

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Simple overcalls are wide range (7-17 hcp approx)
Overcalls at the one level may be 4 cards
Direct raises are pre-emptive
Unassuming Cue Bids
2N, 2 Cue, and 3 Clubs are Ghestem, showing at least 5/5 distribution
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-17 in 2nd (system on)
11-14 in 4th (system on)
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak, but promising a good suit when vulnerable
Generally 6 cards, although 5 is possible non vulnerable
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Ghestem – 2 Cue shows extremes
(1x) – 3x indicates long running minor and asks for stop
Leaping Michaels following opponents' Weak 2 opening. Also, a variant over Multi 2D: 4C = hearts+a minor; 4D = spades+a minor
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Penalty Xs (also against strong NT opening).
Subsequent Xs are for t/o, with PASS forcing.
2C: majors; 2D: single suited major; 2H/S: 4+ cards in the bid major, plus a 5+ card minor; 2N: 2 suits (5/5+); 3 level bids: pre-emptive
VS.PRE-EMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X = t/o
Lebensohl following their opening Weak 2 and partner's t/o X
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Against Strong Club: X: majors; 1N: minors (weak)
Jump bids are pre
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX shows values but denies fit
2N: good raise
Jump change of suit: fit

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th /2 nd	3 rd from 3 small	
NT	4 th /2 nd Strong Ks 10s	3 rd from 3 small	
Subsequent	standard (present) count		
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	For attitude	For attitude	
King	For count/unblock	For count/unblock	
Queen	For attitude	For attitude	
Jack		Denies higher card	
10		STRONG	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Standard count	Standard count	Standard count
Suit 2	Standard attitude	Standard attitude	Standard attitude
3			
1	Standard count	Standard count	Standard count
NT 2	Standard attitude	Standard attitude	Standard attitude
3			
Other signals (including trumps)			
McKenney (including when trumps being drawn)			
Smith Peters v NT (both peter to show liking for the opening lead)			
DOUBLES			
TAKE-OUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Sputnik Xs thru 4H. Negative Xs and forcing passes in competition (though generally PEN after a natural NT bid by us). Lebensohl relay following our t/o X of their Weak 2. Immediate 3 level shows 7-10hcp. With strong hands, 2N/3C denies stop, while a 3 level cue shows 4 cards in the other major.			
ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES			
Most low level Xs are competitive; XX is generally for rescue			
Responsive X generally shows 3 cards in unbid major + length elsewhere			
Game try Lightner X of 3N says lead our suit; or, where we are silent:			
X following a purely NT auction asks for a spade lead;			
X following a suit auction asks for lead of dummy's first bid suit			
After (1NT), X of Stayman/Transfer shows the cipher suit OR a big hand			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: OPEN
NCBO: WALES
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
ACOL APPROACH FORCING
4 CARD SUITS AT THE ONE LEVEL
WEAK NT OPENING (11-14 NV; 12-14 VUL)
2C AND 2NT: STRONG OPENINGS
2D/H/S: WEAK SINGLE SUITED OPENINGS (5+ CARDS)
MOST Xs AND XXs IN COMPETITION ARE FOR T/O
MANY 2NT LEBENSORHL SEQUENCES
STANDARD CARDING: COUNT AND ATTITUDE
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
1x (P) 1/2y (1/2z) PASS is forcing
Following (1NT) X (2any), next X is t/o and PASS is forcing
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: RARE

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		4	4H	NATURAL	INVERTED MINOR SUIT RAISES 2N : FIT; SLAM INTEREST	1NT REBID: 15/17 2C: ENQUIRY 3 level: splinters; 4 level: other controls	
1♦		4	4H		3N : FIT; MODERATE GAME VALUES; NO SHORTAGE	F1 following 1H/S opening NF following 1C/D opening	
1♥		4	4D		SPLINTERS: MODERATE GAME VALUES		
1♠		4	4D				
INT		2		11-14 bal (12-14 vul)	Stayman (non-promisory); 2D/H/S/NT: transfers 3 bids: singleton in 4/4/4/1; 4 bids: Baron style	2 nd suit by responder: natural 1N-2C-2D-3D: Extended Stayman	
2♣	*	0		23+ balanced or Game Force	2D: weak or waiting; 2N: 8-10 bal	2N rebid: 23-24 (system on – see 2NT) 3N rebid: 25-26	
2♦		5		Weak (generally 4-9 hcp)	Direct raises are pre-emptive 2N enquiry: in response, show feature if non-min		
2♥		5		Weak (generally 4-9 hcp)	Change of suit is F1	Support with 3; show outside feature; 2N shows 2 card support; rebid of own suit denies 2 card support	
2♠		5		Weak (generally 4-9 hcp)			
2NT				20-22 balanced	3C: 5 card Stayman, with Puppet; 3D/H: transfers; 3S: 5S/4H; 4C/4D: Baron style; 4H/S: natural		
3♣		6		Natural pre-empt		Following intervention: X for penalties	
3♦		6		ditto		ditto	
3♥		6		ditto		ditto	
3♠		6		ditto		ditto	
3NT	*			Solid minor	4C: pass or correct; 4D asks for singleton (4N=no)		
4♣				Natural			
4♦				ditto			DOPI
4♥				ditto			ROPI
4♠				ditto			
4NT				Specific Ace ask	5C = 0; 5N = 2		
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						CUE BIDS: 1 st or 2 nd ROUND CONTROL; WE BID FIRST CONTROL TO CO-OPERATE IN CUE BIDDING BELOW GAME DOESN'T PROMISE EXTRAS; TO CUE BID ABOVE GAME DOES PROMISE EXTRAS TO BY-PASS A SUIT DENIES CONTROL	
						RKCB: 3/0; 4/1. NEXT SUIT: Q ASK 5NT ASKS FOR SPECIFIC KINGS JUMP TO 5 LEVEL: EXCLUSION JUMP TO 5NT: GRAND SLAM FORCE (5S is GSF for clubs)	

Supplementary notes

- *Following 1X-1Y-2N, or 1X-2Y-2N, 3C is NATURAL, not checkback.
- *Following 1N overcall (15-17) or protective (11-14), we play SYSTEM ON - ie Stayman and 4 suit transfers.
- *Following 2N response to suit opening (strong and fit), opener splinters at the 3 level, shows A/K controls at the 4 level. 3 level rebid is waiting; 4 level rebid is very weak.
- *Following the opponents' X or OVERCALL, jump bid in a new suit by responder promises FIT.
- *FSF is GF at the 3 level, but only a one round force if made at the 2 level. Partner may pass any minimum rebids. Raise of fourth suit is '5th suit' seeking further description.
- *Opener's rebid is a SPLINTER whenever a lower level bid in the same suit would itself promise extras – eg 1C-1H-3D. Otherwise jump rebids are natural – eg 1D-1S-3C.
- *Italian cue bidding style: bid FIRST control. Co-operating with partner in cue bidding below game doesn't promise extras. By-passing a suit denies 1st or 2nd round control.
- *Other than in competitive auctions, 4 of a minor is GF and invites cue bidding. Only exception is 1x-4x, which is pre-emptive.
- *Following minor suit agreement at the 4 level, an immediate 4N by partner says he has no more to offer. We have to cue bid first in order for 4N to be treated as RKCB.
- *Following 1NT and 2NT openings, 4C/D is start of a Baron sequence, showing slam interest. Jumps to 4H/S following partner's NT opening are natural – to play.
- *4 suit transfers over 1N. COMPLETE transfer to minor with a **good** holding; 2nd suit shown by responder is then bidding out shape.
- *Major suit transfer breaks following 1NT: jump shows 4 card support and lower range; 2N shows 3+ cards and upper range (to be followed by re-transfer).
- *Following opponents X of our 1N opening, XX shows 5+ card suit or 4/4/4/1 with singleton club; immediate suit bids show two places to play.
- *Following our 2N opening or overcall: 5 card Puppet Stayman (3D response shows 4 card major); 3D/H: transfers; 3S: 5S/4H; 4C/D: Baron.
- *Following our 3N overcall: Baron 4C; 4D/H transfers; 4S shows a minor with NO slam interest; 4N/5C/5D: limit, inviting slam.
- *Ghestem – wide range. 2N: lower 2 suits; 2 Cue: extremes; 3C: upper 2. Treat prepared club opening as natural for Ghestem purposes. Ghestem still applies when bid in 4th seat.
- *In competitive auctions, 2N is generally 'good/bad' relay to 3C (constructive in partner's suit or weak in your own).
- *Following our X of the opponents' 1N opening, and their attempted escape, next X is t/o. ALL PASSES ARE FORCING. Subsequent Xs are pen.

*PENALTY DOUBLES apply in the following situations:

following our XX;

following our FSF;

following any of our weak 2 or 3 level openings;

following our t/o X when they bid one of our suit presumed suits;

following an inverted minor suit raise;

after either member of our partnership has made a natural NT bid in any auction (except when they have achieved low level suit agreement).

*LEBENSOHL 'FAST' (fast arrival shows stop). This applies even following partner's t/o X of their Weak 2 opening: go via 2N with no stop, and cue with 4 cards in the other major.

*Lebensohl relay in the following situations:

following opponents' intervention over our 1NT opening;

following our t/o X of their Weak 2;

following partner's 1NT overcall and further bid by RHO;

in 4th seat in defence to the Multi, after partner has doubled in 2nd;

following partner's suit overcall and then a further bid by RHO;

following the opponents' **2 level** overcall of our suit opening. [So 1X (1Y) 2NT is natural; but 1X (2Y) 2NT is 'good/bad' relay.]