## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

Style: Usually good suit, lead directing, can be 4 carder at 1L Responses: raise weaker, cue bid onwards transfers, new suit below cue bid is forcing by unpassed hand
Reopening:/Maybe 4 carder

## 1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses, Reopening)

## $2^{\text {nd }}$ position: 15 to 18

Responses: nSystems ON
$4^{\text {th }}$ position: 10 to 14 points
Responses: 2C is Range Ask, 2D/2H transfers

## JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)

Style: Weak (except over a preempt)

## Responses: 2NT is ASKING <br> Unusual notrump: Lowest unbid suits

Reopening: 2H/2S is INT 12 - 15 pts, 6 carder
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Resp., Reopening) Style: Michaels two suiter. Leaping and non Leaping Michaels Split Range based on Vul
Responses:
Reopening: Same

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

Strong \& Weak: HAMILTON vs Strong/Weak NT
DBL $=$ Values, suggesting Penalty
2C = both M 2D = Single suiter Major
Reopening: SAME
Passed Hand:SAME except DBL shows Minor/Major
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT bids)
Double for take out. Lebensohl/Rubensohl over Weak 2
Jump overcalls strong hand good suit
Leaping \& Non Leaping Micheals

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

vs strong 1\&: $\mathrm{X}=$ Majors and $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ Minors

LEADS AND SIGNALS

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| Lead |  |  |
| In Partners' suit |  |  |
| Suit | 3rd from even, lowest <br> from odd | 3rd from even, lowest <br> from odd |
| NT | $2 / 4$ th best | 2/4th or T/L from 3 |
| Subseq | 3/5 | 3/5 |
| Other: | Standard Honor Leads | Standard Honor leads |

## LEADS

| L E A D S |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lead |  |  |
| Ace | AKx. Suit | vs. NT |
| King | AKx(for Count) or KQx | UB or Count |
| Queen | QJx | QJx or KQx for ATT |
| Jack | J10, AJ10, KJ10 | J10x or Q109 |
| 10 | H109, 109x, 10x | H109 or 109x or 10x |
| 9 | $9 x$ | H98x or 98x or 9x |
| 8 | $8 x$ | $8 x$ |


| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |
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| Partner's Lead |  |  |  |
| Declarer's Lead | Discarding |  |  |
| Suit: $1^{\text {ST }}$ | ATT | SP | ATT |
| $2^{\mathrm{ND}}$ | SP | SP | SP |
| $3^{\mathrm{RD}}$ | CT | ATT | CT |
| NT: $1^{\text {ST }}$ | ATT | Smith | ATT |
| $2^{\mathrm{ND}}$ | SP | SP | SP |
| $3^{\mathrm{RD}}$ | CT | ATT | CT |

Upside down ATT \& COUNT, Std Present Count,
STANDARD SMITH Vs. NT
STD SMITH in Trumps

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening) Style: Opening hand plus, maybe less with shape. could be strong single suiter

Responses: Jump in suit with better than minimum
Reopening: could be light

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES Responsive doubles

Support doubles
Save suggesting (bid on) Double

## WBF Convention Card

Category: 1
NBO (Country): INDIA/USA
Event: ONLINE EVENTS 2021 (4/21)
Players: G. Venkatesh \& Anil Padhye

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## Std Am, Strong 2C and 2/1 Game Force

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE:

5 Card Majors, Semi Forcing NT
Minor opening 3+. Open 4-4 in Minors with 1D
2C opening is Game forcing
$2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}$ is weak. 2D is MULTI (can be 19-21 4441)
2 NT is 20-21 BAL. No 5 card Major
$1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{C}$ is ART GF.
1M-1X;2C is Gazilli F1R. 1m-1X;2C is APTEX. F1R
1NT opening: $14+$ to 18 - HCP, 5 -card Majors Frequen
2 over 1 Response:Game forcing
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE Openings:
1C - 2D, 1D-3C Mixed Raise
1m-2M: 6M 5-7 points. Can have 4 minor
1H-2S; 1S - 3C; 1S - 3H: Mini/Midi SPL
1M (X) Xfer
2M (X) XX Forces $2 \mathrm{M}+1$
LEBENSOHL \& RUBENSOHL in many situations
3NT preempt in minor in 1st and 2nd seat. To Play in 3rd/4th
1M-2C; can be short
$1 \mathrm{M}-1 \mathrm{NT}$ and $1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{~S}$; 2C can be short
1M-2NT is Nat 12-14 with atleast xx in BM

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

ASS is forcing in GF auctions and when the hand belongs to us Multiple uses for 4NT in high level competition

## IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DOESN'T FIT ELSEWHERE

HAMILTON over 1NT overcall by Opponents
Good Bad 2NT
2-Way minors (2C/2D) after 1 level rebids (upto 1 NT ) ReTransfers after 2NT jump rebid
Fit showing Jump bids by Passed Hand, and in Competition Frequent use of Transfers and RELAYS.

| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE |  |  |  |  |  | Psychics: Rare |  |
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| 1 Level bids are forcing, 2 level bids transfers after 1M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Opening | Artificial | Min. | Neg. Double | Description | Response | Subsequent Auction | Passed Hand Bidding |
| 1** | No | 3 | 3S | Usually natural but may be 4-3-3-3 good 11-21 | 1D can be 3 . Single raise forcing to 3C, Double raise constructive $5-7,2 \mathrm{D}=$ Mixed Raise $8-10.2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}=$ 6BM 5-7, 1NT 8-10, 2NT 13-15, 3NT 16-17. 3D/3H/3S Splinter | Rebid of 2C is Forcing. Can be 12-14 with 6 Cs, 15-17 shapely hands or 18 21 GF hands | Inverted Minor raise. Fit bids. |
| $1 *$ | No | 3 | 3S | Usually natural but may be 4-4-3-2 or 4=5 in minors(in min range). Good 11-21 | Single raise forcing to 3D, Double raise constructive $5-7,2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}=6 \mathrm{BM} 5-7,1 \mathrm{NT} 6-10,2 \mathrm{NT} 11-12,3 \mathrm{NT}$ 16-17.3C $=$ Mixed Raise 8-10, 3H/3S/4C Splinter | Rebid of 2C is Forcing. Can be 12-14 with both minors, $15-17$ shapely hands or 18-21 GF hands | SAME AS ABOVE. |
| $1 v$ | No | 5 | 3S | Natural good 11-21 | 1NT SF, 2H: 6-9 3+ card, 3C Limit, 2NT Bal 12-14, $2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{GF}$ RELAY, $2 \mathrm{~S}=$ Mini/Midi SPL,3D = Mixed, $3 \mathrm{H}=$ Prempt $3 \mathrm{~S}=$ void splinter, RKC, $2 / 1 \mathrm{Game}$ force. 2C can be short. Xfers after T.O. DBL | Long \& Short Suit Game Tries. <br> RELAY responses to 2 C and follow on | 2-Way Drury. Re bid shows minimum hand. Fit Bids |
| 1* | No | 5 | 3H | Natural good 11-21 | 1NT SF, 2S: 6-9 3+ card, 3D Limit, 2NT Bal 12 -14, $2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{GF}$ RELAY, $3 \mathrm{C} / 3 \mathrm{H}=$ Mini/Midi SPL,3D $=$ Limit , 3S = Mixed Raise3NT = void splinter, RKC, 2/1 Game force. 2C can be short. Xfers after DBL | Long \& Short Suit Game Tries. <br> RELAY responses to 2 C and follow on | 2-Way Drury. Re bid shows minimum hand. Fit Bids |
| 1NT | No |  |  | 14+-18- points, may be off shape. 5 or 6 card minor or major possible. | 2C Stayman (does not guarantee 4 card major), <br> 2D/2H transfers, 2S/2NT transfers to C/D, 3C GF+ <br> Minors, 3D Slammish Majors, 3H 3=1-5-4 3S 1=3-5- <br> 4, 4D/4H Jacoby Transfers. 4S/4NT Quanti | 3C after 2C is Pattern asking, SMOLEN <br> After Minor suit transfer new suit is shortness if Opener accepts. If opener rejects then swapped 4 card suits. |  |
| 2* | Yes | 0 | No | Game forcing opening | 2D is with one K or two Qs , 2 H is negative. 2 S responses are $5+$ cards headed by KJ10 or better ( 2 NT $=\mathrm{C}, 3 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{D}$ and $3 \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{H}$ and $3 \mathrm{H}=6 \mathrm{H}+4 \mathrm{~S} .6+$ cards. 8+ points | After 2C-2D, Opener rebids 2 H with H or balanced hands, $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{C}$ and $3 \mathrm{C}=$ D $3 \mathrm{D}=5+\mathrm{Ds} \& 4 \mathrm{Cs}, 3 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=3$ suiter with short other M. |  |
| 2 | No | 5 | No | MULTI. 5-7 with <br> Weak 2 in H or S. Or 19-21 with 4441 (any SPL) | $2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S} / 3 \mathrm{H} / 3 \mathrm{~S} / 4 \mathrm{H}$ are Pass/Correct. 2 NT shows values. $3 C / 3 D$ shows own $H / / S$ and $4 D / 4 S$ shows own C/D | Opener P/C or shows SPL and strong/weak hand |  |
| 2v | No | 5 | No | 8-10 points | 2NT is RELAY, New suit is forcing. Raise is NF, 4C is MKC. RDBL over a T.O. Double forces 2 S | Response to 2NT is Hand type |  |
| $2 \wedge$ | No | 5 | No | 8-10 points | 2NT is RELAY, New suit is forcing. Raise is NF, 4C is MKC. RDBL over a T.O. Double forces 2NT | Response to 2NT is Hand type |  |
| 2NT | No |  |  | 20-21 points. No 5 card Major | 3C is Stayman, 3D/3H is Transfer, SMOLEN, 3S is Puppet to 3 NT to play or for minor(s), 4D/4H is Transfer 4S/NT is Quanti | 3S is Puppet to 3 NT. Responder shows single or two minor hands |  |
| 3* | No | $6+$ | No | Pre-emptive, rule of 2, 3 and 4 | Raise is non forcing. New Suit F1R, 4D is MKC |  |  |


| 3 | No | $6+$ | No | Pre-emptive, rule of 2, 3 or 4 | Raise is non forcing. New Suit F1R, 4C is MKC |  |  |  |
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| $3 \vee$ | No | 7 | No | Pre-emptive, rule of 2, 3 and 4. | Raise is non forcing. New Suit F1R, 4C is MKC |  |  |  |
| $3 \wedge$ | No | 7 | No | Pre-emptive, rule of 2, 3 and 4. | Raise is non forcing. New Suit F1R, 4C is MKC |  |  |  |
| 3NT | Yes |  | No | 1st or 2nd seat $=$ Minor Preempt. 3rd seat = GAMBLING 4th seat = To Play | 4C after 1st, 2nd or 3rd seat is Pass/Correct |  |  |  |
| 4* | Yes | 8/9 | No | NAMYAT (Hearts) | Intermediate suit bids to show Key cards |  |  |  |
| 4 * | Yes | 8/9 | No | NAMYAT (Spades) | Intermediate suit bids to show Key cards |  |  |  |
| $4 \times$ | No | 7/8 | No | PREEMPTIVE, rule of 2, 3 or 4 |  |  |  |  |
| 4* | No | $7 / 8$ | No | PREEMPTIVE, rule of 2, 3 or 4 |  |  |  |  |
| 4NT | Yes |  | No | SPECIFIC ACE ASK | $5 \mathrm{C}=0 \text {, }$ <br> 5D/H/S/6C = <br> Specific Ace $5 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{Two}$ | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |  |
| 5* | No | 8 | No | PREEMPTIVE |  | After minor suit is established, in certain sequences, bid of SPLINTER by unlimited hand is RKC. <br> After major suit is established, $4 \mathrm{BM}+1$ is RKC . <br> Responses to RKC 1403 except for $C$ where it is 0314 . D0P1 responses after intervention below 5 Trump suit.Then DEPO. |  |  |
| 5 | No | 8 | No | PREEMPTIVE |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | No | 8 | No | invites small <br> slam/grand slam with $1 / 2$ top honours |  |  |  |  |
| $5 \wedge$ | No | 8 | No | invites small slam/grand slam with $1 / 2$ top honours |  | DUAL KEY CARD BLACKWOOD, MODIFIED KEY CARD BLACKWOOD after partner preempts, EXCLUSION KEY CARD BLACKWOOD, Void RKC, Dual Void RKC, 5NT PICK-A-SLAM, SPLINTER KEY CARD ASK, FORCING PASS, PASS \& PULL. Response to EKC is 0314. <br> High Level Doubles depend on hand ownership. Can be forward going or regressive. |  |  |
| 5NT |  |  |  | SPECIFIC KING ASK | $\mathrm{C}=0,$ <br> 5D/H/S/NT = <br> Specific King |  |  |  |

