

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening) |
| Responses: new suit F at 1-level, NF otherwise. Single jump to 3-level = NAT, forcing. 2NT opposite one-level overcall = good 4-card raise; cue (if third seat passes) = good raise or a 2NT bid. |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| 15- bad 18 System on if oppo opened 1m; If oppo opened 1M, 2C = INV+ with 4+oM, cue = GF without 4oM, others = natural NF Reopening – 11-16 now 2C = range ask |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| Weak jump overcalls (1C) 2D = Majors if 1C = 2+ Unusual 2NT - 5-5(+) and constructive. Reopening 2NT is 19-21. |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| (1C) 2C = NAT if short club; 5-5 majors if 1C = 3+cards. (1D) 2D = majors, (1M) 2M = other major plus a minor (1m) 3m = spades+other minor (1M) 3M - stop ask, usually with running minor. |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH) |
| Strong NT defence: Multi-Landy, X = 4M5+m Weak NT defence: 2C = 4+M5+m, 2D = majors, 2N = minors PH NT defence: X = 5m4M or 5H4S, 2m = 4m5M, 2H = majors (spades equal-or-longer) |
| VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| X = takeout, leaping and non-leaping Michael's Pick-a-minor lebensohl. No leb after weak 2D. 2NT = 15-18 |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1C or 2C |
| X majors, 1NT minors |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| XX= 10+ (now x = pens, p = F1 up to 2X) System on over 1m X Transfers over 1M X |

| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE | | | |
| | Leads (including in partner's suit) | | |
| Suit | Rev count if underleading A/K/Q, std count if not | | |
| NT | Attitude | | |
| Subseq | Attitude. Around to weak dummy in NT: 9 or higher = one higher card, unless leading top to maintain lead | | |
| Other: | | | |
| LEADS K from AK@5-level or vs 4m (asks for count) | | | |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT | |
| Ace | AK(x)+, (Ax) | AK(x)+ | |
| King | KQ(x)+, AK doubleton | KQ(x)+, AKQx, AKJT | |
| Queen | QJ(x)+, AKQ(x)+, Qx | QJ(x)+, AQJ, KQJx, KQT9 | |
| Jack | JT(x)+, AKQJ(x)+, Jx, | JT, KJT, AJT, KQT9 | |
| 10 | Tx, T98(x)+ | T9+, HT9+ | |
| 9 | H98, 9x | 9x, H987+ | |
| Hi-X | Xx, HXx, xXxx, HXXxx | xXxx, xXxxx, Xxx | |
| Lo-X | xxX, HxxX, xxxX, HxxxxX | HxXx, HxxxX, HHxX | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | High = encourage | Smith (high enc) | High = encourage |
| Suit 2 | High = even | High = even | Suit Pref |
| 3 | | Suit pref | High = even |
| 1 | High = encourage | Smith (high enc) | High = encourage |
| NT 2 | High = even | High = Even | Suit Pref |
| 3 | | Suit pref | High = even |
| Signals (including Trumps): | | | |
| Suit preference in trumps | | | |
| DOUBLES | | | |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) | | | |
| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS | | | |
| 1C (1D) X = 4+hearts 1C (1M) X just denies 5 in oM Support doubles after 1H (P) 1S (2m) and 1C (P) 1D! (1S) Game try doubles Lightner doubles X of splinter asks for lowest unbid suit led except fav or 3S splinter | | | |

| W B F CONVENTION CARD |
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| CATEGORY: NCBO: England PLAYERS: Mike Bell, Ben Norton |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE |
| Synthese 5 card majors, strong NT 1C = natural/12-14 NT/18-19 NT 1D = 4+D unbal (could be 4D5C) or 5D weak NT Weak-only Multi, 2M 5M5m |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE |
| 2D weak-only multi Responses to 1C: 1D = 4+H, 1H = not 4H, not 5S, 2H = GF with clubs Responses to 1D: 1H = no 5cM, 1N = 5+hearts, 2D = 5H4S NF Transfers after overcalls of our 1C [off by passed hand] |
| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
| IMPORTANT NOTES |
| PSYCHICS: Rare |

| OPENING | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG.DBL THRU | | | | |
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| | | | | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| 1C | | 2 | | Natural/12-14 NT/18-19 NT | 1D = 4+H, 1S = 5+S, 1H = not 4H/5S 1N = 6+H, 2D = GF, 2H = GF with 5C 2S = 4S5C NF | 1C:1D, 1H = 12-14 NT or 5+C3H 1C:1H, 1S = 4S, 11-16, can be bal | Transfers in competition (off by a passed hand) |
| 1D | | 4 | | Unbalanced (could be 4D5C) or weak NT with 5D | 1H = no 5cM, 1S = 5+S, 1N = 5+H 2D = 5+H4+S NF, 2H = INV+raise 2S = 6S weak, 3C = mixed raise | 1D:1H, 1N = weak NT with 5D; most other rebids artificial. After 1D:1S, 1N = minors, 2C = 5D4H. 1D:1S, 2S and 1D:1N, 2H can be on a doubleton. | |
| 1H | | 5 | | | 1NT = NF, 2C = GF 2+C, 2N = GF 4T, 2S = 10-12 3T, 3C = 6-9 4T, 3D = 10-11 4T, 3S = C/D sing, 3N = C/D void, 4C = S sing, 4D = S void | | By PH: 2C = 3+card support, 8+; 2D = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise |
| 1S | | 5 | | | 1N = F1, 2C = GF 2+C, 2S = good 7-10, 3C = 11-12 3T, 3D = 6-9 4T, 3H = 10-11 4T, 3N = C/D sing, 4C = C/D void, 4D = H sing, 4H = H void | | 2C= 5+H; 2D = 3+card support, 8+; 2H = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise |
| 1NT | | - | | 15-17 | Stayman, Smolen, 2S = C or invite, 2NT = puppet stayman, 3C = D, 3D/H/S = minors, 4m = transfer to 4M | Ways to cater to 4M5m weak through Stayman. 1N:2N, 3C = no 5cM. | Transfers from 2NT Transfers vs 3m overcall |
| 2C | yes | - | | GF or 22+ balanced | 2D = waiting | 2H = GF hearts or 24+balanced 3M = 4M5+D GF | X = double negative vs jump X = 5-8 balanced otherwise |
| 2D | yes | 0 | | Weak two in a major. Often five 1 st NV/3 rd NV | 2M, 3M and 4H= pass or correct. 4C = bid the suit below your major, 2N enquiry, 3C and 4D = NF, 3D = GF with own major | Over 2N – 3M = min, 3C = non-min w/H, 3D = non-min w/S | Over X: P = NF (mild suggestion) XX = bid major you don't have 3m = NF |
| 2M | | 5 | | 5M5m | 2N ask; 3C/4C PoC; 3D good 3M bid 2H:4D asks partner to double 4S with diamonds | Over 2N – 3m min, 3M GF with linked minor | |
| 2NT | | - | | 20-21 | Stayman, transfers, 3S = minors 4C = diamonds, 4H = clubs, 4D = xfer to 4H | Completing RST = fit | x = takeout |
| 3C 3D 3H 3S | | 6 | | Pre-empt | Over 3C: 3D = asks 3cM | 3H = 3S, 3S = no 3cM, 3N = 3H | |
| 3NT | yes | - | | Good 4M opening | 4C = Slam interest, opener transfers to M 4D asks for M, 4H = Pass-or-correct | | |
| 4C 4D 4H 4S | | 7 | | Pre-empt | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 4NT | yes | - | | ace-asking | bid the ace you hold (5C = none) | Kickback 3041, Mixed cues, Non-serious 3M+1 | |