

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Usually 5+ cards with wide range at one level
Usually 6+ cards and constructive at 2 level
Responses in a suit are forcing for 1 round if third hand passes
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd position 15 -17 points
4 th position Live 15 –17 points
4 th position Reopening 10-14 points
Responses are identical to 1No Trump opening
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1 Suiter weak
2 Suiter 5+/5+ wide range 3C is 2suiter without C; 2NT lower 2
Suits; 2D over 1C shows majors
Reopen: 1 Suit Intermediate strength; 2NT Natural 20 - 22
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cuebids (except over 1C natural) are C+S (C+H) over 1S
Jump cuebids (except over 1C when shows D+S) asks for stop
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
2C = Diamonds or majors
2D= 5+ Hearts or 4+ spades and 5+ minor
2H =4+ Hearts + 5+ Minor
2S = Natural
2NT = Minors
X = Penalty or Clubs by a passed hand
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Double take out
Cuebid shows 2 suiter with 5+ cards in unbid major(s)
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Destructive style
Over strong 1C: X Reds or Blacks 1D Ms or ms length 1NT other
1H/S shows 3+ cards and a longer minor
Over strong 2C – X, 2D, 2NT as against 1C
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Suit bids are non forcing at 2 level
Redouble shows 8+ pts and promises a further bid over minimum call by opponents

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th ; 2 nd	4 th ; 2 nd	
NT	4 th ; 2 nd	4 th ; 2 nd	
Subseq	Same/attitude	Same/attitude	
Other:2 nd highest from 4+ small cards; Low promises honour			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	A , AK; Asks for attitude	A, AK; Asks for attitude	
King	AK, KQ ; Asks for count	AK, KQ ; Asks for count/unblock	
Queen	QJ Asks for count	KQ , QJ ; Asks for attitude	
Jack	J10x(x) , KJ10x; Jx	J10x(x) , KJ10x; Jx	
10	10x , 109x(x), Q109x	10x , 109x(x), Q109x	
9	9x	9x ; 98xx	
Hi-X	Xx , xXx, xXxx	Xx , xXx, xXxx	
Lo-X	Hxx(x)	Hxx(x)	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	High Enc/ Even no	Low odd number	Low odd number
Suit 2	Suit preference	Suit preference	Discouraging
3			
1	As above	Smith peters	Low odd number
NT 2		Low odd number	Discouraging
3		Suit preference	
Signals (including Trumps):			
High card (1) count , (2) likes opening lead – smith peters			
In trumps shows 3 + cards and interest in a ruff			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
May be light (9+) with classic shape , a cuebid by responder promises a further bid			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Lightner doubles			
Lead directing doubles			
Most low level doubles of suit contracts are take out/game tries			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: BLUE
NCBO: Ireland
PLAYERS: Micheal & Pdraig O Briain
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Blue Club; control responses to 1C
Canape by opener in some positions
4 card majors
1NT 15-17
2 over 1 response F2NT
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
1C 17+ pts or equivalent in distribution
2C 10 – 16 pts with 6+C or 14-16 pts with 5/5 C & another
2D 3 - 10 pts with 5+ cards in H or S
2H 3 - 9 pts with 5+ H and 5+minor
2S 3 - 9 pts with 5+S and 4(5+) minor
3NT minor suit preempt
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
If our 1 No Trump opening is doubled
After a positive response to our strong 1Club opening
IMPORTANT NOTES
Occasional opening bids and responses are subminimum
PSYCHICS: Occasional 1H/1S openings or 1 level responses

