## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS（Style：Responses： $1 / 2$ Level；Reopening）

Style： $1 / 1$ natural $5+$ cards $6 / 7+$ HCP－ $2 / 16$ cards $10+$ HCP
Responses：new suit＝forcing
Responses：if opp passes， 2 shows fit inv＋｜if opp passes，2NT
is natural otherwise shows $3-4 \mathrm{M}$ inv + （also after a first pass）
Responses：cuebid $3 \mathrm{x}=4 \mathrm{M}$ inv +
Reopening：natural $8 / 17$

1NT OVERCALL（ $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live；Responses；Reopening）
Overcall ：15－18，good stopper
Reopening after 1m：10－13－Reopening after 1M：10－16
Responses：
If the opening suit is a major，everything is transfer（transfer in the opening suit $=4$ in the other major．except on the $\Delta: 2 \downarrow$ for clubs and $2 \boldsymbol{s}$ is inv＋with $4 \vee$ ）．
If the opening suit is a minor，then stayman and transfer．
If the $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 3$ overcalls，transfers from 2NT．
JUMP OVERCALLS（Style；Responses；Unusual NT）
3NT：Gambling｜Jump cue bid asking for stopper except 1\％3\＆ $1 \vee 3 \div:+|1 \leftrightarrow 3 *:+\vee|$
1 m 2 ：5－5 Majors｜2NT two lowest unbid suits
1＊3＊natural
Reopening： $2 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{s}$ ：natural 11－14， 6 cards $\mid 2 \mathrm{NT}: 17-19$
DIRECT \＆JUMP CUE BIDS（Style；Response；Reopen）
1\％2\％：natural
$1 \vee / \Delta \quad 2 \vee / \Delta: 5$ in the other major +5
Reopening－1\＆P P 2\＆：5＋৫\＆5＋｜1m P P 2ヶ：5＋৫ \＆5＋

VS．NT（vs．Strong／Weak；Reopening；PH）
Vs．Strong ：X $=5+\mathrm{m}$ and 4 M or $6+\geqslant \mid 2 \%=$ both majors
$2 \vee=1$ major $\mid 2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}$ and $4+\mathrm{m} \mid 2 \mathrm{NT}: 5-5$ minors
Reopening ： $2 \%=$ majors $\mid 2 N T=$ minors $\mid$ other $=$ natural $\mid X=$ take out
Vs weak NT：Same except X ：any 14＋overcall／12＋reopen
VS．PREEMTS（Doubles；Cue－bids；Jumps；NT Bids）
2M X P 2NT：8／11 or 4 in the other major and 11＋
Cue bid－Two suits： $3 \stackrel{*}{*}=\vee$ and $\$|3 \% 4\rangle=\vee$ and $\uparrow$
$2 \mathrm{M} 4 \mathrm{~m}=5$ in the other major +5 in the minor（forcing）
VS．ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS－i．e．1s or 2s
1\＆X＝majors $\mid 1 N T=$ minors $\mid$ rest natural（jump preemptive）
$2 \mathrm{X}=$ majors $\mid 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors $\mid$ rest natural（jump preemptive）

OVER OPPONENTS＇TAKE OUT DOUBLE
1／1：forcing｜XX： $10+$ HCP｜2／1： 6 cards 7－1｜1M X 1M－1：7－9 1 mX jump：preempts $\mid 1 \mathrm{MX} 3 \mathrm{x}: 5$ cards＋fit 4th $\mid 4 \mathrm{x}$ ：splinter

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner＇s Suit |
| Suit | 3rd 5th |  | 3rd 5th |
| NT | 4th best |  | 3rd 5th |
| Subseq | Attitude／3rd and 5th |  | Attitude／3rd and 5th |
| Vs．4＋NT contracts：3rd 5th｜Vs．Suit \＆NT Xxxx lead if 3＋card fit found Vs．Suit：Against 5＋contracts／and after opp opening／overcall of 3＋ （preempts）：King lead promises Ace or Queen－Ace lead denies the King |  |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs．Suit |  | Vs．NT |
| Ace | AK＋anything |  | AK（xx）AKJx（att） |
| King | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AK KQ(xx) } \\ & \text { AKx(xx)+sing } \\ & \text { KQJ(xx) } \end{aligned}$ |  | KQJ（xx）AKJ10（x） KQ10（xx）（ask for unblocking） |
| Queen | QJ（xx）Qx |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { KQ(x) KQ10x KQ9x } \\ & \text { AQJx QJx(x) QJ9x (att) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Jack | J10（xx）KJ10（xx）JX |  | J109 J108 HJ10 |
| 10 | 109（xx）Q109（xx）10x |  | H109x AQ109 1097x 10xx |
| 9 | 9x |  | 9xx H9x |
| Hi－X | Xx |  | Xxx， $\mathrm{xXxx}(\mathrm{x})$ |
| Lo－X | xx（xx）X HxXx HxX Hxx <br> HxxxX  |  | HxxX（x）HxX |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |
|  | Partner＇s Lead | Declarer＇s Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | high enc | std count | high enc |
| Suit 2 | std count | std count | std count |
| 3 | std count | smith＇s echo high | std count |
| 1 | low enc |  | high enc |
| NT 2 | low enc | std count | std count |
| 3 | std count | std count | suit preference |

Signals（including Trumps）：reverse count needed，or preferential（high card for high suit）
Other Vs．suit ：Std att on A／K lead with Axx or $\mathrm{xx}(\mathrm{x})$ in dummy

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES（Style；Responses；Reopening）
Takeout doubles：sound 3－suiter style or 18HCP＋any
Responses：natural，only cue bid is forcing｜at lowest level $=\max 7 \mathrm{HCP}$ $1 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{X} \mathrm{P} 2 \mathrm{M}=4 \mathrm{M} 8-10 \mid 3 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M} 8-10$
Reopening：double either 3－suiter or 18＋any
Responses：suit à lowest level ambiguous

## SPECIAL，ARTIFICIAL \＆COMPETITIVE DBLS／RDLS

1X P 1M 2x（Overcall）$\rightarrow \mathrm{X}=$ positive hand with 3 M or $18 \mathrm{HCP}+$ any
1 X P $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{X} \mathrm{XX} \rightarrow \mathrm{X}=$ all hands with 3 M or $18 \mathrm{HCP}+$ any

X on the opponent cue bid $=$ in general negatif I if bidded the suit，shows Ace or King in partner＇s suit

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Better minor（1\＆with $33 \mathrm{~m}, 1 \diamond$ with 44 or +
5－card major
1NT 15－17（can be with 5 M ；or 6 m ；A or K singleton possible）

## Preempts

Vul：constructive 5－9（10）HCP
Non vul 1st \＆3rd：3－8 HCP｜2nd seat：constructive 5－9（10）
2 ：weak two
2•／2ゅ ：weak $5 \mathrm{M}+4 \mathrm{~m}$
2\％GF any or 20－21 balanced
2NT 22－23 balanced
3NT ：long minor AKQ（7 cards）without outside A or K Others：preempts

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

Michaels cue bids except 1\％2\％：natural
2 ：weak two（multi）
2甲／2ヵ：weak 5M＋4m

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Light opening possible in 3rd seat according to vulnerability In 3rd seat：preempts often weaker

## RKCB 41－30 $30-41$ ERKCB

Overcall on RKCB ： $\mathrm{X}=0, \mathrm{P}=1$ ； X on $\mathrm{RKCB}: \mathrm{XX}=0, \mathrm{P}=$ To ask kings ：economically and naturally
2e Stayman on 1NT＝all the inv．hands with 4M or GF with 4 cards in a Major without exactly 3 in the other Major， otherwise 2NT puppet stayman or $3 \diamond$ stayman 4333

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEOUENCES

Generally，Pass is forcing when the pair has shown +23 HCP And after a punitive XX

No pass forcing after a mixed raise or 1M（－）2NT
PSYCHICS ：RARE

| Opening | $\underset{\substack{\text { Tick } \\ \text { if } \\ \text { artificial }}}{\text { an }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mini } \\ \text { number } \\ \text { of cards } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { X T/O } \\ \text { until } \end{gathered}$ | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \＆PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\％ |  | 3 | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { better minor } \\ & (10) 11-23 \end{aligned}$ |  | 1＊1M 1NT 2＊：weak or inv，2＊：GF Over 1＊1NT：3＊：12－14｜2：15－17 1＊1M $2 \mathrm{M} \rightarrow$ Trial bids in short suit | transfers（level 1， 2 and 3）after $1 \star / \checkmark$ <br> After Pass： $1 * 1 \mathrm{M}$ 1SA $2 \stackrel{*}{ }$ ：inv |
| $1 *$ |  | 3 | 4 | better minor <br> （10）11－23 |  | 1＊1M 1NT 2＊：weak $\stackrel{\text { or inv，} 2 *: ~ G F ~}{\text { a }}$ <br> $1 * 1 \mathrm{M} 2 \mathrm{M} \rightarrow$ Trial bids in short suit | transfers after（level 1， 2 and 3）1ष <br> After Pass： $1 \diamond 1 \mathrm{M}$ 1SA $2 *:$ inv <br> After Pass： $1 \diamond 2 \wedge=6 \wedge$ weak |
| $1 \checkmark$ |  | 5 （4） | 4＊ | $\begin{gathered} 5+ष \\ (10) 11-23 \end{gathered}$ | ```1NT : up to 11 (weak raise possible)```  ```2 \(\downarrow / 3 \mathrm{~m}\) : inv 6 cards \|2NT : 11/15, 3/4 3 s : unknown splinter \(\mid 3 \mathrm{NT} / 4 \mathrm{~m}\) : strong splinter \(\uparrow / \mathrm{m}\)``` | On 1＾／1NT，2as：gazzilli <br>  Over 2NT， $3 *$ relay $1 \vee 2 \downarrow \rightarrow$ Trial bids in short suit except 2 | overcall： $2 \mathrm{NT} 4 / 3 \vee$ inv＋ $\mid$ cuebid $4 \vee \mathrm{GF}$ $1 \vee$ X transfer from 1 NT o／w $2 \downarrow$ ：raise $8-10 \mathrm{HCP} \mid 2 \downarrow$ ：fit $5-7 \mathrm{HCP}$ |
| 14 |  | 5 （4） | 4V | $\begin{gathered} 5+\uparrow \\ (10) 11-23 \end{gathered}$ | 1NT ：up to $11 \mid 2 \mathrm{~m}: \mathrm{GF}(2 \star / 2 \downarrow$ with 5 cards） 2NT：11／15，3／4 | on 1NT，2e：gazzilli 14 2 － $2 \mathrm{NT}=3$ or $18-19$ with $2 \downarrow$ Over 2NT，3＊relay 1－ $2 \rightarrow$ Trial bids in short suit except $3 \varphi$ | overcall：2NT 4／3 inv＋｜cuebid 4＠GF <br> 1\＆ X transfer from 1 NT o／w <br> 2v：raise 8－10 HCP｜24：fit 5－7HCP |
| INT |  | 2 （1） | 4 | $15-17 \mathrm{bal}$ （can be with 5 M ；or 6 m ） A／K singleton possible | 2e：stayman all inv hands，all GF hands with at least 1 4－card major except 4－3 in Majors <br> 2NT ：puppet stayman $\mid 3 \star$ stayman $4 \vee /$ \＆ 333 <br> $2 \star$ and $2 \downarrow$ ：transfers $3 \Leftrightarrow$ ：transfer $\downarrow \mid 2 \downarrow$ ：inv NT or $\&$ <br> 3 M ：minors，shortness M <br> 4＊：5凶－5 | 2NT GF after M transfer <br> Over 2NT Puppet stayman： $3 \&$ no $5 \mathrm{M}\|3 \star / 3 \vee: 5 \vee / \wedge\|$ <br>  <br> Over 2A：2NT minimum｜3s maximum <br> After transfer to minor， $3 \mathrm{x}=$ shortness except <br> 1NT 2』 2NT 3ヶ：5－5 \＆1NT 2\＆ $3 \& 3 * 5-5$ or 0／1 | rubensohl：transfer GF if the weak bid is available |
| 23 | x |  | 4 x | GF any or 20－21 balanced | $2 \downarrow$ ：relay｜ 2 M ：to play if 2 is $20-21 \mid 2 \mathrm{NT}+$ ：transfer | $2 * 2 \vee 2 \downarrow$ ：nat or 24＋bal（relay 2 $\downarrow$ ） | $2 / 3$ overcall：pass＝negative 4 overcall ： $\mathrm{X}=$ negative |
| 2 | x | 6 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { weak two (multi) } \uparrow / a 3- \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | 2／3M ：pass or correct｜ 2 NT GF relay <br> 3e relay inv in both majors or forcing in the other major <br> ｜ $4 \times$／ 4 ：relays to play 4M |  | overcall ：2M X ：pass or correct other overcall ：X penalty <br> 4 m ：name your major（ s texas $/ \$$ nat） |
| 2 | x | 6 |  | In 4th seat ：multi 10－12 | Same responses as above | Same responses as above | same |
| $2 \mathrm{~T} / \mathrm{a}$ |  | 5 |  | weak， $5 \mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{¢}+4 / 5 \mathrm{~m} 3-10$ | 2NT ：relay no fit M 3n $^{\text {a }}$ pass／correct $\mid 3 *$ fit forcing |  | penalty double |
| 2『／ |  | 6 | 4 | In 4th seat ：strong 2 M （below GF） | $2 \vee 3 / 4 』 / \star$ ：splinter <br> 24 $4 \mathrm{~m} / 4 \mathrm{*}$ ：splinter |  |  |
| 2NT |  | 2 （1） | 4 x | 22－23 bal（can be with 5 M ；or 6 m ） $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{K}$ singleton possible | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3\& stayman puppet } \mid 3 \star / 3 \downarrow \text { transfer } \\ & 3 \star=\text { minors }(1 \text { or } 2) \\ & 4 \star: 5 \downarrow-5 \star \mid 4 \diamond / 4 \downarrow \text { transfer } \end{aligned}$ | 3 M on $3 * / 3 \vee$ with fit on $3 \oplus$ ，3NT mandatory $\rightarrow 4 \% / \star:$ slam nat $\mid 4 \mathrm{M}: 5-5 \mathrm{~min}$ with short M | X take out or optional（on 4x） |
| 38 |  | 7 （6） |  | preempt | 34：relay forcing｜rest natural forcing | on $3 \star: 3 \vee$ mandatory $\rightarrow$ then $3 \mathrm{x} / 4 \mathrm{x}:$ choose between two contrats | penalty double |
| 3. |  | 7 （6） |  | preempt | $3 \vee$ ：relay forcing｜rest natural forcing except $3 \uparrow-4 \approx$ ：$\vee$ forcing | on $3 \vee: 3 a$ mandatory $\rightarrow$ then $3 x / 4 x$ ：choose between two contrats | penalty double |
| 39 |  | 7 （6） |  | preempt | 4e：ask｜new suit from 5a ：asking bid，forcing | on 4\％：4M＝bad suit | penalty double |
| 3a |  | 7 （6） |  | preempt | 4\％：ask｜new suit from 5\％asking bid，forcing | on 4s： $4 \mathrm{M}=$ bad suit | penalty double |
| 3NT | x | 7 |  | AKQ 7th in a minor | 4＋pass or correct $\mid 4 *$ GF relay |  | penalty double |
| 4／5m |  | 8 （7） |  | preempt |  |  |  |
| 4／／ |  | 8 （7） |  | to play | new suit from 5ix：asking bid，forcing |  |  |

