

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS
Aggressive 1 level (4++ cards); sound at 2 level. New suit F1R. Transfer advances by 4 th /6 th from 2C (1N if X). Jumps@3L=fit,4L=splinter. 2N/jump-cue over 1M=4cd in good/mixed raise
1NT OVERCALL
2 nd / sandwich / 4 th over m / 4 th over M 15-19 / 16-19 / 11-14 / 11-16 hcp System on, unless 2 suits bid (3+ promised) but variations if they have bid a M
JUMP OVERCALLS
Preempt except strong over weak; 2N asks 2N = lowest two suits (weak or strong) Often 4m is m+OM atr least 55 1X-P-P-2N : balanced 18-19 with system on
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS
Shows 55+ in ♥+♠ or OM+m But 1♣-2♦ majors if 1♣ could be 2 (then 2♣ nat) Response : over major, 2NT asks range+suit Cue natural in some 4 th seat positions Jump cue : asks for stop; DJC = 10 tricks in a M
vs. NT (1N or strong 2♣/2N or gambling 3N)
2♣ : both majors (2♦ asks) 2♦ : one major (2♥/2♠ pass/correct; 2N asks) 2♥/2♠ : shows ♥/♠+ m; (2N asks; 3♣/♦ p/c) Jump in 2 nd /4 th = long & obstructive / constructive <1N>-P-<transfer>-4m shows m+OM
vs. PREEMPTS
DBL = takeout. 3A-4A cue is ♥+♠ or m+OM 3♣-4♦ shows ♦+M <3any>-3N-<P>-4♣/any all transfers wk/inv+

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
Suit	Lead	In partner's suit	
NT	mostly 2 nd bad suit	3 rd /5 th top from xxx(x) if length known	
Subs	4 th otherwise		
Other : strong K at NT, K above 3N for rev count			
LEADS			
Lead	vs. suit	vs. NT	
Ace	AK+, A+	AK+, AQJ+, AQT+	
King	KQ+, AK(+)	AKQ+,KQJ+,KQT9	
Queen	QJ(+)	AQJ, KQ+, QJ(+)	
Jack	(H)J10(+), shortage		
10	(H)109+, shortage		
9	H98+,shortage		
Hi-x	top of 2, 2 nd of 3+ without J		
Lo-x	H to 3/4/5/6 cards		
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
Lead :	Partner's	Declarer's	Discarding
Against Suits and NT	High DISC Low ENC	High ODD	High ODD
	High ODD (on K, 3N+)	Suit pref	Low EVEN
	Suit pref		Suit pref
Signals: If high cards known, primarily attitude wrt obvious shift, else rev count; many suit pref. Smith Peters (HiLo = surprise) v NT to 4N			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES			
Lots and lots; responsive to 4♥ (over ♥ denies ♠)			

WBF CONVENTION CARD
Category: OPEN
Event: CAMROSE (Sep 2012)
NCBO: WELSH BRIDGE UNION
Players : FILIP KURBALIJA & PATRICK SHIELDS
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
PREPARED 1♣, MEDIUM NT, WEAK 2M
5 card majors and 1any-2m is GF
2♣ strong, 2♦ both majors, 2♥/2♠ are weak twos
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
1♣ might be 2 clubs; transfer responses
1♣-2♦/2♠ weak two either major/minor with p/c etc
1♣-2♥ both majors; 1♣-4m is corresponding major
1♣-competition gets very artificial
1♦-1M-1N/2♣ are transfers
1M-3m are raises of the major
Transfer advances after 1A-1B-P/X and 1D-X,1M-X and many two level overcalls
3N opener is running major suit little else
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
1M <DBL> RDBL = F to 2M; <1N>-X-<2m>-P is forcing; We bid game on power and they bid on. Intervention over 2N opener
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
1M-<overcall>-cue is weak or strong (immediate raise inv)
Psychics: very rare
Defence to multi 2♦ : X balanced 12-16 or strong,

vs. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Aggressive. X/1♦=♥/S . After 1♣ and 1♣-P-1♦
1♥/1♠/1N = two suits (CRO). 2N always ♣+♦
After 1♣-P-1♦ : X=1 major

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1M-X-XX penalty; jump over 1M-X is fit jump

ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE (RE)DOUBLES

For a "different" lead : of slam, or by
preemptor or of high cue in my suit, or of
splinter

Of artificial=suit, but Stayman of weak
NT=values

<2♦>-P then 2N is minors, <2♦>-4m=m+♥

2N in competition after RHO bid is
puppet to 3C for limited hand competing.
After 1N-X-suit : X shows general values. Second
double
by second hand shows extra values & happy to
defend.

OPENING	ARTIFICIAL	MIN CARDS	NEG. DOUBLE THRU	Filip Kurbalija & Patrick Shields		Welsh Bridge Union		September 2012	
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	IN COMPETITION		
1♣	✓	2	4♥	clubs or balanced could have 3352 shape	1♦..2♣ transfers; 2♦ one major; 2♥ 45 majors; 2♠ one minor; 3♣ diamonds;	1R-1M/1N is flat 11-13/17-19 After 1M/1N, 2♣/2♦/2N special 2♦-3♦ is preemptive raise in M 2any-2N is asking; 3m-3M asking for stop 1any-2♣-2♦ is gf relay 1R-2M-2M+1 is asking	system on at 1L but extra transfers & artificial responses; some fit jumps passed hand variations too		
1♦		0	4♥	natural but not balanced	2m GF; 2M weak; 2♦/2N are support; 3♣ invitational; 4m shows corresp M	1M-1N/2♣ transfers 1N-2♣/2N is forcing enquiry/puppet	1♦-X=any is transfer 1♦-X-2♦ is multi (1M) 1♦-X-2M is fit jump 1♦-1♥-1♠ bucket bid		
1♥ 1♠		5	4♦ 4♥	natural, <16 hcp	1N is 5-11; 2m is GF; 1M-2N/3♣/3♦/3M shows support (max,med,min,light); 1♥-3♠/1♠-3N shortage; other dj voids	1♥-1♠-1N/2N flat 11-13/17-19 (3way checkb) 1N-2♣/2N is Gazilli 2♣ and 1M-2N/3♣/3♦ now mostly artificial 2M-2M+1 is asking	fit jumps at 3 level		
1NT				14-16 (or 4333 17) could have singleton or 5M or 6m (but never all three)	2♣ asks for 5M, 2(4)♦/♥ transfer; 2♠/2N show ♣/♦; 4♣ gf both majors; 3X transfer shortage; 4R transfer; 4S/4N are 3334/3343 shapes	2♣-2♦-2M/3♣/3R are invite/asking/transfer 2R-2M-3M is slam invite 2S/2N-next is no fit	X at 2/3L=takeout 2N++ are transfers If X, XX is bid 2♣ and suit is lower of two; opener XX is 5cd suit		
2♣	✓	0	4♥	strong	2♦ neutral or negative 3M shows 4M and 5+♦	2♦-2♥ is either hearts or GF flat			
2♦	✓	0		both majors (9+ cards) and 7-11 hcp	2N asking	2N-3♣ is min 54/45, 2N-3♦ is any 55 2N-3M is max longer	2♦-X-XX asks 5M		
2♥ 2♠		5		Weak, constructive in 2 nd , obstructive in 1 st /3 rd	2M = NF but constructive 2N asks	2N-3♣ is max or rmin 2N-3♦ is medium bad suit or 6+4m	X-2N puppet to 3♣ 2♠-2N still asking		
2NT				balanced 20-22	3♣ asks for M, 3R/4R transfers 3♠ minors, 4any two under transfer	3♣-3N is 23 majors; 3♣-3♦-3M shows OM 4any-next shows slam interest			
3X		6		constructive in 2 nd seat	if non-vul : 3M invitational, NF	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING			
3NT	✓			long solid major; little else	4♣ is request to transfer 4♦ asks singleton	(4m,4♠) 4N ace asking with steps for 1/4 then 0/3 then 2/5 no Q, then 2/5+Q with 5N follow up for specific kings			
4X		7			over major, new suit at 5L is asking about losers there	If void : 5N = even number, suit=odd number			
4NT	✓	0		asks specific aces	5♣=none, 5N=two, 6♣=club ace	Unusual jump asks with void			
5♣/♦		7				Over ace ask-steps 1/2-ask : trump response is no Q			
						Pass=lowest step if interference (but count on 4N-<suit>)			
						3M+1 over agreed M shows non-serious slam try (cues better)			