

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
<b>OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>
Can be light (8H) at 1 level w/good suit, ptr response of 1NT=8-11
Generally sound (10H+) overcalls at the 2 level
Reopening jump to - 2♦ = Michaels (♥+♠)
Reopening jump to 2M = exactly 6 cards & 12 - 13H
<b>1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>
15-18 HCP in direct seat, SYSON
(1x) P (1y) 1NT→4 higher ranking & longer lower ranking
(1M) P (2M) 2NT → any 2 suiter 55 or better
Balancing 1NT = 10-13, (does not promise a stopper) SYSON
Balancing 2NT = 17-19 / (2M) P (P) 2NT = 14-16
<b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>
2/3 level = Nat 6/7 card (6H+)
1♣-2♦ = Michaels (♥+♠) in 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> seat
2NT=2 lowest unbid in direct, 17-19 in balancing seat
<b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>
(1X) - 3X and 1X - (1Y) - 3Y = Stopper ask <b>except</b> if X=♣
Michaels in 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup>
(1♣) - 2/3♣ = Natural; (1m) - 2♦ = Michaels (♥+♠)
(1M) - 2M=OM+m → 3♣=P/C and 3♦=invitational OM
<b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak (to 14H); Reopening; PH)</b>
2♠=♥+♠; 2♦=6cM, 2M=M+m, X=4M+ longer m, 2NT=55m(+)
(same if they open 1m - P - 1NT)
Vs wk NT, as for strong NT but X=points → P, 2NT→3♣ (P/C), DONT (if we open 1m, opp o/c 1NT, same as for weak NT)
Vs strong 2NT, as for strong 1NT but X=55(+) minors
Versus gambling 3NT, as for weak NT
<b>VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>
Leaping Michaels 4m=5m+5OM /over Multi 4m = 5m+5♥
Natural NJ over Multi but 3♥/♠ = Natural strong (16-18)
(2M) 3M = stopper ask; (2M) {M+m} 3M = stopper ask
<b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣/♦ or 2♣/♦</b>
Natural, jumps = PREMPT (2/3 level = Nat 6/7 card (6H+))
X = both majors; NT = both minors ( <b>direct or after response</b> )
<b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>
Jumps=weak (<10H); RDBL = 10+
2NT/M=fit+10H+, 2NT/m=5m and less than 11H
<b>1M (X) ? and (1x) 1M (X) : 2M-1=Transfer</b>

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3/5	3 <sup>rd</sup> but attitude if count	
NT	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	known	
Subsequent	Low=Enc., 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> through declarer.		
Other: 10 is not considered an honour for <b>NT</b> opening lead purposes			
<b>LEADS [ace for attitude and king for count or unblock (NT)]</b>			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx	AKx	
King	AKJT K asks count	AKJT K asks unblock/count	
Queen	QJT(x), QJ9	QJT(x), QJ9	
Jack	(H)JTxx; JT9x	(H)JTxx; JT9x	
10	(H)T9x	(H)T9x	
9	9x	9x	
High-low	Doubleton	Doubleton	
Low-high	Promises a third	Promises a third	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1 ATT High=Enc	Count Low-hi=odd	SP (High=Enc)
	2 Count, Low hi=odd	SP (Low=Enc)	Count Low hi=odd
	3 SP (High=Enc)		
NT	1 ATT Low=Enc	Count Low hi=odd	SP (Lavinthal)
	2 Count Low hi=odd	SP (Low=Enc)	Count Low hi=odd
	3 SP (Lavinthal)		
Signals (including Trumps)			
Hi Low=odd # of trumps			
<b>DOUBLES</b>			
<b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>			
If shapely, may be light			
Support X and XX to 2M-1; Maximal			
1m - (1♥) - X, X= max 3♠ and 1♠=4(+) spades			
If they bid our suit X by responder= big H; by opener=lead unless ....			
<b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>			
Negative doubles through 4M-1; Lightner double			
X=TO if they O/C natural over our 1NT at the 2 or 3 level			
X of splinter: VUL= lead the suit under, NVUL=possible save			
X of transfer shows suit, cue of the underlying is TO			
Relay (TRF) X after OPP's 3 level pre-empt over our 1M opening or O/C Lebensohl after OPP's 2 level pre-empt over our opening			

EBL CONVENTION CARD
<b>CATEGORY: Natural Green</b>
<b>NCBO: SWITZERLAND</b>
<b>PLAYERS: Jean-Pierre Derivaz – George Hashimoto</b>
<b>EVENT</b>
Oct 7, 2023
<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>15-17 NT; 5 card majors, better minor</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>
2/1 FG
5 card Majors in 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>
FNT over 1♥/♠ (off in competition or by PH)
Preempt quality variable dependent on vul & position
Balanced minimum opening 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> = (11) 12 H
1NT opening = 15-17 H (5M or 6m possible)
2NT opening = 20-21 H (5M or 6m possible)→Puppet Stayman
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>
3NTsolid minor w/o outside control
2♣ (artificial+strong); Multi 2♦ (weak 2M or 22-23 balanced)
2M=5M+4(+m) / 5(+m) if VUL (5-10H)
WJS, fit jumps by PH, mixed raise in COMP. 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> suit=F1/FG
Rubensohl/NT (8H+), otherwise Lebensohl (<8H)
Smolen(45 weak or GF or 64 GF/SI)
1M response may bypass longer diamonds ( <b>Walsh</b> )
3 <sup>rd</sup> hand opening may be lead directing or weak
Vs 2 known 2 suited O/C, cheapest cue= raise (10+); next cue= 4 <sup>th</sup> suit GF; 4 <sup>th</sup> suit is NF or raise ptr's suit=NF
In COMP, after we open or O/C a M, cue/2NT shows 3/4 card support and invite or better 10(+) H
1NT after the OPP's have bid+ responded=TO, 4 higher ranking & 5+ lower suit (55 by PH), Cue/2NT=55 < opening/> opening
XYZ/NT (on by PH) 2♣=Trf to 2♦ TP or invitational 10-11;
2♦=any FG; 2NT= Trf to 3♣, 3X=SI; 3NT=TP
<b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>
In FG situations, pass is forcing
In SI, pass of OPP's bid at 5 level = first round control, X denies control, bid = cue & 2 <sup>nd</sup> round control
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>
<b>PSYCHICS: Rare</b>

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	ATT=attitude, CI=Italian controls, DNP=does not promise; F1=round force, FG=game force, GT=game try, KC=key card, NF=non forcing, OB=opening bid; O/C=overall, OPP=opponent, P/C=pass or correct; PH=passed hand, PRE=Preempt, SI=slam interest, SP=suit preference, SPL=splinter, SYSON=system on, TP=to play, TRF=transfer; UPH=unpassed hand, WJS=Weak jump shifts			
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣ 1♦		3	4M-1	Balanced 12-14 (may be weaker in 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) or 18-19, rule of 15 in 4 <sup>th</sup> If unbalanced, rule of (19) 20	2m=F1 (11+ and fit, no 4 card M), 3m=PRE (0-7H) 1♦-2♣=FG 1♣-2♦ & 1♦-3♣ = FIT & 8-10H (FJ if PH) 1m-2/3M or 1♣-3♦ = 4-7 & 6/7 card suit NF; 2NT=11-12 bal; 4m=PRE, 4M=TP	2NT/3m = min with 3/4m, 2X=stoppers up the line. NB 2NT does not promise stoppers  See also XYZ/NT	Inverted <b>OFF</b> if X; <b>ON</b> by PH Reverse Truscott after X 2♣/1♦ by PH is Nat 10-11H  Fit jumps (10+H) 5+fit 4 <sup>th</sup> by PH
1♥ 1♠		5	4M-1	10-21 in 1st or 2 <sup>nd</sup> may be weaker in 3 <sup>rd</sup> , rule of 15 in 4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat can be 4 card suit Rule of (19) 20	1NT=F1 (5-15); 2M=8-10; 2NT= Fit GF(Jacoby); 3M=0-6; 3♣=FIT w/10-11; 3♦=FIT w/6-9; 3NT=3 w/13-15; 1♠-3♥ = 4-7 w/7 card suit NF SPL 10-14 w/3-5CI; 4M = PRE; 1♥-4♠ is TP	After 2/1: 2M=Catchall; Reverse=13+; rebid at 3 level =14+; 2NT is max 14 or 18-19; 3NT=15-17 2NT = GT → 3M=min; 4M=max; 3X=values	FNT OFF in COMP; PH 2♣ fit Drury; 2NT=4c+shortage invite; Bergen; 1♥-2♠=FJ by PH (10-11) but PRE (4-7) in COMP
INT			4♥	15-17 HCP, 5M or 6m possible	2♣=Stayman DNP 4M, may be weak 54M, Smolen 4 suit trf; w/super accept (EX 2♠→ bal invite/or ♣) 3X=natural SI→cue=fit 3NT denies (xx) 4♣/♦=55M SI/FM or +; 4M= 55m short M	Super accept: /m=3+ max+ & 1H, /M: 2NT=4 max, 3M=4 min, <b>3X=4 + max + xxx(x) in X</b> ; After M TRF + 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit, 3M=fit, 3OM fit m, and 4♣=3cM and 4cm After 1NT-2♠ → 2NT=min and 3♣ = max	Rubrnsohl (8+) 3X=TRF Lebensohl 2NT→ 3♣→ P/C(<8) SYSON after non penalty X DONT if X=points We O/C 1NT – m/M syson/Trsfer
2♣	√	0		Artificial strong GF or SF	<b>2♦=no aces; 2♥/♠=1 ace r/b; 3♣=2 aces rr/bb</b> <b>3♦ = 2 aces MM/mm, 3♥ = 2 aces Mm/rb</b>	3♣by responder over 2M is second negative 2♣-2♦; 3M is NF (8.5 tricks)	OPP interfere: →DEPO or REPO P=1/3 ace and X/XX = 0/2 aces
2♦	√	0		Multi 6cM 5-10H or 22-23 Balanced	2NT=asks→3♣/♦/♥/♠=min ♥/♠, max ♠/♥ 2/3M=P/C; 3♣/♦ = Natural & invitational 4♣/♦=bid suit under/suit, 4M=TP		SYSON on, X of 2M O/C=P/C 4 <sup>th</sup> seat opening 22-33H
2M		NVUL 5M&4m  VUL 5M&5m		5-10H, 5 card MAJOR and at least 4m NVUL  At least 5m if VUL	2NT=asks→3m=nat & min and 3♥/♠=♣/♦ max; 3♣=P/C 3♦ = Natural NF 3♥ over 2♠ = natural RF to 3♠ 3/4M or OM=TP unless SPL(2♠-4♥ or 2♥-3♠)	2NT→3m = minimum with m →3♥/♠ = max with clubs/diamonds	3M is <b>PRE</b> 4M is <b>PRE</b> or to make  4 <sup>th</sup> seat opening or balancing jump to 2♥/♠ = 6 cards 12-13H.
2NT				20-21 HCP, 5M or 6m possible	3♣=Puppet; 3♦/♥=TRF→accept=no fit; 3♠=TRF to 3NT; 3NT=5♠+4♥ 4♣/♦=55M SI/FM or +; 4M= 55m short M	TRF→3NT=3fit; 4M=4cfit + ctrl all suits 3♠-3NT → 4m=Nat SI, 4♥/♠=5♣+4♦ / 5♦+4♣ (4NT/5m TP); 4NT=55m SI	<b>SYSON if we O/C 2NT natural</b> BUT (2M) P (P) 2NT {14-16} 3♣=Puppet & 3♦/♥ = Trf
3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠		(6)7 (6)7 7		3♣ may be 6 cards; constructive in second seat, variable in third seat depending on vulnerability	4♦ = RKCB (1430) 4♣ = RKCB (1430) 4♦ =Fit, cue bid or extending PRE over 3♦ New major = F1; 4M over 3X=TP		Raise is TP (PRE or to make) After X, new suit=lead directing After O/C, new suit is NF
3NT	√	7		Solid minor, no outside control	4♣=P/C; 4♦=Asks for shortage; 4M = To play	4♦ asking = →4M=M, 4NT=none, 5m=om	After X, 4♣=P/C
4X		7(+)		4m = preempt 4M = To play	4NT = RKCB (1430); 4OM/5m = control ask		Raise is PRE or to make
4NT	√			Both minors (6/5 or better)	5m=To play	<b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>	
5♣ 5♦ 5♥ 5♠		8		Natural, may have a second suit To play		RKCB and EKCB (1430) 5NTresponse to 4NT=useful void + 2KC; 6♣=void + 1 or 3 KC's 3NT is serious when FG in Major; First cue=1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> rd ctrl to 4♠ Opp interfere BW we play DEPO/REPO	
5NT	√			Both minors	6m=To play	Quant 4NT→5m=4cm; 5M=5m/4om; 6m=5+m, Pass or 6NT=TP	