DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

New suit NF 2/1 and 2/2. F1 1/1 and over weak bids.

2NT = LR+ in Major suit overcall if advancer bids,

natural if advancer passes

3-level Q = mixed if 2NT LR available. Transfers after neg X.

Transfers after negative double, starting with NT.

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)

Direct 15-18, system on.

Reopening 11-14 after m and 11-16 after 1M, 2♣ = range ask after 1M

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Preemptive. $1m-2 \rightarrow = Majors$.

Reopen: Intermediate.

1X-2NT = 2 lower. 1m(nebulous)-2NT = +other minor

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

1 - 2 = nat. 1 \leftright - 2 \leftright = Majors.

Vs art $1 \diamond$: $2 \diamond = \text{nat}, 2 \checkmark / 3 \diamond = \text{Majors weak/strong}$

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

Strong: 2m = m + M, 2M = nat, X = one minor or both Majors or

good • overcall or strong hand not 2 suited.

2NT shows any strong 2 suiter other than minors and puppet to 3.

Weak: X = 14+, 2 = 4+ (\forall or 4) 2 = 4+(\forall or 4) 2M Natural. 2NT= 1m

3♣ or 3♦ show that minor plus ♥

Lebensohl after they run to 2M after Dbl

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

X = T/O. Cue = Michaels. 2M: 4. = minors

4 = strong OM. 2m-4om = 5+ om & 5+ M. 3 ♣ -4 ♦ = 4 + M.

NT = nat: Wolff, stayman and transfers.

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Dbl = Majors, NT = minors. 1 - P - 1 + X = Majors, NT = minors

 $1 \div -2$ = one Major, $1 \div -2M = M + m$.

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Transfers if we open 1 ♦, 1M, 2M.

1 ♦-Dbl:1♥=♠,1♠=NT,1NT=♣ weak,2♣= ♣Con, 2♦=NF,2♥=5♠4+♥ inv,

2NT=♣ preemptive 3♣=minors weak.

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3rd and lowest	3rd and lowest
NT	4th best, Rusinow	3 rd /5 th
Subseq	4 th /Attitude	

Other:

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT: Rusinow
Ace	AKx	AK(x)(x)
King	AK, KQ+, (AKx at 5+level)	Asks unblock/count
Queen	QJ+, Qx	KQ(x), AQJxx
Jack	JT+, Jx, KJTx	KQJx, QJxx,
10	T9+, Tx, HT9x	JTxx, HJTx,
9	9x, KJ9	T9x(x), HT9(x),
Hi-X	xx, xxx+ if length assumed	xx, xxx, maybe xxx+
Lo-X	xxx, 4 th best	4 th best

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Lo = encourage	Lo = even	Lo = encourage
Suit 2	Lo = even	S/P	Lo= even
3	S/P		S/P
1	same as suits	Trick 2 S/P	same as suits
NT 2		Else like suit	
3			

Signals (including Trumps): S/P

Trick 2 suit pref. vs NT, unless count needed.

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Jumps invitational (but preemptive over XX)

X of m: cue-bid = GF or pick M inv+

X of M: cue-bid = GF

X of 2M: Lebensohl with some special art slam tries

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Support X through 3 level. Support XX.

P/X inversion in forces after 1* opening, also vs. 5 level preempt In comp many dbls say consider additional competition.

Game try X. 4th suit X. X and XX as part of Ace-asking interference.

W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: NCBO: USBF

PLAYERS: Eric Greco Geoff Hampson

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Precision. $1 \stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet} = 16+$. $1 \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet} = 11-15$, usually $2+ \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}$.

5-card Majors (4 possible 3rd).

2. opening = 11-15, 6+. Can be 5 cards in 3rd

2 ◆ opening = 11-15, short ◆, 3-suiter w 3-card M possible 14-16 NT (15-17 vul 3rd, & all 4th)

2/1 Response = GF with 2♣ artificial

High card requirements are subject to discretion.

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

1♣ opening = 16+, artificial

1 ◆ opening = 11-15, 2+ ♦ 's (or stiff honor).

2 ◆ opening = 11-15, short ◆, 3-suiter w 3-card M possible

ART responses to $1 \clubsuit$ opening ($1 \blacktriangledown$ and higher = FG).

 $1 - P - 2 \checkmark / = 5 4 + \checkmark less than inv / inv$

1 ♦ -P-3 ♣ = minors, less than inv

Transfers in comp. 1M-X, 1 ◆-X, 1 ◆-2/3 ♣ & 1 ◆-2 ♠ by uph 2M-X, 1M overcall and neg X, opp's Michaels, opp's 3M Lebensohl and better minor 2NT bids

Artificial raises. 1 under or 3 level cue often mixed raise.

2NT normally raise of openers M, splinters.

Pass/Correct bids. X to ask clarification when partner has multiple possible hand types.

2♣ response to 1M opening = FG but 2+ cards.

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

After 1.4 opening: If opponents bid above 3 of partner's

suit: X =fit and P requests X. If responder shows values

but no suit: X =takeout between $3 \lor$ and $4 \lor$. At $4 \land$ and

IMPORTANT NOTES

Frequent upgrades of pointcoint

can open lighter NV than V

PSYCHICS: light 3rd seat openings

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OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1*	X	0		16+ ART, F1. Upgrades common	All ART. 1 • =0-7, others FG. 1 • = <5 \(\) 8+, 1 \(\) =5+ \(\) 8+, 1NT=5+ \(\) 12+, 2m=5+m 12+, 2 \(\) =12-13 or 16+ Bal, 2 \(\) =12+ any 4441, 2NT = 14-15 Bal, 3 \(\) \(\) \(\) \(\) = weak with 7	1 * -1 • (1), 1 * -1 • (2), 1 * -1 • (3), 1 * -1NT (4), 1 * -2m (5), 1 * -2 • (6), 1 * -2 • (7)	1NT = 8-10 5+♥, 2m=8-10 6+m, 2M = 3-5 6+M
1 •	X	2(1)	3.	2+♦, 11-15, stiff honor possible	1NT = 7-11, 2m = F1, 2♥/♠ = 5♠4+♥ not inv / inv 2NT = inv, 3♣=minors weak, 3♦+ = preemptive	2-way NMF / 1NT.	
1♥		5(4 3 rd)	3.	11-15, can be 4 and/or light in 3 rd .	1NT=semiF, 2/1=GF(2♣=2+), 2♠=inv with 1m, 2NT=FG Raise,3♣=♥inv or weak spl. 3♦=mixed ♥raise,3♥=weak, 3♣=any limited splinter, 3NT = ♠ void, 4m = m void, 4♥=to play, wide range.	1 v-1 · 2 · then 3any = inv+ transfers, 2-way NMF / 1NT. Special raises of 2m after 1M	2♣=Reverse Drury-Fit
1 🔥		5(4 3 rd)	3♥	same	Similar raises as over 1 opening. 3NT= min splinter, 4any=void, Game raise is wide range.	similar	same
1NT			3.	14-16, 15-17 3 rd vul or 4 th	Transfers, 2♣=range ask or ♣, 2NT=♦,3♣=puppet, 3♦=5-5minors GF, 3M=short, 4♣=Gerber, Texas	Secondary and competitive transfers	
2*		6(5 3 rd)	3 🔥	11-15, Can be 5 and/or light in 3 rd .	2 ◆ = ask,2M=NF,2NT → 3 * for out or GF 2 suits, 3 * / ◆ / ▼ = inv + ◆ / ▼ / Å, 3 Å = 6 Å 4 ▼ GF, 4 * = mixed	2 •: 2 • = 4M, 2 • = not bad, 2NT = nat, 3 • = bad, 3 • = good nat, 3 • = 5 •, 3NT = 5 •, 3 • = solid • +	
2♦	X	0	NO	11-15, short •: 4405, 4414, 3415, 4315	2♥=NF (correct w 3), 2♠/3♣=NF, 3♦=natural inv, 3M=inv, 4♣=mixed, 4♦=pick, 2NT = ask	2NT: 3*=min,3*=4414,3M=3M,3NT=4405, 2NT-3*-3*: 3M=3M,3NT=4414,4*=4405	
2♥		6 (5)	NO	4-10, 6 card usually	New suit = F, $2NT = ask$, $4 = mod KC$	2NT: 3♣= max, 3♠=avg, 3M= worst, 3OM=game not slam. 3NT= 4OM decent	
2 🔥		6 (5)	NO	4-10, 6 card usually	New suit = F, $2NT = ask$, $4 = mod KC$	Same subsequent shape inquiry after 2N	
2NT			3 🖍	19-21. 20-21 3 rd vul and 4 th	3 = stayman, transfer, $3 = + 4$, $4 = +$, Texas slam try then can s/o, ask or tell		
3 ♣		6	NO	Preemptive	$3 \leftrightarrow 3 \checkmark$ for NF M. $3M = F, 4 \checkmark = mod KC$		
3♦		6	NO	Preemptive	4♣ = mod KC		
3♥		6	NO	Preemptive	4♣ = mod KC		
3 ♠		6	NO	Preemptive	4♣ = mod KC		
3NT	X		NO	Solid 7/8 Major 1st and 2nd	4♣ = Please transfer to M, 4 ♦ = 8?, 4 ♥ = P/C	4♣: 4♦=♥,4♥=♠	
				3/4 seat=to play			
4.		7	NO	Preemptive	4 ◆ = mod KC		
4 •		7	NO	Preemptive	4NT = RKC		
4♥		7	NO	Preemptive	4NT = RKC		
4 🔥		7	NO	Preemptive	4NT = RKC		
4NT	X		NO	Blackwood		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5 .		7	NO	Preemptive	5 ♦ = RKC	RKC (03 14), can ask or show on several sequences, Kickback,	
5 ♦		7	NO	Preemptive	5 ♥ = RKC	Cue-bids can be 1 st /2 nd round controls. 3NT Serious Slam Try over 3M if	
5♥				11 tricks w/o AK of trumps		GF and Major agreed. 5NT usually pick slam. If RKC X'd, then P=no	
5 ^				11 tricks w/o AK of trumps		control, XX=reverses captaincy and other is as if no dbl. WOODY(8).	

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES Greco/Hampson 2016

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Note 1: after 1♣-1♦
1M = 4+, F1. If 4 then unbalanced 3-suiter or longer minor.
1NT=17-18, 2m=NF and denies 4M, 2♥=Kokish showing GF NT or ♥, 2♠=strong 5+♠, 2NT=22-23,
3 = \text{strong } 5 + 4, 3 = \text{strong } 5 + 4 < 4M, 3 = \text{strong } 5 + 4 4M.
1 \div -1  → -1M: 2 \div = 6-7 art, < 3M. 2 \div = (5)6-7 art, 3fit M. Over 2 \div : 2 \div =  art, usually weak.
Note 2: 1♣-1♥
1 ♣=5+ ♣, 1NT=17-18bal or close, 2 ♣/2 ♦ = nat 5+ cards, 2 ♥=6+ ♥ and either 4+m or Balanced, 2 ♣=any
4441 or 5440 with any void and 5 ♥, 2NT=22+, all 3 level rebids show 5 ♥ with specific 431 shape.
1♣-1♥-1♠: 1NT waiting, 2suit natural showing 6 or 5 good. 2NT and higher are raises with shape.
1♣-1♥-2♣:2♦=art ask with 4M, 2♥=5+♥, 2♣=5+♦, 2NT=raise with 4M, 3♣=♣ no 4M, 3 other=splinter.
1♣-1♥-2♦:2♥=art ask with 4M, 2♣=5+♥, 2NT is raise with 4M, 3♣=raise no 4M, 3♦=♣, 3M = splinter.
Note 3: 1♣-1♠
1NT=relay, wide range, 2♣=♥ 5+ cards, 2♥=6+♣ 2♠=♠ raise asking, 2NT=3♠ unbal,
3m=3 fit and 6m, 3♥=3-6, 4♣♦♥=void
Note 4: 1♣-1NT
2♣=relay, 2♦ ♣=nat 5+ cards, 2♥=6+♣, 2NT=4+♥, 3m=3 fit with 5m bal
Note 5: 1♣-2m
Natural bidding with transfers after 2NT rebid.
Note 6: 1♣-2♥
2 ♣=5+ ♣ side suit possible, 2NT=5 ♥ with a side m, 3 ♣=stayman, 3 ♦ sets trump, 3 ♥=6+ ♥,3 ♣= minors
Note 7: 1♣-2♠
2NT=asks singleton up the line, then woody
Note 8: WOODY
When patterned out with 3-suits at 3 ♦ ♥ ♠3NT level:
4♣ forces 4♦ for slam try, 4♦ forces 4♥ for signoff, 4♥♠NT = RKC in Low/Middle/High suits,
5 \clubsuit \spadesuit = KC response in short suit.
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