DEFENSIVE & COMPETITIVE BIDDINGS
<b>OVERCALLS</b> (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 direct jump raises = preempts
If player in seat 3 bids, 2SA is with fit
<b>1NT OVERCALL</b> (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
1NT 16-18
Responses: after 1 ♣/♦: stayman and transfers
after 1 ♥/♠: transfers (transfer in the opponent suit is Stayman)
Reopenings: 9-15 on 1 major (9-13 on minor): 2NT: 17-19

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1♣/♦ 2♦: 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)

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; responses; Unusual NT))

1♣ 2♣ = $5^+$ ♠ and $5^+$ ♥	$1 \clubsuit / \blacklozenge 2 \blacklozenge = 5^+ \blacktriangledown \text{ and } 5^+ \spadesuit$
$1 \lor 2 \lor = 5^+ \land \text{ and } 5^+ \blacktriangleleft$	$1 \spadesuit 2 \spadesuit = 5^+ \blacktriangledown \text{ and } 5^+ \clubsuit$

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

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

vs. Strong:

Double = 5+m4M(+);  $2 \clubsuit$  asking for majors ( $2 \spadesuit$  asks for the longest);  $2 \spadesuit = 0$ ne 6+ major ( $\heartsuit$  or  $\spadesuit$ ) /  $2 \spadesuit = 5 \heartsuit / \spadesuit$  and  $4^+$ m,

 $2NT = 5^+ \clubsuit \text{ and } 5^+ \spadesuit$ 

vs. Weak: X=14+;  $2 \clubsuit$  for majors;  $2 \diamondsuit$ ,  $2 \heartsuit$ ,  $2 \diamondsuit$ ,  $3 \clubsuit$  = Transfers  $2NT = 5^+ \clubsuit + 5^+ \diamondsuit$   $3 \diamondsuit = 5^+ \heartsuit$  and  $5^+ \spadesuit$  Strong

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

Take out double

Vs 2 Weak opening:  $4 . / \bullet = . / \bullet +$  other major; 4M = 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 – 5th	3rd – 5th
vs NO-TRUMP	4th best	3rd – 5th
During the play	Small encouraging	Hi-low is even
	behind dummy	
	3rd – 5th	

### **CONVENTION CARD**



Donatella HALFON

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### LEADS

CARD	vs TRUMP	VS NO TRUMP
	AK(x)+; AKQ(x);	AKx(x);AQ10(x);
As	AKJ(x);	A(x);AKJ(x);
	A(x)	(asking for signal)
King	AK; KQ(x); K(x);	KQJxx; AKJ10(x)
Kilig		(asking to unblock)
Ougan	QJx(x); Q(x)	AQJ(x);AQ10(x);KQ(x)+;KQ10x
Queen		QJ10(x); QJ9(x)
Look	KJ10(x); J10x; J(x)	AJ10(x);KJ10(x);
Jack		J109(x);J108(x)
10	K109(x);Q109(x);	A109(x); K109(x);
10	109(x)+; 10(x)	Q109(x); 109xx
9	9(x)	9(x)(x), H9x
High	Hx <u>x</u> x; x <u>x</u> xx; xx; x	$\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ x; $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ xx; x $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ xx(x)(x)
Low	x; xx <u>x;</u> Hx <u>x;</u> xxxx <u>x;</u> Hxxx <b>x</b>	H <u>x</u> x ; Hxx <u>x</u> (x)+

## SIGNALS

Depending on situations : Count (high-low is even) / Smith / High = encourage

### Other

If xxx 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.

# **Base System and General Style**

Major 5<sup>th</sup>, 2/1 Game Forcing, Better Minor

2 ★ Strong, 2 ★ GF, 2 ▼ / ★ weak

Natural, 5 cards major

Best minor (1 • 3 cards only with 4 • + 4 • + 3 • + 2 •)

1NT Opening: (14)15 -17, balanced (6m or 5M possible)

2♣ Strong any artificial, 2♦ GF artificial any hands

2M (♥/♠): 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

### IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

In 3th seat, prempts are often weaker

Frequent ligh opening in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat according to vulnerability

Psychics: rare

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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 ▼/♠: can have more ◆ 1 ♣ - 2 ♣: 5 + ♠ + 4 + ▼, 5-9 1 ♣ - 2 ♦: artificial, invitational (9-11) with at least 5 ♣ (1 ♣ - 3 ♣: weak)	Im − 1M − splinters Im − 1M − 3NT : with fit (4M), 18-19 4333 or 4432 1♣ 1♠ 2♣/ = $5/6$ ♥ 5-9 1 ♦ − 2♣ − 2NT : 12-14 or 18-19H (transfers after) Im − 1M − 2NT - ? => transfers	Jump = 5+ in suit and
1 •		3	4.	10+	1 ♦ -3 ♣: artificial, invitational (9-11) with at least $5 ♦ (1 ♦ -3 ♦$ : weak) $1 ♦ -2 ♦$ : $5 + ♠ + 4 + ♥$ , 5-9H $1 ♦ 1 ♠ 2 ♦ = 5 + ♥ 8-10$ $1 ♦ 2 ♠ 2 ♦ = 5 + ♥ 8-10$	<ul> <li>Im - 1M - 1NT: 2★ relay for 2 ♦ ; 2 ♦ relay GF</li> <li>1x - 1SA: can have 11</li> <li>1m - 2M: 6 cards and a very strong hand (slam interest)</li> <li>After T/O: 2NT is weak with the fit; 3m is invitational</li> </ul>	4+ trumps
1♥		5	4♠	9+	1 ✓ - 2NT: 4 cards in trumps, GF  3 ♣: 4 cards in trumps (invitational, more possible)  3 ♦: 3 cards in trumps  3NT: 4 cards in trumps, balanced, 12-14  4x: splinter	1M - 2x - 2SA: 12-14 with stoppers (or semi stoppers) in the 2 others colors / OR 18-19 balanced  After overcall:  - Jumps = 5+ in suit and 4+ trumps  - Splinters in the opponent's color(s)	Drury promises fit  1  ♠ - 2NT : 4 cards in trumps with a singleton
1 🛦		5	4♥	9+	1 ♣ - 2NT: 4 cards in trumps, GF 3 ♣: 4 cards in trumps (invitational, more possible) 3 ♦: 3 cards in trumps 3 ♥: 6 cards, invitational 3NT: 4 cards in trumps, balanced, 12-14 4x: splinter	- Sprinters in the opponent's condicts) - 2NT: 3(4) cards in trumps, invitational & more - Cue-bid in level 3: GF, 4 trumps  After T/O - Truscott - XX: 11 + (redouble is penalty) - Jump = 5+ in suit and 4+ trumps	(3♣ relay)  1♥ - 2♠: 4 cards in trumps with a singleton, 2NT relay  1♥ -2NT: 5♥/4♠
1NT			4.	(14)15 – 17	2♣ : Stayman (5 responses)  2 ◆ /♥ /♠ : Transfers  1NT - 3 ◆ /♥ /♠ : natural 6 cards +, for slam  1NT - 4♣ : both minors 5-4 14-16H  1NT - 4♠ : both majors 5+/5+	After overcall: T/O; Lebensolh (transfers)  1NT-2 ♣ -2 ♦ -4 ♣ / ♦ : 6-4 in majors (6 ♥ / ♠)	If Stayman is double:  XX = to play  2 • = 4 cards in •  2 • = 4 cards in •  2 • = 5 cards in •  2NT = 5 cards in •  3 • = both majors 4-4
2*	х	0	4♦	Strong any	2	24-24-34:64-44 24-24-34:64-44	
2•	х	0		Game forcing	2♥: relay artificial, weak or balanced hands 2♠: 1 Ace in major 2SA: 8+ (or 2 Kings), balanced 3m: As in minor 3M: at least 6 cards with 2 honors 3NT: 2 Aces	If opponents bid  — Bidding is natural  — X = values without a natural color to announce  — Pass = weak and balanced hand, or weak but unbalanced if a color is announced after on T/O	
2♥		6 (5)		Weak	2NT : relay  A new color is forcing for one round, also after T/O	2M - 2NT - 3x: values 2M - 2nT - 4x: shortness	
2A 2NT		6 (5)	4♥	Weak 19+ – 21	3♣: stayman (don't guarantee 4 cards in a major) 3♣: Transfers 4♣: Transfert ♣, with a slam interest 4♠: both majors 5+5+ 4♥: 5-4 in minors, shortness ♥, slam interest 4♠: 5♣.4♠, shortness ♠, slam interest 4NT: 5♠.4♠, shortness, slam interest	201 201 = 4A. SHOULESS	
3♣/3♦		7 (6)		Weak (aggressive	A new color is forcing		
3♥/3♠		7 (6)		according to vuln & position)			
3NT	х	0/5:		1 suit minor AKQxxxx	4/5♣ pass or correct 4♦ relay asking the shortness		
4♣/4♦		8(7)		Weak Weak			
4 <b>∀</b> /4 <b>♠</b> 4NT	Х	8(7)		Both minors			
5♣/5♦				Weak			