# DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)

Light @ 2-level (can be a non-min WJO type)

1M is nearly always five, but 1D sometimes a decent 4-card suit

New suit constructive NF, cue = good raise, 2N = natural

Single jump to 2- or 3-level = NAT GF

# 1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)

Direct: 15-18, system on Protective: 11-15, system on

If oppo double: Pass = to play, XX = one 5+card suit (puppet to 2C); 2X=44+ in that suit and a higher. By opener: XX = a 5+card suit

# JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak @ 2-level, 13<sup>+</sup>-16 @ 3-level Unusual 2NT: 55 in two lowest suits Reopen: Jumps are 13-16, 2NT=19-21

### DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

Michaels, 55+: 1m-2m = majors; 1M-2M= oM+m (1C)-3C = spades and diamonds Otherwise, (1X)-3X = stopper ask

# VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)

X = Pen; 2C = majors 2D = 5+spades or 6+hearts 2H = 5H4m, 2S = 4S5m, 2N = 4H6m

# VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

Dbl = T/O now 2N scrambling Leaping Michaels, NF

### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣

X = Both Majors

### **OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE**

Over 1m dbl: XX = 11+, transfers apply over 1C (dbl)
Over 1M dbl: XX = 10+, new suit F1
Bergen and Jacoby apply (3C mixed, 3D limit)

LEADS AND SIGNALS						
OPENING LEADS STYLE						
	Lead	In Partner's unsupported suit				
Suit	4 <sup>th</sup> from an honour, 2 <sup>nd</sup> without, top of doubleton					
NT						
Subseq						
Other:						

LEADS					
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT			
Ace	AK	Same			
King	KQ	Same			
Queen	QJ, AKQ	QJ			
Jack	JT, HJT, AKQJ	ЈТ, НЈТ			
10	T9, HT9	Same			
9	9x, H98	Same			
Hi-X	Xx, xXx, xXxx	Same			
Lo-X	HxX, HxxX, HxxXx	Same			

# SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	high= enc	Low = odd	High = enc
Suit 2	Suit preference		
3	Low = odd		
1	high= enc	High = enc T1 suit led	high= enc
NT 2	Low = odd	Low = odd	
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# Signals (including Trumps):

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#### DOUBLES

# TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

(1M) dbl usually has 4oM

### SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Support doubles up to 2 of responder's suit

1C (1D) dbl = 4+hearts

### W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: ENGLAND
PLAYERS: Mike Bell, Tim Leslie

#### SYSTEM SUMMARY

### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Strong NT, 5cM, 2/1, Short Club
Transfers over 1C
Weak NTs with four diamonds open 1D
18-19 NTs with four diamonds open 1C (but usually 1D with five)
Weak-only multi
2H/2S 5M5m weak

# SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

2D weak-only multi NV, the 2S response to this is "to play opposite either major" (may be long or short in spades)

> Responses to 1C: 1D = 4+H; 1H = 4+S; 1S = 3+D

### **SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES**

### IMPORTANT NOTES

Weak NT range is 11-14 1st NV, 12-14 vul or 2nd

#### PSYCHICS:

Tim rare, Mike less so (without discernable pattern)

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OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. C CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE AND PASSED HAND BIDDING
1*		2	4H	If (11)12-14 bal, won't have 4 diamonds. If 18-19 bal, won't usually have 5 diamonds	1D = 4+H, 1H = 4+S, 1S = 3+D, 1N = nat, 2C = 5+C 11+ 2D/H/S = 6+cards 4-8, 3C = 5+C 5-10	1C:1R, 1M = weak NT with 1-4M (if 4 will be min) or 11-15 unbal with 3M  Now over 1S: 2WCB  Over 1H: 1S asks, 2m = NF, 1N = 4S4H NF  1C:2C now 2D = weak NT, 2N = 18-19	Transfers on over dbl or 1D overcall. Inverted minors off by PH/in comp. 1C (1N) 2C = MM
1 ♦		4	4H	If18-19 bal then will have 5 diamonds	2D = 4+D 11+, 2H/S = 6+cards 4-8, 3C = 6+clubs 10-11	1D:2D now: 2N F1, 3N = 18-19 but unsuitable for slam 1D:1M, 2N now 2WCB	Inverted minors off by PH/in comp. 1D (1N) 2C = MM
1♥		5	4D		2/1=GF, 1NT=semi forcing, 2NT=jacoby GF+ with 4 card support, 2S = weak, 3C = mixed 4+ trumps, 3D = INV 4+trumps	Jacoby: 3X = shortage, 4X= 5/5 With no short: 4M = terrible, 3NT = okay, 3M = 15+	2C = good raise by PH
1 🛦		5	4H		3H = 6+H 10-11 reasonable suit, others as above	Reverses show extras @3-level 1H:1S, 2N <i>now 2WCB</i>	
1NT			4H	15-17, can include 5M/6m	2S = clubs or range ask; $2N =$ diamonds; $3C =$ puppet stayman; $3D = 5/5$ minors; $3M = (\underline{1}3)(54)$ , $4m =$ transfer to $4M$	1N:2C, 2D:3M = 4M5oM, GF 1N:2N, 3D = good hand for diamonds 1N:3C, 3N = 4S5H	Transfers from 2NT
2*	Х			22+ bal or any GF	2H = 0-4 no ace, 2N = heart positive	2C:2D, 2N = 22+ System on over 2C:2 <mark>R,</mark> 2N	
2♦	Х	0		One major, weak  1 <sup>st</sup> NV and 3 <sup>rd</sup> NV this is frequently based on a five- card suit	2S NV = to play opposite either major if 4 <sup>th</sup> hand doubles then pass = spades, rdbl = hearts  2H, 2S VUL, 3M and 4H = pass or correct, 2N enquiry, 3m NF, 4C asks for suit below major	Over 2N:  3C = medium or maximum with hearts  3D = medium or maximum with spades  Now step 1 = "let's bid naturally", step 2 =  "pass with medium", higher = cues  3M = natural, minimum	After 2D-dbl: Rdbl = "bid 2H" Pass = suggestion (1st NV/3rd NV = "pass with 5M4D", vul/2nd = "pass with 6M2D") Others = sys on
2♥		5		5H5m, 5-10	2N enquiry, 3m/4m/5C PoC	Over 2N: 3m = natural, min	Dbl of 3m = PoC
2♠		5		5S5m, 5-10		3H = GF with clubs 3S = GF with diamonds	
2NT				20-21	3C = stayman, 3D/H Transfers, 3S minors, 4C = diamonds, 4D = hearts, 4H = clubs (all slam-tries)	The following bids are RKCB: 2N:3S, 4m 2N:4C, 4D 2N:4H, 4S Step 1 after resp. bids Stayman then 4m Step 1 after responder xfers then bids 4m	
3♣/♦		6		PRE	New suit forcing		
3♥/♠		6					
3NT					HIGH LEVEL BIDI		
4 any		7		PRE	1430 RKCB now 5NT = specific king ask		

4NT

5 any

PRE

1430 RKCB now 5NT = specific king ask Italian Cues i.e. bid both  $1^{\rm st}$  and  $2^{\rm nd}$  round control in equal priority.

5NT without bidding keycard first = pick a slam