EBL Convention Card

Category:	Red
Country:	Portugal
Event:	Open European Teams Championship 2024
Players:	Paulo Sarmento - João Barbosa

DEFENSIVE AND COMETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2level; Reopening)
May be very light (5+) if good suit ou good shape

Responses: 2♣=supp 11+ or strong hands; 2NT= supp 4+c

New suit: Nat NF

Jump cue: 7-10 4+c; Jump in new suit = Nat GF

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2nd/4th live= 15-18

Responses: Cue-bid Stayman forcing; 2 level sign off

2NT and over=transfer inv+

Reopening: 11-14 may be semi-bal (over 1♣=12-16)

JUMP OVERCALLS(Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Over 1♣: 2♣=♣+major, 2♦=majors, 2♥=♣+♦, 2♠=♥+♦,2nt=minors

Over 1♦: 2♦=majors, 2♥=♣+♠, 2♠=♥+♣, 2nt=majors strong

Over 1♥: 2♥=♣+♠, 2♠=minors, 2nt=♣+♦

Over 1♠: 2♠=♥+♦, 2nt=♥+♦, 3♣=minors, 3♦=minors strong

Responses: First step or 2NT ask for the quality of the hand

Reopening: Modified Ghestem

DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Jump cue: in ♦ or ♥ asks for stopper with solid suit

(1♠) - 3♣ = Natural preempt

VS. NT(vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Over weak or strong No Trump:

2♣= Majors; 2♦= 1 Major; 2M=M+m

Over weak No Trump:

Dbl= Points; 2NT= 4♥+6m; 3♣=6♣+4♦; 3♦=6♦+4♠

Over strong No Trump:

Dbl= Strong hand; 2NT= both minors; 3m= pre-empt

VS.PREEMPTS(Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)
Vs minor: 4♣=m+M, 4♦=majors; vs major: 4♣=♣+M, 4♦=♦+M

NT biddings natural, over 2NT 15-17: System on

Over Double, 2NT is LEB

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
Vs lvl 2 strong oppenings: 2NT/3♣/3♦=2suits, same color/rank/others

NV vs Str 1♣: X= 5+♥, 1♦=5+♠, 1♥/1♠/1NT=2suits: color/rank/others

2♣=1minor, 2♦=1Major; 2♥/2♠/2NT=2suits same color/rank/others

Vul vs Str 1♣: X=strong; 1NT=♣+other,2♦=Majors,2♥/♠=M+m,2NT=minor

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE
When Opps DBL 1m opening, transfers from RDBL

When Opps DBL 1M opening, transfers from 1NT

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	in Partner's Suit
Suit	3rd/5th	3rd/5th
NT	Attitude	Count/attitude
Subseq	Attitude	Attitude
Other:	2nd/4th through declarer	

LEADS

Lead	Vs.Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx or Ax (at lvl 5+ deny the K)	Ask for attitude
King	KQx or AK (AKx at lvl 5+)	Ask for unblock or count
Queen	QJx	KQx or QJx
Jack	JT or KJT	JT/KJT/AJT
10	HT9 ot Tx	T9x/QT9/KT9
9	9x	T9xx/9xx/H98
Hi-x	Even	Even
Lo-x	Odd	Odd

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit:1st	Attitude	Attitude	Low Encourage
2nd	Count	Count	Count
3rd	Suit preference	Suit preference	Suit preference
NT: 1st	Attitude	Attitude	Low Encourage
2nd	Count	Count	Count
3rd	Suit preference	Suit preference	Suit preference

Signals (including Trumps):   Reverse count and attitude

Smith Eco at No Trump (high card likes)

Natural suit preference

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES(Style;Responses;Reopening)
Takeout doubles in almost all situations

Responses are natural; 2NT is usually a choice of 2suits

After 1M/1NT (X) XX: X=Penalty

SPECIAL,ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES
Doubles and redoubles usually show cards/points

At high level, double show good hand and wants partner to bid

When 1♣/♦ openings are overcalled at level 1 or doubled, double and redouble shows exact suits

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
2 OVER 1 RESPONSES GF

1♣= 2+ cards

1♦= 4+ cards UNBAL

1♥/♠= 5+ cards

1ST=(14)15-17 BAL (RED)

1ST=12-14 ALL GREEN AND 4TH POSITION

1ST= 10-13 (GREEN VS RED)

2♣= 18-19 BAL

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
2♣= 18-19 BAL

2♦= ANY GF

2♥= 6 CARDS. 8-10 HCP (CONSTRUCTIVE)

2♠= 6 CARDS. 8-10 HCP (CONSTRUCTIVE)

TRANSFER RESPONSES OVER 1♣ OPENING

NV: Preempts 3M = 0-7hcp (weaker than 2M)

NV vs V: 3x preempt may be wild and with 5 cards (0+hcp)

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
When clear situation, pass ask partner to double and DBL invites strongly to bid

If pass and reopen, invites partner to play 1 more level

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

Psychics:

Country:	Portugal			Paulo Sarmento - João Barbosa			
OPEN	TICK IF ART.	MIN NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL. THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	7♥	11-21 2+♣	1♦=4+♥; 1♥=4+♠;1♠=4+♦ or bal without majors;1NT=11 bal NF	1♣-1♦-1♥=3+♥; 1♣-1♦-1♠= unbal	IF RHO bids: X or XX = any 15+unbal; 1NT=3c support:
					2♣= GF (balanced or ♣); 2♦=inv with 6+♥ or ♠; 2NT= weak ♣ or ♥/♠ GF	1♣-1♥-1♠=3+♠	2NT=any 6-4
					3♣= limit raise (invite the balanced range)	1♣-1X-2NT= a) Strong ♣ or Strong ♣ + support	IF LHO bids: transfers by responder
							1m-(1♥)-1♠ = 8+ with 0-3♠
1♦		4	7♥	11-21 4+♦	1NT= GF (balanced or Club or Diamond support)	1♦-1♥-1♠= 5+♦+4♠	Same
					2♥/♠= 6 cards limit	1♦-1M-2M= may often have 3 cards support	
					3♣= 6 cards limit	1♦-1M-2♠= 11-15 ♦+♣ or any 16+	
						1♦-1M-2NT= Strong ♦ or Srong ♦ + support	
1♥		5	7♦	11-21 5+♥	1♠= 4+ cards; 1NT= semi forcing	1♥-1♠-2♣= 5♥+4♠ 11-15 or any 16+	Passed hand: 2♣=drury 8+3c ; 2♦=2 cards 10-11
					2♣/♦= GF; 2♠=5+♣ & 5+m or 6♠ GF	1♥-1NT-2♣= same as above	
					2NT= limit with 3 ot 4 cards or 13-15 bal with 3 cards	1♥-1♠-2NT= 6♥+4m 16+	
					3♣= 12-14, 4 cards support GF bal	1♥-1NT-2NT= same as above	
					3♦= 10-15, 4 cards support with singleton	1♥-2♣ = GF with ♣ or bal or fit ♥	
					3♥= Mixed raise		
					3♠/3NT/4♣= void in ♣/♦/♠		
1♠		5	7♥	11-21 5+♠	3♣= limit with 6+♥	1♠-1NT-2♣=5+♠-4+♣ ; 1♠-1NT-2♣-2♦-2♠=6+♠ 11-14	Same
					Others as above with one step up		
1 NT				15-17 (12-14 (10-13) Balanced	2♣= Stayman; 2♦=Transfer or special sequence	1NT-2♣-2♦-2♠= Ask Min-Max	After X: XX=strong; pass=not forcing
					2♥= Transfer 4+♠; 2♠= Transfer to ♣/♦ or 5-4 m short in ♥	1NT-2♣-2♦-3♣= XX in a minor	2x=Natural but 2♣ may XX to start baron
					2NT=limit 5+M or any 544 in M or 6♣ weak	1NT-2♣-2♦-3♦= XX in a Major	Lebensohl; Rubensohl
					3♣=5♦+5M limit or 5♦+5♠ limit+ or 6♦ weak	1NT-2♦-2♥-2♠ =5♥ and any XX or 4+♥ and 4+♠ GF	
					3♦= 5-4 minors short in ♠ or 6♦ with singl ♣	1NT-2♦-2♥-3♣ = 5♠ and any XX	
					3M= 5M and 5♣ limit		
2♣	X			18-19 Balanced	2♦=4+♥; 2♥=4+♠; 2♠=4♠ & 5+m or balanced, ask pd to bid 2NT		After X: XX=penalty; 2x=Nat; 2NT/3x=transfers
					2NT= FG balanced or weak ♦		After 2x: X=Takeout; 2NT/3x=transfers
					3♣= 5-4+ Majors; 3♦=4-4 Majors; 3M= 5332 OM		
					4♣/♦= 6 other minor slam try		
2♦	X			Any GF	2♥= positive; 2♠= negative; others = suit in transfer		
2♥		6		Weak constructive	2♠= Ask for short; 2NT= Ask for number of ♠		
2♠		6		Weak constructive	2NT= Ask for short; 3♣= Ask for number of ♥		
2 NT				20-22(23) balanced	3♣= Puppet; 3♦= 5+♥; 3♥=5+♠; 3♠= one or both minors	2NT-3♣-3♥= No Majors	
					4♣/♦= transfers to ♥/♠ slam try; 4♥/♠= 6+♣/♦	2NT-3♦-3♠= 5♠&2♥; 2NT-3♥-3NT=5♥&2♠	
3♣		6(5)		Wild NV vs V			
3♦		6(5)		Wild NV vs V			
3♥		6(5)		Wild NV vs V			
3♠		6(5)		Wild NV vs V		**High Level Bidding**	
3 NT	X			Good opening in 4♥ or 4♠		RCKB 14-30	
4♣		7		Pre-emptive		4♠ RCKB 14-30 in ♥ ♦ ♣	
4♦		7		Pre-emptive		Exclusion RCKB (03-14)	
4♥		7		Pre-emptive		D1P0 (X=1/4; P=0; 2; 2+Q)	
4♠		7		Pre-emptive		DEPO (X=even; P=odd)	
4NT				Minors 6+5+		High level RKCB trump+1: odd/even/even+q	