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| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening) |
| Light overcalls (may be a non-min WJO type) 1M is nearly always five, but 1D sometimes only four cards Responses: new suit NF, 5+ cards Single jump to 2- or 3-level = NAT, forcing If 3 rd hand bids then 2NT shows a good 4-card raise If 3 rd hand passes then 2NT is natural |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| 15-17 over 1m, 15-18 over 1M <i>now system on, except 2D after they opened 1H is "to play".</i> |
| Reopening – 11-14 over 1m <i>now system on</i> , 11-16 over 1M <i>now 2C = range ask. Transfers except 2D after they opened 1H is "to play".</i> |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| 9-12 @ 2-level (5-12 opposite passed hand). 13 ⁺ -16 @ 3-level Unusual 2NT - 5-5(+) and constructive Reopening 2NT is 19-21 |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| (1m) 2m 5/5 majors <i>now 2N = hearts, cue = spades</i> (1M) 2M 5oM5m <i>now 2N INV+ask</i> (1m) 3m = spades+other minor (1M) 3M - stop ask, usually with running minor |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH) |
| 2C = MM, 2D = 6M, 2M = 5M4+m Dbl = penalties vs weak NT or in direct seat Dbl = 4M5+m by passed hand, or in passout vs strong (14+) NT |
| VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| Vs 2M: X = takeout <i>now 3C wide-ranging, 2NT lebensohl-style except doubler bids their longer minor</i> Leaping and non-leaping Michaels (NF) Vs 2D: 3D = H+S, 4C = C+H, 4D = C+S. 2D-dbl-P-2N = INV |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1C or 2C |
| Colour/Rank/Other two-suiters (dbl/2D/2NT, or 1D+1NT vs 1C) After 2C-P-2R: dbl = suit, 2N = MM or mm |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| 1C-X: XX = 11+, 1S = 5+D, 1N+ = to play Others: XX= good 9+ <i>now x = pens, p = F1 up to 2X</i> Transfers over 1M X |

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| LEADS AND SIGNALS |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |
| Leads (including in partner's suit) |
| Suit High = odd with A/K/Q or even without A/K/Q |
| NT Attitude |
| Subseq Attitude. Around to weak dummy in NT: 9 or higher = one higher card, unless leading top to maintain lead |
| Other: |
| LEADS K from AK@5-level or vs 4m (asks for count) |
| Lead Vs. Suit Vs. NT |
| Ace AK+ AK+, AKJ+ |
| King KQ+, AK doubleton KQ+, AKQ+, AKJT+ |
| Queen QJ+, AKQ+, Qx QJ+, KQJ+, AQJ+, KQT9+ |
| Jack JT+, KJT+, AKQJ+, Jx JT+, KJT+, AJT+ |
| 10 T9+, HT9+, Tx Same |
| 9 H98+, J98+, 9x H98+, J98+, 9x, 9xx |
| Hi-X Xx, HXx, xXxx, HXXxx Discouraging |
| Lo-X xxX, HxxX, xxxX, HxxxxX Encouraging (typically hxXx) |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |
| Partner's Lead Declarer's Lead Discarding |
| 1 High = encourage High = even High = encourage |
| Suit 2 High = even Suit pref High = even |
| 3 Suit pref |
| 1 High = encourage Smith (high enc) High = encourage |
| NT 2 High = even High = Even High = even |
| 3 Suit pref Suit pref |
| Signals (including Trumps): |
| Suit preference in trumps |
| DOUBLES |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) |
| Normal enough. 1m-dbl-P-2m forcing to suit agreement 1M-dbl-P-2M forcing to game |
| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS |
| 1C (1D) X = hearts Support doubles up to 2H Game try doubles Lightner doubles X of splinter when oppo have only shown one suit (not 1H-P-3S) or RKC = "lead lowest-ranking unbid suit" |

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| W B F CONVENTION CARD |
| CATEGORY: Green NBO: England PLAYERS: Mike+Sarah Bell |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE |
| 5 card majors, 15-17 NT (14-16 1 st NV) 1C = natural or balanced, can have 5 diamonds 1D = 4+D unbal (could be 4D5C 11-15) Weak-only Multi, 2M 5M5m Light openings 1 st NV (decent 10+) |
| 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 = no 4cM or GF with diamonds; 2D/H = transfers, 6M weak or 5M4C GF; 2S = INV with clubs Transfers in comp P:1S, 2C = hearts 3N opening = majors or minors |
| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
| IMPORTANT NOTES |
| PSYCHICS: Successful |

| OPENING | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG.DBL THRU | | | | |
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| | | | | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| 1C | | 1 (rare) | 4H | 1 st NV: nat/10 ⁺ -13/17-19 NT Other: nat/12-14 NT/18-19 NT 3 rd seat: min hand with 5 moderate spades ok | 1D = 4+H, 1H = 4+S, 1S = no 4cM or GF with D, 1N = INV, 2C = 5+C GF (may have 4cM) 2R = 6M weak or 5M4C GF, 2S = 5+C INV | 1C:1D, 1H = wk NT or 5+C3H or 4H bad 1C:1H, 1S can also be 1444/1435 1C:2C, 2D = weak NT, 2N = (17)18-19 | System on@1-level after 1C (1R). 1C (1S) X doesn't imply hearts 1C (1S) 1N = 5+H; 2D = 4H inv+ 2C response by PH = 5-10 |
| 1D | | 4 | 4H | Unbalanced, includes 4D5C 11-15. Sometimes 4+D balanced lead-direct 3 rd NV | 2D inv+ raise (no 4cM) 3C = mixed raise (no 4cM) 3D = weak raise (may have 4cM) | 1D:1H - 1S = minors, 1N = spades, 2C = three-suited 1D:1S -1N = hearts, 2C/2H = minors | Methods on by PH, and after 1D-dbl-1M-pass |
| 1H | | 5 | 4D | | 1N = semi, 2C = GF 2+C, 2R 5+cards GF 2M = semi-const, 2N = GF 4T 3M-2 = 4T 0-5 or 8-9*, 3M = INV 3+T 3M+1 = C/D sing, 3M+2 = C/D void 4M-2 = oM sing, 4M-1 = oM void 1H:2S weak; 1S:3C, 1S:3H and 1H:3D all INV * we just raise to 2M with "6-7" (i.e. a min GF opposite 17-18 balanced) | 1H:1N, 2C occasionally 2 cards 1M:1N, 2m occasionally 3 cards 1M:2N, 3C = min | By PH: 2C = 3+card support, 8+; 2D = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise |
| 1S | | 5 | 4H | 3 rd seat: not usually a min with 5 weak spades | | 1S:3N, 4C asks now 4D = 1C, 4H = 1D min, 4S = 1D max 1H:3S, 3N asks now 4C = 1C, etc | 2C = 5+H; 2D = 3+T support, 8+; 2H = 5-5 minors, 2NT = best 4 card raise |
| 1NT | | - | 4H | 14-16 1 st NV 15-17 otherwise | Stayman, 2S = C or invite, 2NT = puppet stayman, 3C = D, 3D = minors, 3M = short with 4oM, 4m = transfer to 4M | 1N:2C, 2D:3M = 4M5oM GF 1N:2N, 3C = no 5cM now 3D = (31)(54) 1N:2N, 3D = 4S5H | Transfers from 2NT Transfers vs 3m overcall 1N (2M) 4m leaping Michaels |
| 2C | yes | - | | GF or 22+ balanced | 2D = waiting, 2H = 0-4 no ace | 2C:2D, 3M = 4M5+D GF 2C:2H, 3S = 4S5+H GF 2C:2D, 3C:3D = Stayman | X = double negative vs jump X and XX = 5-7(8) bal otherwise (pass = 0-4 any or (8)9+bal or pens, cue = 5+pure takeout) |
| 2D | yes | 0 | | Weak two in a major. Can be five cards NV | 2S NV = to play opposite either major 2H, 2S VUL, 3M and 4H = pass or correct. 4C = bid the suit below your major, 2N enquiry, 3C and 4D = NF, 3D = GF with own major | 2D-P-2S-dbl; now: P = spades, XX = hearts Over 2N - 3M = min, 3C = non-min w/H, 3D = non-min w/S | Over X: P = NF (mild suggestion) XX = bid major you don't have 3m = NF, Others = system on Dbl of 2M/3M/4H is PoC |
| 2M | | 5 | | 5M5m 5-10 NV, 6-11 vul | 2N ask; 3C/3D/4C PoC 2S:4D PoC 2H:4D raise to 4H, opener to dbl 4S with 5+D | Over 2N - 3m min, 3M GF with linked minor | Dbl of 3m/4m is PoC |
| 2NT | | - | | 20-21 | Stayman, transfers, 3S = minors 4C = diamonds, 4D = xfer to 4H, 4H = clubs | Completing RST = fit 2N:4C, 4H and 2N:4H, 4S = 3041 2N:4C, 4D agrees now 4H = 3041, 4S/4N/5C = L/M/H short | X = takeout |
| 3C 3D 3H 3S | | 6 | | Preempt | 4D over 3C = 3041 4C over 3D/H/S = 3041 | | |
| 3NT | yes | - | | 6+/5+, minors or majors, preemptive | 4X/5m PoC, 4N strong ask | After 3N:4m, opener bids longer major | X = penalties, bids PoC |
| 4C/4D/4H/4S | | 7 | | Preempt | 4D over 4C = 3041 | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 4NT | yes | - | | ace-asking | bid the ace you hold (5C = none) | 1430 if 4N, 3041 otherwise, Mixed cues, Non-serious 3M+1, cheap step as king ask (5N pick a slam if available) If oppo bid over KC: Pass with 0, (re)double with 1 or 4. Below 5X: bid with 2, pass with 3. Above 5X: pass with 2, bid with 3. | |