

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
overcall: 9–17 HCP, NS F1, CB 10+ 3c support, 2N raise over M
JS is fit-showing, jump cue splinter
cue bid: Michaels – 2N asks minor
3 of their suit: stopper ask for 3N
leaping and non-leaping Michaels over pre-empts
2N: 2 lowest unbid, but in protective seat 18–20 balanced
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd : 15–18, system on
4 th : 11–14, system on; may not have stopper
Sandwich: 17–19, system on
Reopening: 17–19, system on
Transfer into their suit is takeout
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Fairly standard weak jump overcalls.
After 2-level WJO, 2N is Vinny.
Opener strives to reopen when short in their suit.
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
2-level CB: Michaels, ≤6 losers
3-level CB: stopper ask, usually running minor
J-2N overcall: unusual, but natural in protective seat
v. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
X is 5m+4M or either minor v. strong, penalty v. weak
Other bids are Multi-Landy style: 2♣ majors, 2♦ either major
2♥ hearts + minor, 2♠ spades + minor, 2N minors
After an overcall, 2N by advancer asks for shape and strength
v. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
2N ±16–18, system on; 4N 2-places to play
3N (over 3X): to play. Gladiator continuations.
X always t/o
cue bid: 3-level = stopper ask; 4-level = Michaels
4m = leaping or non-leaping Michaels
v. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣
X ♠♥, 1N ♦♣, 1♦, 1♥, 1♠, 2♣ suit and touching higher
Same after 1♣–1♦ negative: X ♦+♠, 1N ♠+♥
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
1M–[X]: BROMAD – 2♣, 2♦, 3♣, 3♦ all raises, 2N = long minor
1m–[X]: 2N unbal. LR+, F1; JS weak; XX is F-2N (unless pulled)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd or 4 th , Polish style	2 nd or 4 th , Polish style	
NT	2 nd or 4 th , Polish style	2 nd or 4 th , Polish style	
Subsequent	2 nd or 4 th , Polish style	2 nd or 4 th , Polish style	
Other: At 5-level or after declarer pre-empted, K from AK+.			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK+ or A+	AK+	
King	KQ+ or AK bare	KQ+ or AK bare	
Queen	QJ+, KQT9, or Qx	QJ+, KQT9, or Qx	
Jack	JT+, KJT+, or Jx	JT+, AJT+, KJT+, Jx	
10	T9+, (KQ)T9+, (KQ)Tx, Tx	T9+, (KQ)T9+, (KQ)Tx, Tx	
9	H9x	H9x	
Hi-X	2 nd best	2 nd best	
Lo-X	4 th best or xx	4 th best or xx	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY – upside-down attitude and count			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	attitude	count	attitude
Suit 2	count	suit preference	count
3	suit-preference		suit-preference
1	attitude	Smith Peter	attitude
NT 2	count	count	count
3	suit-preference	suit preference	suit-preference
Signals (including Trumps):			
UDAC style; suit-preference with small trumps;			
Upside-down Smith Peter v. notrumps; honour = top of sequence			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Standard modern style, can be light with ideal shape			
Negative, responsive, competitive doubles through 4♦			
Support doubles if opener can rebid two of their suit			
Maximal overcall double as game try			
Takeout when 1N or 2N overcalled with natural suit			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Double of a p/c bid is for takeout			
Double of a UCB shows that bid if we in auction, A or K if not in it			
After double of a natural notrump call, XX is relay, others system on.			
Redouble never to play; can show values, step, relay, or rescue.			
In step auctions, X or XX show the second worst hand (after P).			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
Category: Green
Event: Springbok Mixed Trials 2026
Country: South Africa
Players: Kevin Smith and Carol Stanton
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
2/1 GF, 5542, 1N 15–17, 2N 20–21, weak 2♦, 2♥, 2♠
2♣ strong with 2♦ semi-pos and 2♥ double neg.
4♣/4♦ openings: Namyats in 1 st and 2 nd seat
1N often includes a 5c major
Stayman always invitational or better.
1N forcing (unless passed), hands from 3 to 15 points.
Inverted minor-suit raises
Signals: UDAC + Smith Peters in NT
Leads: standard honours, 2/4 pips (Polish style)
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Structured reverses: 2M and 2N are F1, others GF
2-way checkback after 1N and 2N rebids
Fourth-suit GF; cheapest is nebulous, J-3N ±15–17
If X 4 th suit: P no stop, XX 1 stop, bid short, NT 2 stop
1N forcing includes 3334 with 13–15 HCP
Double Drury: 2♣ 8–11, 4M; 2♦ 9–11, 3M
Rubensohl after 2-level interference over 1N open or overcall. 2N inv+ in ♠ or any weak; others transfer inv+
In comp. when p. bid 1M, 2N 8+ with 4c support.
Good-Bad 2N: 2N shows weaker hand than 3X
Lebensohl after t/o double at 2-level; J-3N no stopper.
4♣, 4♦ opening: Namyats in 1 st /2 nd , natural in 3 rd /4 th
Multi-Landy over their 1N opening
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Pass is forcing below the level of a force.
After a value-based game force or bid, pass is forcing.
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: Unlikely

Opening	Artificial	Min Length	Neg. X thru?				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♦	3+ unless 4423 exactly	1N 8-10; 2♣ 10+, F1; SJS inv.; DJS pre-empt	1N rebid 12-14; XYZ and XYN; reverse F1 jump rev. splinter; 3N strong 6c minor	SJS weak, ±5-9 w. 6+ suit NS = F1 at 1-level, NF at 2-lev.
1♦		4	4♦	standard 5542 style	1N 6-10; 2♦ 10+, F1; SJS inv; DJS pre-empt		
1♥		5	4♦	Standard 5c major opening,	1N 4-15, F1; 2N GF raise; 2M 6-10, 3/4 trumps	BART over F-1N; Kokish 2-way trial bids	SJS fit; jump CB splinter
1♠		5	4♦	10-21 HCP possible	3m mini-splinter; DJS splinter	(S1 asks, S2-4 shortage in steps)	Double Drury: 2♣ & 2♦
1N		2	4♦	15-17, incl. 5M or 6m	2♣ Stayman, 2♦-2N transfers, 3♣ 55 minors	after Jacoby transfer, two super-accepts	X t/o or values (over art)
					3♦ 55 majors, 4♣/4♦ → 4♥/4♠, slam inv.	after min trf, S1 worse than S2; Smolen	[X] of trf: P 2, R 3min, 2M 3max
2♣	✓	0	4♦	22+ bal or GF unbal	2♦ (A, K, 2Q), 2♥ < A, K, 2Q	Kokish; 2♣-2♦-3M = 5♦s+4M	X or XX = positive values
2♦	weak	5		4-10, usually 6♦s	2N Vinny inquiry; NS = F1; 4♣ PKCB; JS splinter	3♣ max; 3♥-3N = 4♣, 4♥, or 4♠	2N to 3♣ transfers; NS = NF
2♥	weak	5		4-10, usually 6♥s	2N Vinny inquiry; NS = F1; 4♣ PKCB; JS splinter	3♣ med-max; 3♦ 4♠s, 3♣ 4♦s, 3N 4♠s	2N to 3♦ transfers; NS = NF
2♠	weak	5		4-10, usually 6♠s	2N Vinny inquiry; NS = F1; 4♣ PKCB; JS splinter	3♣ med-max; 3♦ 4♠s, 3♥ 4♦s, 3N 4♥s	2N to 3♥ transfers; NS = NF
2NT				20-21 semi-bal.	3♣ Puppet, 3♦/3♥ transfers, 3♠ minors	2N-3♣-3♦-3♥ = 4♠s or no major	X of nat. bid is t/o
					4♣/4♦ → 4♥/4♠, slam inv.	2N-3♣-3♦-4N = 4-4 majors	
3♣		6		5-10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♦ PKCB	After NS, 3N = 1, repeat suit 7222, raise 2 with shortage, NS 3 with splinter	NS usually fit-showing XX values and cooperative
3♦		6		5-10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♣ PKCB		
3♥		6		5-10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♣ PKCB		
3♠		6		5-10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♣ PKCB		
3NT	✓			1 st or 2 nd seat: 4m pre-empt.	4m p/c; 4M to play		
				3 rd or 4 th seat: gambling	4m p/c; 4M to play		
4♣	✓			Namyats in 1 st or 2 nd			
4♦	✓			8-8½ tricks in ♥ or ♠			
4♥		7		pre-empt	NS cue; 4N RKCB		
4♠		7		pre-empt	NS cue; 4N RKCB		
4NT	✓			minors, at least 65 shape			
5♣		7		pre-empt			
5♦		7		pre-empt			
HIGH LEVEL BIDDING (Slam Methods)							
RKCB (4N after agreement or nat jump)				responses: 1430 (5N 2+ void; 6X odd + void); relay asks queen; 5N asks kings up the line; 6X asks third-round control			
6KCB when double fit known				responses: 5♣ 1/4, 5♦ 0/3, 5♥ 2 or 5 no Q, 5♠ 2 or 5+1Q, 5N 2 or 5+2Q; in response to Q-ask: S1 0, S2 lower, S3 higher, other both			
PKCB over pre-empt				responses: 0, 1-, 1+, 2-, 2+			
EKCB (exclusion)				responses: 3014			
Minorwood				only after explicit suit agreement or when the raise is by a 2♣ opener; 1430 responses			
4N Quantitative or Regressive				If quantitative, 4-level bids F-5N and natural.			
5N Quantitative or Suggest-a-Slam				Quantitative if a raise of a natural notrump bid, but suggest-a-slam in other non RKCB auctions			