

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening) |
| Can be weak 5 cards at 1 level or 4 cards in Opening hand |
| Expect 3 HCP less in balancing seat. |
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| INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| 15+ to 18- but 11-15 in Balancing Seat |
| X followed by 1NT 18+ to 20, Balancing X then 1N 15_18- |
| Over 1NT overcall responses to opening 1NT apply. |
| X followed by 2NT 21-23, |
| Over 2NT bid responses to opening 2NT apply. |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| WEAK vary with vulnerability with 2NT Relay |
| 2NT 2 lowest suits: Vary with vulnerability |
| At 3 level Weak to Intermediate. |
| Balancing: Opening Bid with 6 Cards. 2NT 18+-20 |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| Cue at 2 level = Both M, or other M and either m. Then 2N asks. |
| Cue at 3 level ask for STOPPER in their suit. May have long M. |
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| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH) |
| If 1NT inc 16 or more then X = Minors, |
| If 1NT max 15, X = penalties, 2NT minors (or Strong = Majors) |
| 2♣ = ♥ & another, 2♦ = ♠ & another (anchor short M) |
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| Passed Hand X minors |
| VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| X TO, Over 3m Cue – Majors, |
| Over weak 2, Cue = ASKS FOR STOPPER, 4m = m+M or MM |
| After (2M) X P 2N is weak expects 3♣ |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣ |
| WEAK OVERCALLS |
| X Majors: Lowest NT Minors |
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| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| XX 10+: Fit Jumps (3 card support but 5♣ after 1♣) |
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| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE | | | |
| | Lead | In Partner's Suit | |
| Suit | 2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2) | 2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2) | |
| NT | 2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2) | 2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2) | |
| Subseq | 2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2) | 2 nd & 4 th (top Of 2) | |
| Other: BUT least confusing from 3 | | | |
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| LEADS | | | |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT | |
| Ace | Asks for reverse attitude | Asks for reverse attitude | |
| King | Asks for reverse count | Asks r. count or unblock Q | |
| Queen | Normally Top H or Short | AQJ, KQ10, QJx, Qx, Q | |
| Jack | KJ10 Top H or Short | A/KJ10, QJ9, J10x, Jx, J | |
| 10 | Will not have J | A/K/Q109. 109x, 10x, 10 | |
| 9 | Will not have 10 | 98x, may be 9xx or 9x, 9 | |
| Hi-X | Short or 2 nd from 3 or 4 | Short or 2 nd from 3 or 4 | |
| Lo-X | Likely to have honour | Likely H or 3 in Partners suit | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | Mainly R. Attitude | Reverse Count | Reverse Attitude |
| Suit 2 | Some R. Count | Suit Preference | Reverse Count |
| 3 | Suit P. if Obvious | | Reverse Count |
| 1 | Mainly R Count | Low like Opening L.* | Reverse Attitude |
| NT 2 | Some R Attitude | Reverse Count | Reverse Count |
| 3 | Suit P. if Obvious | | Reverse Count |
| Signals (including Trumps): | | | |
| • Except where obvious reverse count signal required. | | | |
| Normal Suit Preference in Trumps and when obvious: giving ruffs etc | | | |
| DOUBLES | | | |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) | | | |
| SHAPE SUITABLE OR STRONG | | | |
| 3 POINTS LESS IN PROTECTIVE SEAT | | | |
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| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS | | | |
| NEGATIVE and COMPETITIVE X UP TO 4♦ | | | |
| IF OPPO CUE to show 2 suiter, X shows interest in Defence | | | |
| IF OPPO CUE Partners Suit X shows Q,K or A | | | |
| If oppo explring slam X Cue suggests lead (or possible save NV vs V | | | |
| If oppo interfere in Control Asking etc DOP1 or ROP1 apply (0 = 1 st step) | | | |
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| W B F CONVENTION CARD |
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| CATEGORY: GREEN |
| NCBO: ENGLAND Nos 27142 and 96214 |
| PLAYERS: Dave ROBINSON & Tony SOWTER |
| EVENT: SENIOR |
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| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE |
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| FIVE CARD MAJORS |
| 2/1 FG |
| 1NT 14.5 to 17 |
| 1♣ may be 2 cards may have 5 cards in any suit |
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| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE |
| 2♣: WEAK 2 in ♦ OR ANY VERY STRONG |
| WEAK 2: 5:9 STRONG 23-24 Balanced or FG |
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| 2♦: 3 SUITED SHORT in ♣: |
| 4-4-4-1 11:20 or 4-4-5-0 11-14 |
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| 3NT: WEAK in ♣ OR ♦ |
| 4♣/4♦: show corresponding MAJOR |
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| 2NT response to 1 MAJOR is Raise to 3 Or More |
| INVERTED RAISES |
| JUMP TO 2 IN NEW SUIT IS WEAK |
| JUMP TO 3 IN LOWER SUIT NAT BUT NF |
| 2NT response to 1♣ is very weak with 6+ ♣ |
| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
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| IMPORTANT NOTES |
| Defence to Multi, X is TO of ♥ or strong, 2NT shaped TO |
| of ♠ in BOTH 2 nd and 4 th seats. |
| 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 |
| 1♣ | | 2 | 4♦ | Natural OR Balanced. | 1 suit F1. 1♦ could be 3. 1NT 8-10 with 4♣. | 1♣-2♣-2♦=wk NT. Then | 1♣ P P X then 1♦ denies 3♠ |
| | | | | May have ANY 5 card suit if weak NT. May have 5♦ if 18-20. If Balanced will not be in 1NT range. Rule of 19. | 3♣ weak 5+♣. 2NT very weak 6♣, 2♣ F2NT or 3♣, 3NT nat with 4♣. 2 other suit is WEAK. (Then 2NT Relay: rebid suit minimum). 1♣ - 3 other is splinter. | 2M F1, 2N/3♣ NF, 3M stop 1NT rebid weak then 2♣ asking, (SEE SUPP A) 3♣ over 2NT. 1♣ 1M 3♦ Raise in M either 18-20 BAL or 4M 225. Not FG! | XX has 3♠. 1M 5, 1N 18-19 1♣-(1♥)-1♠ shows QTxx + 2♠ is 4♠+5♣ (Fit Jump) Passed H. Fit Jump with 5♣. |
| 1♦ | | 4 | 4♣ | Natural Usually 5. | 1M F1, 1N NF, 2♣ FG, 2♦ F1, 2M WEAK, 2N nat NF, 3♣ nat game try NF, 3♦ weak, 3M splinter | Over 1M, 2N shows 4 in M or 6♦. 3♣ R (3♦6-3NF, 3M 5-4 NF, 3OM 6-3 FG, 3N 6-2, 4 level = raise but not splinter. | 1♦ (1♥) 1♠ = QTxx +. Q in their suit = good raise. Fit jumps with 3 card support. |
| 1♥ 1♠ | | 5 | 4♦ | 5 CARD MAJORS | 1♥- 2♠ WEAK (2N R as above). 1M-3M weak. | | 2NT still good raise (may be 3) |
| | | 5 | 4♦ | Poor 5 carder may open 1♣ | 1M - 3 lower suit 6 card suit Invitational NF | | Fit Jumps |
| | | | | As may hand with 5♠ & 3♥ | 1M - 3NT (3-3-3-4any Pudding 13-15+). Splinters. | After 1♠ - 3NT - 4♥ NF | First X is negative either hand |
| | | | | | 1M - 2NT Good Raise to 3 or More (SEE SUPP B.) | After 1M - 2NT SEE SUPP B | |
| INT | | | 4♦ | 14.5 - 17 Balanced | 2♣ for 5 card Ms. 4 suit transfers (SEE SUPP C) | Transfer breaks etc SEE SUPP C | SEE SUPP C |
| | | | | No Singleton | 3 any suit SLAM TRY No shortage. 4♣ to play 4M (55), 4♦ to play 4♥, 4♥ & 4♠ to play 4♠. | | After X, XX 5 card suit, Bid lowest of 2 card suits, 2♠ NAT. |
| 2♣ | | 0 | | Weak 2 in ♦ or V. Strong | 2♦ To Play 3♦ weak 2M nat but NF, 2N Relay. | After 2♣ - 2M (See SUPP D) | |
| | | | | | Responses to Relay: See SUPP F | After 2♣ - 2♦ (See SUPP E) | |
| 2♦ | | 4 | No | Opening bid 4441 or 4450 NF | 2M to play, 2N Invitational, 3♣ Relay (see SUPP G) | See SUPP G | R0P1 or D0P1 (where 0 is first Step) if oppo bid over Relay |
| | | | | Stiff ♣ 11-20 Void ♣ 11-14 | 3 other suit invitational, 3NT to play | | |
| 2♥ | | 5 | | 5-9 Normally 6 cards | Change suit F1, 2NT Relay | | |
| 2♠ | | 5 | | 5-9 Normally 6 cards | Change suit F1, 2NT Relay | | |
| 2NT | | | 4♦ | Nat 20+ to 22 | 3♣ for 5M, 3 suit transfers (see SUPP H) | (see SUPP H) | |
| | | | | May have singleton A/K | 3NT, 4♣ NAT, 4♦, 4♥ Transfer Weak/Strong | (see SUPP H) | |
| 3m | | | | Weak varies with Vulnerability | 3M Natural (5+) F1, 4 other minor asks for Shortage. | | |
| 3♥ | | | | Weak varies with Vulnerability | 3♠ Nat F1, 4m Q bid | | |
| 3♠ | | | | Weak varies with Vulnerability | 4m Q bid, 4♥ to play | | |
| 3NT | | | | Weak in One minor | 4♣/ 4♦ are pass/convert . 4M to play. | Can cue shortage on way from 4♦ to 5♣ | |
| 4♣ | | | | Good 4♥. Vul 8 NV 7 Tricks | Next suit up invites Q bid | | |
| 4♦ | | | | Good 4♠. Vul 8 NV 7 Tricks | Next suit up invites Q bid | | |
| 4♥/4♠ | | 6 | | To Play | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 4NT | | | | Specific Ace Asking | 5♣ None, 5 suit or 6♣ bid ace, 5NT 2 | Jump to 5NT for 2 of Top 3. RKCB (0-3, 1-4, 2, 2+Q, 3 + void, 2 + void) | |
| | | | | | | Over 1 st 2 responses next step (exc. Trumps) asks for T Q. | |
| | | | | | | 6 Ace Blackwood - applies when 2 suits agreed or 2 suits shown opposite | |
| | | | | | | Balanced hand (Responses 0-3,1-4,2-5, 2/5 plus Lower Q, 2/5 plus higher Q 2/5 plus Both Qs). Over 1 st 2 steps next non Trump suit asks for Qs using Same pattern None. LQ, HQ, Both). After 4NT, 5NT asks for extras. | |