/♦=nat, slam try, 1NT-3♦-3♥/♠-3(4) slam try with fit responsively	Rubensohl, Double take-out
2♣	✓			22+ hcp or strong 9+tricks with/wo outside values	2♦ waiting bid, any suit 5+c good suit	2♣-2♦-2♥= 5+♥ or 24+ bal – Puppet for 2♣; 2♠ = 5+♠; 2NT = 22-23 bal	
2♦	✓			17-19 balanced no 5c M, 3 rd seat: Weak on a 5+ c M, <11 hcp	2♥/♠, 3♥/♠, 4♥=p/c, 2NT=R, 11+hcp, 3♣/♦=nat, 3NT=to play, 4♣=bid your M with trf, 4♦=bid your M, For strong 2♦ see supplementary	After 2NT-3♣/♦=♥/♠, 3NT=at least AK in M, 2NT-3♣/♦-3M=inv 2♦-2♥-2♠-3♣/♦=natural to play	
2♥/2♠		5		Either Weak in Major or in 3 rd seat Weak with a 5c M hcp and 4+ m 2♥ may have 4+♠ as a second suit, see supplementary notes	New suit F1 – can be lead directing, 2NT Relay, in 3 rd seat see supplementary notes	2♥-2♠-X =penalty	
2NT				19-21 hcp bal or semi bal May have 5c M or 6c m	Modified puppet Stayman (3♥ no 4/5c M), trfs, 3♠=trf to 3NT, 2NT-3NT=5♠+4♥, 2NT-3♠-3NT-4♣/♦=6c, 2NT-3♠-3NT-4♥/♠=singl M with both m's		
3♣/♦		6		Preemptive (3-10 hcp)	Other minor=relay, after an interference of the opponent any other suit may be lead directing, double is penalty oriented		
3♥/♠		7 (6)		preemptive	4♣/♦ = slam try asking		
3NT	✓			Gambling	4♣/5♠/= p/c, 4♥/♠=to play 4d=asking for singleton		
4♥/♠				Preemptive except in 3 rd or 4 th position	NS= slam try asking		
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
					RCKB:4130 (5NT=odd + any void, 6 any=even + any void), GSF, Exclusion Blackwood (first step 0, 2 nd 1...), Gerber, Cue's and direct cue's Ask bids Control Ask's, DOPI, ROPI, F pass situations, 5NT after RCKB specific King ask (when fit in M), splinters Lightner doubles, Quant NT, Pick a slam 5NT When there is uncompetitive fit in minor 4 in the minor is RKC: 1 st step=weak, 2 nd = 1/4, 3 rd =0/3, 4 th =2noQ, 5 th =2+Q, 6 th =Odd+void, 7 th =Even+void Josephine in many situations non Serious 3NT after fit in a major 2♣-2♦-3nt after that we play transfers same after 3x-3nt 2x-2nt (overcall) we play stayman - transfer to opener's suit is quantitative		

A. 1st/2nd seat modifications when NV

West	East	Description
1NT		Bal or sbal 10-12
2♦		Balanced or semi-balanced hand 17-18(16+) Can have 6m

B. 3rd seat modifications

West	East	Description
2♦		Weak in a major. Can be 5cards
2♥		Hearts + minor (5/4+)
2♠		Spades + minor (5/4+)
3NT		To play

C. 2♣ Gazzili

West	East	Description
1♠	1NT	
2♣		1) Natural 4 cards 2) 17+ most hands
2♦		Natural up to 16
2♥		Natural up to 16
2♠		Natural
2NT		17+ hcp 6♠+ 4card in other suit
3♣		5-5 up to 16 (5-5.5 losers)
3♦		5-5 up to 16 (5-5.5 losers)
3♥		5-5 up to 16 (5-5.5 losers)
3♠		Natural invitational
3NT		To play

West	East	Description
1♠	1NT	
2♣	2♦	8+ all hands
	2♥	5-7hcp 5+♥, or short ♠ 4c♥
	2♠	2♠ 5-7 HCP
	2NT	1-3-5-4 or 1-2-5-5
	3♣	5+♣ 5-7 hcp, short ♠
	3♦	6+♦ 5-7 hcp, short ♠

West	East	Description
1♠	1NT	
2♣	2♦	
2♥		5♠-4x exactly. 17+ hcp (If clubs then 16+)
2♠		11-15 5♠ - 4+ ♣
2NT		17-19 Balanced vuln. and 15-17 Balanced not vuln.
3♣		5+♠-5+♣ 16+
3♦		5+♠-5+♦ 17+
3♥		5+♠-5+♥ 17+
3♠		6+ ♠ GF
3NT		To play, can have 6 spades

4♣		Solid or semisolid suit splinter in ♣
4♦		Solid or semisolid suit splinter in ♦
4♥		Solid or semisolid suit splinter in ♥
4♠		To play no slam ambitions

West	East	Description
1♠	1NT	
2♣	2♦	
2♥	2♠	Relay
	3♣	GF 5+♣
	3♦	GF 5+♦
	3♥	GF 5+♥

West	East	Description
1♠	1NT	
2NT	3♣	GF relay
	3♦	6+♦ conditional sign off
	3♥	6+♥ conditional sign off
	3♠	Sign off
	3NT	To play

D. 2♣ GF Relay and continuation

West	East	Description
1♥	2♣	GF Relay can have 5♦ or 5♥ w bad suit
2♦		Natural 4+♦
2♥		Waiting
2♠		Transfer to ♣ (4+)
2NT		Nat, bal + stopers
3♣		Transfer to ♦ (5-5+) good suits
3♦		Transfer to 3♥, extra length good hearts
3♥		5-4 in M no 3♣
3♠		5-4 in M and 3♣
3NT		Strong balanced (17-19)

West	East	Description
1♥	2♣	
2♦	2♥	Fit rest bids singleton
	2♠	Starting a stopper sequence for NT
	2NT	2 nd relay
3♣		Transfer to ♦ (5-5+)
3♦		Transfer to 3♥, extra length (6-4)
3♥		5-4 1♣
3♠		5-4 and 1♠
3NT		5-4-2-2

E. 1NT opening (1st or 2nd position NV)

West	East	Description
	1NT	10-12 bal or sbal
2♣		Puppet Stayman

2♦	Forcing Stayman (to game); may not have 4 card major
2NT	Game invitational, denies a 4 card major
3♥/♠	Game forcing, 5-card suit; Opener chooses 3NT or 4H/S

F. 2♦ opening and development (1st/2nd/4th position)

West	East	Description
2♦	2♥	4+♠ NF or 6+ m GF
	2♠	Puppet to 2NT can have 5+♥
	2NT	Trf to 3♣: weak ♣ / weak ♥ / SI with 6+ ♥ / SI bal no M
	3♣	5+♥ - 4+♠ GF
	3♦	5+♠ - 4+♥ GF
	3♥	Splinter with m (1m no slam interest or 2 suiter SI)
	3♠	Splinter with m (1m no slam interest or 2 suiter SI)
	3NT	M 5-5 F
	4♣	Texas to 4♥
	4♦	Texas to 4♠
	4♥	Exclusion
	4♠	Exclusion
	4NT	Choose a minor
	5m	To play

West	East	Description
2♦	2♥	
2♠	Pass	Weak with 4+♠
	2NT	Trf to 3♣, 6+♣ GF
	3♣	Trf to 3♦, 6+♦ GF
	3♦	GF 5+ ♠ unbalanced
	3♥	4♠/5+♣ GF
	3♠	4♠/5+♦ GF
	3NT	5 or 6 ♠ balanced
	4♣	5+♠-5+♣ SI good suits
	4♦	5+♠-5+♦ SI good suits

West	East	Description
2♦	2♠	
2NT	(forced)	To play 2NT/3NT
	3♣	Stayman
	3♦	GF 5+ ♥ unbalanced
	3♥	4♥/5+♣ GF
	3♠	4♥/5+♦ GF
	3NT	5 or 6 ♥ balanced
	4♣	5+♥-5+♣ SI good suits
	4♦	5+♥-5+♦ SI good suits

West	East	Description
2♦	2NT	
3♣	Pass	Weak with 6+ ♣
	3♦	Transfer to 3♥ with either weak (then pass) or SI then cuebid
	3♥	Balanced SI w/o 4 card M

G. King asking bidding

West	East	Description
	5NT	After "optional" ace asking the bid for king asking can vary. Assuming that trumps are ♠ responses are:
6♣		Either the ♣K or the ♦K - ♥K
6♦		Either the ♦K or the ♣K - ♥K
6♥		Either the ♥K or the ♣K - ♦K
6♠		No outside K

H. 1♣ opening - Overall

West	North	East	Description
1♣	Dbl	Rdbl	Natural, 10+
		1♦/♥/♠	Natural 4+ cards
		1NT	5-10(11-) hcp
		2♣	Natural weak
		2♦/♥/♠	Nat, 2suiter with 4+ ♣, 5-9
		2NT	8+ with fit in ♣
		3♣/♦	preemptive
		3♥/♠	Mini-splinters
		4♣	Preemptive
		4♦	Preemptive
		4♥/♠	To play
		4NT	RKCB
		5m	To play
West	North	East	Description
1♣	1♦	Dbl	5+ ♥ (can have 4♠) 2♦ rebid GF other nat
		1♥	5+ ♠ (can have 4♥) 2♦ rebid GF, other nat
		1♠	4♥ – responses as above
		2♣	Nat F1 (up to 3♣)
		2♦	4-4 M (2♥/♠ can be 3 cards)
		2♥	4♠, 10+ (with less pass and then DBL)
		2♠	GF no M, trf to 2NT for the bal 1♣ opening
		2NT	Nat GI
		3♣	preemptive
		3♦	5+-5+ M GI
		3♥/♠	Mini splinters
		4♦	5+-5+ M GF
		4♥/♠	To play
		4NT	RKCB
		5♣	To play
West	North	East	Description
1♣	1♥	Dbl	4/5 ♠ (1♠=3/4 ♠, 2♥=F no 4♠, 2♠=4c min sbal or max bal, 3♥ = F w fit in ♠)
		1♠	Takeout without 4♠
		2♣/♦	Nat F1 (Opener bids 2NT w ♥ stop, 2♥ w/o)
		2♥	6♠, 6-10 (2♠=s/o, 2NT=rel)
		2♠	GF 6+♠ (2NT=rel - 3♣/♦ = nat 6-4, 3♥=ask for cuebid, 3♠=min, 3NT=13+, 4x=spl)
		2NT	Nat GI

3♣	preemptive
3♦	5♠-5♣ GF
3♥	5♠-5♦ GF
3♠/4♦/4♥	Splinters fit ♣

I. 1♦ opening - Overcall

West	North	East	Description
1♦	Dbl	Rdbl	Natural, 10+
		1♥/♠	Natural 4+ cards
		1NT	5-10(11-) hcp
		2♣/♦	Natural weak
		2♥/♠	Nat, 2suiter with 4+ ♦, 5-9
		2NT	Mixed raise in ♦
		3♣	Limit or better in ♦
		3♦	preemptive
		3♥/♠	Mini-splinters
		3NT	To play
		4♣	Preemptive
		4♦	Preemptive
		4♥/♠	To play
		4NT	RKCB
		5m	To play

West	North	East	Description
1♦	1♥	Dbl	4/5 ♠ (1♠=3/4 ♠, 2♥=F no 4♠, 2♠=4c min sbal or max bal, 3♥ = F w fit in ♠)
		1♠	Takeout without 4♠
		2♣/♦	Nat F1 (Opener bids 2NT w ♥ stop, 2♥ w/o)
		2♥	6♠, 6-10 (2♠=s/o, 2NT=rel)
		2♠	GF 6+♠ (2NT=rel - 3♣/♦ = nat 6-4, 3♥=ask for cuebid, 3♠=min, 3NT=13+, 4x=spl)
		2NT	Nat GI
		3♣	GI w fit
		3♦	Preemptive
		3♥	5♠-5♣ GF
		3♠/4♣/4♥	Splinters fit ♣