DEFENSIVE \& COMPETITIVE BIDDINGS
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)
Natural style,
All new suit is forcing (some exceptions if 4 players bidding) Responses : New suit (level 1 and level 2 ) $=$ F1 Jumpshift = fit + good suit $\qquad$ direct jump raises $=$ preempts
If player in seat 3 bids, 2SA is with fit
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)

## 1NT 16-18

Responses : after $1 \% / \star$ : stayman and transfers
after $1 \vee / \wedge$ : transfers (transfer in the opponent suit is Stayman)
Reopenings : 9-15 on 1 major (9-13 on minor); 2NT : 17-19
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; responses; Unusual NT))
Level 3 : weak except $1 \vee / \uparrow 3 \%=5^{+} \diamond$ and $5^{+} \uparrow / \downarrow$
$1 ヵ / \star 2 \star$ : both majors 5+/5+
2SA : 2 lowest unbid suit
1*3*: weak; 1*2*: natural with opening hand
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)
$1 \% 2 \%=5^{+} \uparrow$ and $5^{+} \bullet \quad 1 \% / \diamond 2 \star=5^{+} \downarrow$ and $5^{+} \uparrow$

Jump cue-bids asking for stopper (except 1 \%-3\% : natural)

## VS. NT (vs. Strong / weak; Reopening; PH)

vs. Strong
Double $=5+\mathrm{m} 4 \mathrm{M}(+) ; 2 \%$ asking for majors $\quad(2 *$ asks for the longest) ; $2 \diamond=$ One $6+$ major $(\bullet$ or $\uparrow) / 2 \uparrow=5 \vee / \wedge$ and $4^{+} \mathrm{m}$,
$2 \mathrm{NT}=5^{+}{ }^{\circ}$ and $5^{+}$
vs. Weak: $\mathrm{X}=14+; 2 \star$ for majors $; 2 \diamond, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \wedge, 3 \AA=$ Transfers $2 \mathrm{NT}=5^{+} \stackrel{+}{ }+5^{+} \quad 3 \diamond=5^{+} \bullet$ and $5^{+} \wedge$ Strong

## VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids

## Take out double

Vs 2 Weak opening: $4 * / \downarrow=*+$ other major; $4 \mathrm{M}=$ both minors defensive ; 4NT = both minors offensive

## VS. Michael's cue-bid

Double is punitive in one or both suits (except after 1NT 2\%)
First cue-bid = fit, forcing for one round
Second cue-bid = last suit invitational (5 or 6 cards)

LEADS AND SIGNALS
OPENING LEADS STYLE

|  | Lead | In partner's suit |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| vs TRUMP | 3rd -5 th | 3rd - 5th |
| vs NO-TRUMP | 4th best | 3rd - 5th |
| During the play | Small encouraging <br> behind dummy <br> 3rd -5th | Hi-low is even |


| LEADS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CARD | VS TRUMP | vs NO TRUMP |
| As | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AK}(\mathrm{x})+; \operatorname{AKQ}(\mathrm{x}) ; \\ \mathrm{AKJ}(\mathrm{x}) ; \\ \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AKx(x);AQ10(x); } \\ \text { A(x);AKJ(x); } \\ \text { (asking for signal) } \end{gathered}$ |
| King | AK; KQ(x); K(x); | KQJxx; AKJ10(x) <br> (asking to unblock) |
| Queen | QJx(x); Q(x) | $\begin{gathered} \text { AQJ(x);AQ10(x);KQ(x)+;KQ10x } \\ \text { QJ10(x); QJ9(x) } \end{gathered}$ |
| Jack | KJ10(x); J10x; J(x) | $\begin{gathered} \text { AJ10(x);KJ10(x); } \\ \mathrm{J} 109(\mathrm{x}) ; \mathrm{J} 108(\mathrm{x}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 10 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{K} 109(\mathrm{x}) ; \mathrm{Q} 109(\mathrm{x}) ; \\ 109(\mathrm{x})+; 10(\mathrm{x}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { A109(x) } ; \mathrm{K} 109(\mathrm{x}) ; \\ \mathrm{Q} 109(\mathrm{x}) ; 109 \mathrm{xx} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 9 | 9(x) | 9(x)(x), H9x |
| High | Hxxx; xxxx; xx; x | $\underline{\underline{\mathbf{x}} \times \underline{\mathbf{x}} \mathrm{x} ; \mathrm{x}^{\mathbf{x}} \mathrm{xx}(\mathrm{x})(\mathrm{x})}$ |
| Low | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{x} ; \mathrm{xxx} ; \operatorname{Hxx} ; \operatorname{xxxx} \mathbf{x} \\ \text { Hxxxx} \end{gathered}$ | Hxx ; Hxxx ${ }^{\text {(x) }}+$ |

## SIGNALS

Depending on situations : Count (high-low is even) / Smith / High =
encourag
If $x x x$ in dummy, high is encouraging on a honor lead from the partner in trump
SMITH : When we play an high in the declarer suit, that's mean there special thing about the lead's suit. It's the contrary for the person on lead (a high is a warning).
With Hxx on the lead, we may choose to lead the smallest or the second one

## Take-out doubles

Take out double : sound, (2)3-suiter style or 18+ Hcp, any distribution
Responses : natural, only cue-bid is forcing

## CONVENTION CARD <br> 

Donatella HALFON Marion CANONNE

## Base System and General Style

Major $5^{\text {th }}, 2 / 1$ Game Forcing, Better Minor

## 2* Strong, 2 GF, 2v/A weak

Natural, 5 cards major
Best minor $(1 \diamond 3$ cards only with $4 \uparrow+4 \vee+3 *+2 \&)$
1NT Opening : (14) $15-17$, balanced ( 6 m or 5M possible)
$2 \%$ Strong any artificial, $2 *$ GF artificial any hands
$2 \mathrm{M}(\vee / \wedge)$ : weak, 6 cards (can be aggressive according to vul \& position)
Blackwood 5 keys 41-30 (excepting exclusion BW) Double 2

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

3NT : Solid suit minor with 7 or 8 cards

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| IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE |
| In 3th seat, prempts are often weaker |
| Frequent ligh opening in $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat according to vulnerability |
| Psychics : rare |
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BIDDINGS \& DEVELOPMENTS

| Opening | Tick if artificial | Minimum number of cards | X T/O until | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1* |  | 3 | 4. | 10+ | ```1*-1\vee/^ : can have more * 1*-2*:5+^+4+\varphi,5-9 1*-2*: artificial, invitational (9-11) with at least 5* (1* - 3**:weak)``` | ```1m-1M - splinters 1m - 1M - 3NT : with fit (4M), 18-19 4333 or 4432 \(1 * 1 * 2 * /=5 / 6 \bullet 5-9\) \(1-2 *-2 \mathrm{NT}: 12-14\) or \(18-19 \mathrm{H}\) (transfers after) 1m-1M- 2NT - ? => transfers``` | Jump $=5+$ in suit and |
| 1 |  | 3 | $4 *$ | 10+ |  | $1 \mathrm{~m}-1 \mathrm{M}-1 \mathrm{NT}: 2 *$ relay for $2 * ; 2 *$ relay GF <br> $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{SA}$ : can have 11 <br> $1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{M}: 6$ cards and a very strong hand (slam interest) <br> After T/O : 2NT is weak with the fit ; 3m is invitational |  |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5 | 4* | 9+ | 1- $-2 \mathrm{NT}: 4$ cards in trumps, GF <br> 3* : 4 cards in trumps (invitational, more possible) <br> $3 \bullet: 3$ cards in trumps <br> $3 \mathrm{NT}: 4$ cards in trumps, balanced, 12-14 <br> 4 x : splinter | $1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{x}-2 \mathrm{SA}: 12-14$ with stoppers (or semi stoppers) in the 2 others colors / OR 18-19 balanced <br> After overcall : $\text { - Jumps }=5+\text { in suit and } 4+\text { trumps }$ | Drury promises fit 1^-2NT: 4 cards in trumps with a singleton |
| $1 \wedge$ |  | 5 | 4v | 9+ | 1A - 2NT : 4 cards in trumps, GF <br> 3* : 4 cards in trumps (invitational, more possible) <br> $3-: 3$ cards in trumps <br> $3 \boldsymbol{v}$ : 6 cards, invitational <br> $3 \mathrm{NT}: 4$ cards in trumps, balanced, 12-14 <br> 4 x : splinter | - $\quad 2 \mathrm{NT}: 3(4)$ cards in trumps, invitational \& more <br> - Cue-bid in level 3 : GF, 4 trumps <br> After T/O <br> - Truscott <br> - $\quad \mathrm{XX}: 11+$ (redouble is penalty) <br> - Jump = 5+ in suit and 4+ trumps | (3* relay) <br> $1 \vee-2 \boldsymbol{n}: 4$ cards in trumps with a singleton, 2NT relay $1 \vee-2 N T: 5 \vee / 4 \wedge$ |
| 1NT |  |  | 4 * | (14)15-17 | 2*: Stayman (5 responses) | After overcall : T/O ; Lebensolh (transfers) | If Stayman is double : |
|  |  |  |  |  | $2 \bullet / \vee / \wedge$ : Transfers | NT-2*-2*-4* / * : 6-4 in majors (6v/^) | XX = to play |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1NT $-3 / / \downarrow / \wedge$ : natural 6 cards +, for slam |  | $2 \bullet=4$ cards in $\downarrow$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1NT - 4*: both minors 5-4 14-16H 1NT - 4 : both majors 5+/5+ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{2 v}=4 \text { cards in } \\ & 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=5 \text { cards in } \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=5 \text { cards in } \\ & 3 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=\text { both majors } 4-4 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 2* | x | 0 | 4 * | Strong any | $2 *$ : relay <br> 2 M : at least 5 cards with 2 honors <br> 2NT : 22-23 <br> 3 x : at least 7 cards with 2 honors | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{2}-2 \star-3 \boldsymbol{*}: 6 \boldsymbol{v}-4 \boldsymbol{n} \\ & 2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \star-3 \boldsymbol{n}: 6 \boldsymbol{\wedge} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2 * | x | 0 |  | Game forcing | $2 \downarrow$ : relay artificial, weak or balanced hands <br> 2n: 1 Ace in major <br> 2SA : 8+ (or 2 Kings), balanced <br> 3 m : As in minor <br> 3 M : at least 6 cards with 2 honors <br> 3NT : 2 Aces | If opponents bid <br> - Bidding is natural <br> - $\quad \mathrm{X}=$ values without a natural color to announce <br> - Pass $=$ weak and balanced hand, or weak but unbalanced if a color is announced after on T/O |  |
| $2 v$ |  | 6 (5) |  | Weak | 2NT : relay | $2 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \mathrm{x}$ : values |  |
| 2^ |  | 6 (5) |  | Weak | A new color is forcing for one round, also after T/O | $2 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{nT}-4 \mathrm{x}$ : shortness |  |
| 2NT |  |  | 4* | 19+-21 | 3\% : stayman (don't guarantee 4 cards in a major) <br> $3 \bullet / \vee / \wedge$ : Transfers <br> 4* : Transfert *, with a slam interest <br> 4 : both majors 5+5+ <br> 4 : 5-4 in minors, shortness $\downarrow$, slam interest <br> 4^: $5 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-4 \star$, shortness $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, slam interest <br> 4NT : $5 \uparrow-4 \star$, shortness, slam interest |  |  |
| 3*/3* |  | 7 (6) |  |  | A new color is forcing |  |  |
| $3 \boldsymbol{1} / 3 \uparrow$ |  | 7 (6) |  | according to vuln \& position) |  |  |  |
| 3NT | x |  |  | 1 suit minor AKQxxxx | $4 / 5 *$ pass or correct <br> 4* relay asking the shortness |  |  |
| 4*/4* |  | 8(7) |  | Weak |  |  |  |
| 4V/4^ |  | 8(7) |  | Weak |  |  |  |
| 4NT | x |  |  | Both minors |  |  |  |
| 5*/5 |  |  |  | Weak |  |  |  |

