

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
5-16 5+ card suit, Sound Overcalls on the 2 Level
Cue = F raise.2NT good raise 4plus New Suit = F T/O X can be light if shape suitable
Response Natural New Suit F1R
X then bid = 17+
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd Pos = 15-18 .Protective seat reopening =10-14/15
Continuation as for opening 1NT
System On
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1 Suit = Natural and weak
Michaels and Leaping Michaels
Reopen:
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct Cue= Michaels
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
X = 4Maj with longer minor – or any strong hand or long D suit
2 clubs asks for Majors (4/4 or 5/4)
2 diamonds = single suited Major
2 Major = 5 M and m
2NT – Minors 5/5 or 5/4
X of weak NT = Peanlty
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X = T/O through 4S
Cue = stopper ask
Leaping Michaels (note 2)
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
X = Majors/ 1NT =minors
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX =10+ Interested in Penalty. Bromad
Promises another bid
Jump = weak 2NT -good raise 10 plus 4card plus suit

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	1 st /3 rd /5 th	1 st /3 rd /5 th	
NT	2 nd /4 th	2 nd /4 th	
Subseq	1 st /3 rd /5 th	1 st /3 rd /5 th	
Other:A=Att K = Unblock			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK	AK	
King	KQ or AK bare	KQ or AKQ or AKJ10	
Queen	QJ10	QJ or KQ109	
Jack	J10	J109	
10	Journalistic leads	109 or KJ10xx 109xxx	
9	Journalistic leads	Journalistic leads	
Hi-LO	even	Even or top of nothing	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit1	Attitude Lo=Enc	Count udca	Lo=Enc
NT 2	Attitude Lo=Enc	Count udca	Lo=Enc
Signals (including Trumps)			
Hi/Lo = Odd Original Count			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
May be Light with Classic Shape			
Offshape if 17+			
Cue=F till Fit, single jump 8-10 (4 card) dbl jump 8-10 (5 card)			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Responsive X's			
Support X's and redoubles			
Neg doubles upto 3S			
Lead directing dbls of artificial suits			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY:
NCBO: South Africa
PLAYERS: Diana Balkin / Craig Gower
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
2/1 5/5/3/3 UDCA
1NT response = Semi Forcing
1C = 3+
1D=3+
1H/S=5+
1NT=14+-17 Could have 5 Crad Maj or 6 card m
2/1 Response = GF
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
2Cl = Strong Near GF Any Suit
2D/2H /H/S = Weak 6 cards suit (On occasion 5 Card suit)
Good/Bad NT - 2NT = bad hand
Leaping Michaels over a weak 2 of a M or weak 2D (Note 2)
Forcing and non forcing Checkback
Michaels Bromad after the dbl of a M opening
Drury by Passed Hand Inverted Minors
Bergen – 3cl (8-11) 4 card 3d (10/11) 3 card
Lebensohl after 2 level overcalls of NT and after Dbl of weak 2
Svencoby (note1)
Trial bids - short suit with no interference - long suit with interference
Smolen over 1NT Puppet over 1nt
SST/NSST 3sp = NSST IN H and 3NT = NSST IN SP
Gambling 3nt 4NT – Ace ask – show specific Ace
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Yes – applies after a 2cl opening, after a 2/1 bid and if partnership has guaranteed 23 plus points
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS:Rare – 3rd seat openings can be light

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	3S	11-21 HCP	1NT=6-11 2c=Inverted Minor response Weak Jumps	4 th Suit = GF Reverse by Opener = F	Jump cue over overcall asks for stopper
						Reverse by Responder = GF	
1♦		3	3S	11-21 HCP	As for 1cl	As for 1cl	As for 1cl
1♥		5	3S	11-21 HCP	1NT=6-11 2 level OS bids = GF 1H-2H = 5-9 and 3 cards	As Above	
					1H-3H = 4-7 and 4 card support 1H-2NT =Suit agreement GF Svencoby (note 1) 1H-3cl = 4 card support 8-11 1H- 3d = 3 card support 10-11 1H – 3NT = 4/3/3/3 12-15		
1♠		5	3S	11-21 HCP	Same as for 1H	As Above	
1NT				15-17 HCP mostly Bal	2c=Stayman 2d=T/F to H 2H=T/F to S 2S=T/F to cl		
					2NT= T/F to diamonds,3c puppet Stayman		
2♣		0	3S	Artificial Near GF Any Shape	2d=Pos relay 2H = Less than K or 2 Queens 2NT = Pos with Hearts and 2 of top 3 Honours 2S/3cl/3d = Pos with that suit and 2 of top 3 honours	2sp forces 2NT after which any bid is non forcing	
2♦		5/6	3S	5-10 HCP	New Suit = F 2NT = Enquiry	Show feature	
2♥		5/6	3S	5-10 HCP	As Above	As Above	
2♠		5/6	3S	5-10 HCP	As Above	As Above	
2NT		1		20-21 Mostly Balanced	3cl= Stayman 3d = T/F to Hearts		
		6			3H = T/F to Spades; 3S = minor suit Stayman 3NT = To Play; 4H = 5/5 in the Majors 4NT = Quantitative; 5NT = Quantitative 4CL/4D long suit		
3♦/3♣		6		Preemptive			
3♥		6		Preemptive			
3♠		6		Preemptive			
3NT				Solid 7 card minor	At Best a Q outside		
4♣		7		Long ClubSuit			
4♦		7		LongD suit			
4♥		7		Preemptive			
4♠		7		Preemptive			
4NT	Yes			Asking for Specific Aces	5cl = NO A 5d/H/S/NT =1A in bid suit 6cl = 2+A	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♣						RKCB 1430	
5♦						1 st and 2 nd Round controls up the line	
5♥						Minorwood in limited circumstances	
5♠						Exclusion	
						Keycard Blackwood 1/4 3/0	

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