## **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

#### Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

1 level: light. (1x)-1y-(p)-2x = inv+ with y-support

2 level: sound

Cuebids: Good raise with support

Responses 1-level: F1, 2-level: constructive.

#### 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

15-18 hcp, 4<sup>th</sup> seat: 12-15 hcp over minor openings.

1NT = two unbid suits if passed hand and opps have bid 2 suits

#### lump Overcalls

WJS, but not vs 1 . 4/ ., then we use: 2 . = one M (ca 4-11hcp),

 $2 \lor = 5 + -5 + M (< 12 \text{ hcp}), 2 \land = 5 + -5 + M \text{ strong } (13 + \text{ hcp}).$ 

2NT = two lowest unbid. Leaping michaels vs weak 2. (Note 1)

#### **Direct Cue Bids**

Over  $1 . / \bullet$ : 2 . = nat, 2 . = one M (ca 4-11hcp)

Over M = other M + one minor

#### VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)

VS strong 1NT:

X = strong

2♣ = ♥ and ♠

 $2 \blacklozenge = \bigvee \text{ or } \blacktriangle$ 

 $2 \checkmark / \blacktriangle = 4(+)$  card and (normally) longer sidesuit in minor

DONT in 4<sup>th</sup> seat and when passed hand:

X =one (unspecified) suit

2♣ = ♣ and one unspecified suit

 $2 \blacklozenge = \blacklozenge$  and one unspecified suit

 $2 \vee = \vee$  and  $\blacktriangle$ 

 $2 \blacktriangle$  = natural (worse hand than X and bid  $2 \blacktriangle$ )

VS weak 1NT (<12-14NT):

X = "balanced" opening or good hand (also against 12-14NT)

2♣ = ♥ and ♠. 2♦ = ♥ or ♠."weak"

 $2 \checkmark / \spadesuit$  = natural, constructive

#### VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

T/O dbl

Leaping Michaels (5+ - 5+, FG) (Note 1)

Cuebid: Ask for stopper or michaels

#### **VS. Artificial Strong Openings**

VS 1♣/2♣: YESLEK (Note 2)

#### Over Opponents' take out double

Rdbl: (9)10+ HCP, 1-over-1= F1, 2-over-1= NF.

2♣ after 1M - (X) = good raise in M.

## **Leads and Signals**

#### Opening Leads Style

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	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3rd-5th*	3rd-5th*	
NT	3rd-5th*	3rd-5th*	
Subsea	Attitude when opening new suit		

#### Leads

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT				
Ace	AKx/AKxx(x)	AKx/AKxx(x)				
King	AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/KQTx	AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)				
Queen	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)				
Jack	HJT(x)/JT(x)/Jx	HJT(x)/JT(x)/Jx				
10	HT9x/T9x/Tx	HT9x/T9x/Tx				
9	9x	98xx/9x				
X	Hxxx/xxx(x)	Hxxx/xxxx(x)				

## Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding
Suit:	Energ/diserg	(Count)	Encrg/discrg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	(Count)	S/P	(Count)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P		S/P
NT:	Energ/diserg	Smith Peter	Encrg/discrg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	(Count)	(Count)	(Count)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P	S/P	S/P

**Signals (including Trump's)**: Smith Peter vs NT: Low=likes.

Low=odd number or encrg, High=Even number or discrg. Count only when we want to. Signals trump: S/P

\*NB: Can lead highest from bad suit.

#### **Doubles**

#### Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light style, also reopenings

### Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Support dbl/rdbl, responsive dbl, neg dbl, comp dbl, lightner dbl  $1m - (1 \lor) - X = 4 + \spadesuit$ ,  $1 \spadesuit = \max 3 \spadesuit$ 



## System

Card





## Category: Red, with one BS

NCBO/team: NORWAY

Event:





**Players** 

Torild Heskje

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## **System Summary**

#### General Approach and Style

5card M, 4card ♦, transfer responses after 1♣ (2+) opening.

May have longer ♦ when opening 1♣.

2-over-1: GF, 2♣ nat GF or may be good raise in M (14)15-17NT. May have 5 card M, 6 card m, singleton, 5-4

## Special bids that may require defence

2 ◆ opening: (17)18/19 balanced, denies 5card M 1 ♣ - 1 • /1 ▼ = Transfer, 1 ♣ - 1 ♠ = • or 6-10NT

1 - 2 = 6 + 4, (5)6-9 HCP or 5+-5+ Majors 5-9 HCP

1m-2 / 2 = 6 + / 6 + , (5)6-9 HCP or GF

1 ♣/1 ♦ -2 ♠ = inv+ w/support, 1 ♣ -2NT = 5+ support, ca 2-8 hcp

1♣/1 ♦ - 3♣ =  $4+(5+ \text{ if } \clubsuit)$  support, ca 9-11 hcp

 $1 \leftarrow -2 = \text{nat GF or } 5+-5+M (5-9 \text{ hcp})$ 

(1m) - 2 = one M (weak)

(1m) -  $2\nabla / = both majors weak (<12 hcp)/strong (13+ hcp)$ 

## Special forcing pass sequences

Standard negative doubles. Classical forcing pass when GF, in unclear or competitive positions x = extra, pass = pass

## Important notes that don't fit

X-Y-Z, X-Y-NT.

#### **Psvchics**

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Opening	Art	Min. #	Neg. D.	Descriptio n	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1*		2	4♥	Could open light if distributional, (11)12+ hcp with balanced hands	Transfer responses at one level.  1 $\spadesuit = \blacklozenge$ or 6-10NT, 1NT = 11-12hcp.  2 $\spadesuit$ diamonds ((5)6-9 hcp) or 5+-5+M (5-9 hcp)  2 $\spadesuit / \blacktriangledown = 6 + \blacktriangledown / \spadesuit$ ((5)6-9 hcp or 13+)  2 $\spadesuit = \text{inv} + \text{with club support}$ , 2NT = 5+ club support (ca 2-8hcp)  3 $\clubsuit = \text{ca 9-11hcp}$ , 5+ club support. 3 $\spadesuit / \blacktriangledown / \spadesuit = \text{nat (7+)} < 7\text{hcp}$	1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ = 4♥ 11-12 hcp or 3♥ any hcp 1♣ - 1♦ - 2♥ = 4♥ 13-14 hcp 1♣ - 1♦ - 2NT = 4♥ (14) 15+ hcp XYZ and XYNT (Note 3)	
1♦		4	4♥	As above	2♣ nat GF or 5+-5+M (5-9 hcp) 2♠/♥ = 6+ ♥/♠ ((5)6-9 hcp or 13+) 2♠ = inv+ with 4+ support, 3♣ = 9-11hcp, 4+ support 3♠ = 4+ support (ca 2-8hcp), 3♥/3♠ = nat (7+) <7hcp, 4♣ = void	1 → -1 ▼ -2NT = 4 ▼ (14) 15+ hcp XYZ and XYNT (Note 3)	1 ◆ - 2 ♣ = diamond support 6-9hcp or 5+-5+M (5-9 hcp)
1♥		5	4♥	As above	1NT = F1, $2 \triangleq$ = nat GF or (9)10-12hcp with heart support, 2NT = 4+ $\checkmark$ FG, $2 \triangleq$ = minisplinter one minor, $3 \triangleq$ = limit, $3 \spadesuit$ = short $\spadesuit$ , $3 \checkmark$ = "preempt" (<9hcp), $3 \spadesuit/4x$ = void	After 2NT: $3 = \min, 3 = \min \text{ one singl/void}, 3 = 5422,$ $3 = 6322, 3NT = 18/19, 4 = \min 5332.$ XYNT (Note 3)	1 ♥ - 2 ♣ 3card support, inv+ 1 ♥ - 2 ♦ 4card support, inv+ 1 ♥ - 2NT balanced inv
1♠		5	4♥	As above	1NT = F1, 2♣ = nat GF or (9)10-12hcp with spade support, 2NT = 4+♠ FG, 3♣ = minisplinter one minor, 3♦ = limit, 3♥ = minisplinter, 3♠ = "preempt" (<9hcp), $4x = void$	After 2NT: $3 = \min$ , $3 = \min$ , $3 = \min$ = one singlyooid, $3 = 5422$ , $3 = 6322$ , $3NT = 18/19$ , $4 = \min 5332$ .	1 ♣ - 2 ♣ 3 card support, inv+ 1 ♣ - 2 ♦ 4 card support, inv+ 1 ♣ - 2NT balanced inv
1 NT			4♥	(14)15-17hcp (5M/6m/5-4/x)	2♣ = hybrid stayman (inv+) (Note 4), 2♦/♥ = transfer, 2♠ = diff minor hands, 2NT = 4-4M inv, 3♣ = ♦ or 5-5M, 3♦ = $(5+/4+)$ M, 3♥/♠ = singleton, 4♣ = ♥, 4♦ = ♠	3♣ = "puppet stayman" after 2♦ answer.	
2*	X			Strong. 20+ hcp or weaker with playing tricks.	2 ← = waiting bid. Other bid is nat, positive hand. 2NT = 5+-5+ m.	Second negative.  2♣-2♦-3M = 4card and longer ◆  2♣-2♦-4M/5m = 9/10 playing tricks	
2♦	X			(17)18/19 balanced, denies 5card M	2		
2♥		(5)6		(5)6-10hcp	2NT ask for strength and suit quality. 4♣ ask for keycards. New suit is forcing one round (except 2♠).		
2♠		(5)6		(5)6-10hcp	2NT ask for strength and suit quality. 4♣ ask for keycards. New suit is forcing one round.		
2 NT				20-21hcp	Muppet stayman (Note 5), transfers. $4  \Rightarrow \forall$ slam int, $4  \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$ slam int $4  \Rightarrow $	Slam Conventions	
3x		6		Preemptive (ca 2-10 hcp)	4♣ after 3♦/♥/♠ and 4♦ after 3♣ opening = ask for keycards	RKCB (1430, 0314 if clubs agreed). Exclusion RKCB (0314), DOPI/ROPI.	
3NT				1st/2nd seat: running m	$4 \frac{1}{4} / 5 \frac{1}{4} = p/c$ , $4 \frac{1}{4} = ask$ for short suit $4NT = ask$ for length	5 NT in unclear situation: pick a slam. Splinters	
4♣,♦				Running ♥/♠, nat 3rd hand	4NT = ask for length when M	Cuebids	
4♥,♠ 4NT	X	6		Natural. To play Ask for specific aces	5 = none, 5 / / / = that specific ace, 5NT = ace of clubs, 6 = red or black, 6 = minor or major, 6 = c+h or d+s	After BW answer: The suit over ask for trump Q After BW answer: 6x ask for 3rd round control	

#### BROWN STICKER OVERCALL ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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**Names:** Torild Heskje – Gunn Tove Vist

Country: NORWAY
After opponents opening bid of

Our overcall of 2 

Event: European Championship 2024 1 - 1showing at least 0 - 1any vulnerability

**Shows:** one of the majors, weak

**Applies:** All the time **Detailed Description:** 

We use this defence against any  $1\Phi$ -opening that is not strong (16+). Normally it shows 6+ cards in one of the majors, can have 5card if nonvul. Normally between 5 and 9 hcp.

## **Responses and Rebids When Responder Passes**

With what hands will advancer pass the overcall?

She can pass with diamonds.

#### **Competitive Agreements**

Responses after opponent's DBL

Pass is diamonds, 2M is pass/correct, redbl. means she has her own major suit she wants to play.

#### **Proposed Defence**

Dbl is showing a good hand, may be interested in penalty. Pass and then dbl is takeout. 2M is natural.

## Supplementary sheets, Torild Heskje – Gunn Tove Vist

## **Note 1 Leaping Michaels**

We only use leaping michaels after opponents weak 2-openings.

(2M) - 4m = 5 + bid minor and <math>5 + other major, GF.

 $(2 \blacklozenge)$  -  $4 \clubsuit$  =  $5 + \clubsuit$  og 5 + in one major, GF. After  $4 \clubsuit$ ,  $4 \blacklozenge$  ask for major.

If  $2 \blacklozenge$  is Multi:  $4 \blacklozenge$  is  $5 + \blacklozenge$  og 5 + in one major, GF. After  $4 \blacklozenge$ ,  $4 \blacktriangledown$  is pass/correct.

#### **Note 2 YESLEK**

We use YESLEK against 1♣ and 2♣ strong openings.

 $x = \phi$  or  $\nabla + \phi$ 

**♣** = ♦ or ♥ + ♠

♦ = ♥ or ♠ + ♣

**♥** = **♦** or **♣** + **♦** 

**♦** = **♣** or **♦** + **♥** 

NT = 4 + 4 or 4 + 4

## **Note 3 XYZ/XYNT**

If we bid 1x-1y, 1z/NT we use:

2 ♣ ask partner to bid 2 ♦. Either to play 2 ♦ or to show any invitational hand.

2♦ is artificial GF.

## Note 4 Hybrid stayman after 1NT-opening

- 2 = «Hybrid Stayman», inv+ (ca.  $8^+/9$ + hcp)
  - 2 ◆ = denies 5-card M and 6-card minor max hand
    - 2♥ = 4-card ♠, inv (denies 4♥), F1.
    - $2 \blacktriangle = 4$ -card  $\blacktriangledown$ , inv (denies  $4 \blacktriangle$ ), F1.
    - 2NT = inv without 4-card M.
    - 3 = Puppet Stayman (has at least one M). Opener respond:
      - 3 = 4-card in one or both M
        - 3♥ = 4♠
        - 3 ♠ = 4 ♥
        - 3NT = 4-4 major, slamtry. Forcing.
        - 4 = 4-4 major, no slam interest.
        - 3♥ = 5-card ♣, max hand.
        - $3 \triangleq 5$ -card  $\blacklozenge$ , max hand.
        - 3NT = denies 4-card M
    - 3 ◆ = slamtry with at least one minor
    - 3♥ = 3♥ + 5♠
    - 3 ♠ = 3 ♠ + 5 ♥
    - 3NT = to play
    - 4m = transfer to 4M (4 = 6 + og 4 = 6 + ) with 4-6/6-4 M
    - 4NT = quantitative
  - $2 \vee = 5$ -card  $\vee$ , min
  - $2 \blacktriangle = 5$ -card  $\spadesuit$ , min
  - 3m = good 6-card suit, max hand.
  - 3M = 5-card suit, max hand.

## Note 5 Muppet stayman after 2NT

- 3♣ = Muppett Stayman
  - 3 ◆ = at least one 4-card M
  - $3 \checkmark = \text{denies } 4\text{m or } 5\text{M}$
  - 3 **♦** = 5-card **♦**
  - 3NT = 5-card ♥