

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS
Natural usually 5+, 6-17
2m overcall is constructive V 1c (2+ cards) 2c = 5/4 MM 10-15 2D 5/5 MM wide range also applies in 4th after 1c - p - 1d
INT OVERCALL
15-18 responses as over opening Reopening with (10)11-16. 2c range and majors enquiry, transfers
JUMP OVERCALLS
Always weak but vul will have playing strength 2nt two lower ranking remaining suits, wide range
Cuebid over weak twos, 5+OM and 5+m constructive, 12-16 4m 5m + 5OM 17+
Reopen: 2NT nat 20-22 jump overcall 12-16 nat
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS
Jump cue looks for stop
Michaels over 1M and some other auctions 1C/D – 2D = majors 5+5+
VS. NT
Dbl of 1nt for penalty except v (14.5) 15-17 or stronger then 4M/5m may be very light in 4th seat or strong in 1 Major Dbl of 1nt from passed hand 5m + 4M over any strength.
2c = majors
2d = 1 major, multi style 2M = 5M with 4+minor
VS.PRE-EMPTS
Dbl = take out Cue = 2 suits 3nt natural
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS 1♣
NON-VUL disruptive, DBL = hearts . 1D = spades 1h/s/nt = 2 suits same colour/rank/other at least 4/4 VUL natural, dble majors.
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Rdb = good hand 10+

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
Suit	Lead 2 nd and 4 th low from Hxx High from 2 cards	In Partner's Suit Low from odd / high from even (only when not supported in any way)	
NT	Same	As above	
Subseq	Same/ attitude	As above/ attitude	
Other: lead 2 nd highest from poor suits/ low usually promises honour			
LEADS Note A			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Asks attitude / AKx	Same	
King	Asks count AKx KQx	Same	
Queen	Asks unblock QJx KQ10	Same	
Jack	HJ10 J10X	Same	
10	H109 or 109.. or 10x	Same	
9	9x J98 Q98	Same	
Hi-X	Sx xSxx(x)	Same (except in P suit not supported)	
Lo-X	HxS HxxS xSx	Same (except in P suit not supported)	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY Note A			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	H = Even	H = Even	Low even enc/ odd is suit preference
Suit 2	L = ENC (rare)	Random	Random
3	H = suit pref	H = suit pref	
1	H = Even	H = Even	Even = enc
NT 2	L = ENC	Random	Random
3	H = suit pref	H = suit pref	Odd = discouraging maybe suit pref
Signals high/ low even or discouraging/non std cards are suit preference in trump suit often show suit preference			
First discard – low even most enc. Odd is discouraging and may be suit pref			
Attitude signal on A or in clear situations			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES			
Take out dbls – aggressive with right shape			
Over 1c(short) dble is 12-14 bal or standard t/o			
Support and Responsive dbls			
Reopening may be weak			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDBLS			
Dbl by opener after pre-emptive auction – I want to bid on			
Pass of opponents low level rdb is penalty (1d-p-p-dbl-rdb-p)			
Dbl of cue of our or partners bid suit = don't lead it			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: BLUE NCBO: IRELAND PLAYERS: Adam Mesbur Nick FitzGibbon
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE Precision style 1c strong 17+ 5M Opening bids can be 10 (occasionally 9) with shape 1d a) natural (10) 11-16 may have club canapé if 4/5. Must be unbalanced unless 6+ diamonds/ occasionally 5422. 4s1/14h3d5c possible with weak clubs/ rarely 1d5c not suitable for 2c opening b) (11-13) any balanced 2+diamonds includes 5m422 1nt (14-16) may hold 5M/6m or occasional singleton may upgrade or downgrade
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2h 5+H 4+S 10-13 points (longer hearts) Flannery/ lighter possible in 3rd seat 2d 4414 4405 short D 10-16 4c, 4d openings 1st and 2nd - Strong 4h/s opening 2nt 5/5+ minors (constructive VUL) 3nt 1 st 2 nd pre in minor/ 3 rd /4 th Gambling –may be strong
Many penalty dbls after our 1c opening
1h -1nt response – may hold 4S (we play Flannery/ if opener has 4s he will be strong enough to reverse)
Pass after an overcall of our 1C is weak or Penalty
Last train
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
After positive response to 1c
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: very rare by opener / rare by responder / occasional false cuebids

		Min cards	Neg Dbls thru	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 ♣	Yes	0	2s	17+ or equivalent	1d <7 unbal / <8 bal 1h/s/2c/d natural 5+cards 7+hcp, 2h 8-10 bal, 2s (4441) 8+ hcp	After 1d – 2h is 22/23 bal or any GF 2S is (4441) or bal 3c/d 5h/s unbalanced GF	Same except 1nt is 8-10, 2H 5+H 5+m
			2s		1nt 11+ bal Natural bids if opponents overcall	After 1M, 3c is 444 with 1 in M.	
1 ♦		2 (rarely 1)	4h	Bal 2+d (any 11-13 balanced includes 5m422) 11-16 4441 or 5+d unbalanced or 4+d/5c or 5+d/4c	2m is GF nat, 2h both minors inv, 2s both minors GF 3c/d natural invitational 8-12 good suit	Natural most suit rebids promise diamonds except 1s over 1h which is any hand with 4+ spades	Natural
1 ♥		5	4d	5+ 10-16 open 5/5 9pts and 5/4 10 pts and 6+ 10 pts	1nt semi forcing 6-12 2c artificial GF –no support 2d = 3-card H raise 10+, 2nt = 4+ 4m H raise GF, 3C = 4+H raise 11-12, 3d = 4+H raise (8)9-10, 3H pre normally 5+h or 4 with shortage, 3s any void, 3nt 4m spl	Opener passes 1nt with 17-20jp bal After 2d, 2h is minimum, 2S is fg any, 2NTand 3m short suit try After 2NT, 3c asks	2c 3+-card H 9-11 Then 2M is min 2nt = 8-10 4card support Jumps - fit 5+cards with 4 hearts
1 ♠		5	4h	5+ 10-16 open 5/5 9pts and 5/4 10 pts and 6+ 10 pts	As after 1h except 2d = 5+hearts invitational or better 2h = 3 card spade raise 10+	As after 1h except 1s 2d 2nt is 3+H fg, 1s 2h 2nt is fg any. 3h and 3nt any void, 4cdh spl	As after 1h
INT			3s	14-16 any 5 suit/ 6m possible/ occasionally 5422 or singleton	2c stayman – does not promise a major 2d/h/s/nt all transfers 3c 5/4 minors unbalanced F 3d/h 3-suiters with shortage in H/S 4c d for H S.	2nt both majors min (nf)/ 3c both majors max After 2d/h/s various shape showing bids Various fit showing bids	Same except 2c is nf stayman,,2NT inv, 3c weak with D, 3D inv with D
2 ♣		5	4h	5c with 4M or 6+clubs 10-16	2d relay, 2M fl, 4M spl	After relay 2M natural 3d/h/s shortage	
2 ♦		0		4414 or 4405m short diamond 10- 16 (may open 1nt with 15/16)	3d relay 3h/3s/4c natural slam try		
2 ♥		5		5+h 4+s 10-16 – longer hearts	2nt GF relay, 3d inv in M, 3M mixed raise, 4cd for HS Slam try with shortage other M		
2 ♠		5		Normally 6 maybe 5 nv. Up to 10	2nt relay		
2NT	Yes			5/5+ minors pre/ vul up to 13	Minor sign-off / others forcing		
3 ♣		6		Can be very weak at fav	New suit forcing		
3 ♦		6		Can be very weak at fav	New suit forcing		
3 ♥		(6)7			New suit forcing		
3 ♠		(6)7			New suit forcing		
3NT	Yes			Pre in minor 7/8 cards in 1 st /2nd	Third or fourth hand gambling – unknown outside values		
4 ♣	Yes	0		Hearts/ good suit +7-8.5 tricks in 1 st /2nd/4th	3 rd hand natural pre-empt		
4 ♦	Yes	0		As above for S	3 rd hand natural pre-empt		
4 ♥		7/8		Pre			
4 ♠		7/8		Pre			
4NT	Yes			(8.5) 9 tricks in a minor	5c p/c, 5d p/c, 5h KC in openers minor		
5 ♣		7+		Pre		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5 ♦		7+		Pre		RKCB, exclusion RKCB, Kick Back Minorwood 1430	
5 ♥		7+		Inv		In pre-emptive/competitive auctions dbl often encouraging	
5 ♠		7+		Inv		Last train	
						Generally cuebid 1 st or 2 nd round controls at cheapest level/ some sequences we distinguish between shortage and high cards	