

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
cue bid: Michaels – 2N asks minor
3 of their suit: stopper ask for 3N
leaping and non-leaping Michaels over pre-empt
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: 18–19, system on
Transfer into their suit is takeout
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Fairly standard weak jump overcalls.
Opener strives to reopen when short in their suit.
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
2-level CB: Michaels
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 just $\diamond$ v. strong, but 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 $\pm$ 16–18, 2N system on; 4N 2-places to play
3N (over 3X): to play. 4♣ Stayman, 4♦/4♥ transfers.
X always t/o
cue bid: 3-level = stopper ask; 4-level = Michaels
4m = leaping Michaels
v. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣
X = majors, 1N = minors (same after 1♦ neg).
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
NS = natural and forcing. XX = 10+, various.
Bergen raises on over X. 2N = limit raise plus.

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th from H; 2 nd from none	4 th from H; 2 nd from none	
NT	4 th from H; 2 nd from none	4 th from H; 2 nd from none	
Subsequent	4 th from H; 2 nd from none	4 th from H; 2 nd from none	
Other: K for count; AQJ for attitude.			
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	KJ9 or 9x	KJ9 or 9x	
Hi-X	2 nd best from weakness	2 nd best from weakness	
Lo-X	4 th best	4 th best	
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):			
standard attitude and count; suit-preference with small trumps;			
Roman first discard: odd pip = encouraging; odd = disc. with SP			
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			
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
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Country: South Africa
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Standard American, 5533, 1N 15–17, 2N 20–21
2♣ strong with 2♦ semi-pos and 2♥ double neg.
2♦ Multi 5 ways: weak 2M, 22–23 bal, or Acol 2m
1N often includes a 5c major
Stayman always invitational or better.
1N 6–10, non-forcing
Limit raises in minors
Signals: standard attitude and count
Leads: standard honours, 4 th best style
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Polish 2♥ and 2♠ openings: weak 55 types
2-way checkback after 1N and 2N rebids
Fourth-suit GF; cheapest is nebulous, J-3N $\pm$ 15–17
If X 4 th suit: P no stop, XX 1 stop, bid short, NT 2 stop
In comp. when p. bid 1M, 2N 8+ with 4c support.
Lebensohl after t/o double at 2-level; J-3N no stopper.
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♣		3	4♦		1N 8–10 over 1♣ but 6–10 over 1♦; 2m 6–9;	1N rebid 12–14; 2-way CB; reverse F1	SJS pre-empt. 6+ suit
1♦		3	4♦	4 unless 4=4=3=2	3m 10–12; SJS 16+; DJS pre-empt	jump rev. splinter; 3N strong 6c minor	NS = F1
1♥		5	4♦	Standard 5c major opening,	1N 6–10 NF; 2N GF raise; 2M 6–10		SJS fit; jump CB splinter
1♠		5	4♦	10–21 HCP possible	3♣, 3♦, 3M std Bergen raises		no Drury
1N		2	4♦	15–17, incl. 5M or 6m	2♣ Stayman, 2♦–2N transfers, 3♣ Puppet	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♦	24+ bal or GF unbal	2♦ (A, K, 2Q), 2♥ < A, K, 2Q		X or XX = positive values
2♦	✓	–		Multi 5 ways	2M = p/c; 2N = inquiry		X = t/o
2♥	Polish	5		5–10, 5♥s and 5c other suit	2♣ p/c; 2N inquiry; 3♣ p/c; 3♦ invite in ♥		
2♠	Polish	5		5–10, 5♠s and 5c minor	2N inquiry; 3♣ p/c; 3♦ invite in ♠		
2NT				20–21 semi-bal.	3♣ Muppet, 3♦/3♥ transfers, 3♠ minors	2N–3♣: 3♥ = no major, but 3N = 5♥s	
					4♣/4♦ → 4♥/4♠, slam inv.		
3♣		6		5–10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♦ KCB		XX values and cooperative
3♦		6		5–10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♣ KCB		
3♥		6		5–10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♣ KCB		
3♠		6		5–10, standard pre-empt	NS = F1; 4♣ KCB		
3NT	✓			gambling			
				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			
EKCB (exclusion)				responses: 1430; jump shift beyond game is EKCB.			
4N Quantitative or Regressive				If quantitative, 4-level bids F-5N and natural.			
5N Quantitative or GSF				Quantitative if a raise of a natural notrump bid, but GSF over suit or after agreement: 6♣ 0, 6♦ 1, etc. In clubs, 6♣ 0–1.			