Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)
1 level: (very) light. (1x)-1y-(p)-2x=promises rebid
2 level: sound
Cuebids: Good raise with support
Responses 1-level: F1, 2-level: constructive, 3 level = nat FG Double jumps are fit jumps

## 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

15-18 hcp any seat. System on.
If doubled: All bids to play (except 2 NT ) $2 \boldsymbol{a}$ is treated as natural, but could possibly be t/o in two other suits.

Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) Weak jump overcalls, 2 NT = two lowest, $5^{+}-5^{+}$, wide range. Leaping Michaels, also over 3 M , also $4^{\text {th }}$ seat (vs Multi, suit $+\vee$ )

## Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Over $\mathrm{m}=$ both M . Wide range
Over $M=$ other $M+\AA$. Wide range
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)
VS strong NT: Dbl = $\uparrow+$ another suit,
$2 \boldsymbol{\star} / \star=\boldsymbol{\phi} / \downarrow+\vee, 2 \vee / 2 \uparrow=$ natural,
$2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors or majors
Vs weak NT (11-13 or less) = Multi Landy
VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids) T/O dbl
Leaping Michaels $\left(5^{+}-5^{+}, \mathrm{FG}\right)$ over $2 \mathrm{M} / 3 \mathrm{M}$, all seats
Cuebid: ASK for stopper

## VS. Artificial Strong Openings

Yeslek: any bid shows the suit above the suit bid, or the two
others, dbl $=\leqslant$ OR $\vee+\star$, NT $=\uparrow+\wedge$ OR $\uparrow+\downarrow$
(if doubled, pass is suggestion to play, xx asks p to bid next suit, (normally to play own suit) all other bids $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}$ )

## Over Opponents' take out double

## Rdbl: 10+ HCP, 1-over-1 = F1

$1 \vee / \uparrow-(x)$ - transfers from 1NT.

| Leads and Signals |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opening Leads Style |  |  |  |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$, top of sequence |  | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ |
| NT | $4^{\text {th }}$ best (low x may sometimes be from longer suits), top or second best from bad suits |  | $3^{\text {rd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ |
| Subseq | Attitude when opening a new suit |  |  |
| Leads |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) | AK/AKx/AKxx(x) |  |
| King | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) | KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)/AKJT |  |
| Queen | AQJ (x)/QJ(x)/QJT $(\mathrm{x})$ | AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)/ KQT9 |  |
| Jack | HJT(x)/JT(x) | HJT(x)/JT(x) |  |
| 10 | HT9x/T9x | HT9x/T9x |  |
| 9 | A98/Q98/J98/9x | A98/Q98/J98/98xx |  |
| x | Hxxx/xxx ${ }^{\text {(x) }}$ | Hxxg/ $\underline{\mathbf{x x}} \mathbf{x x}(\mathrm{x}) / \underline{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathrm{x}(\mathrm{x})$ |  |
| Signals in order of priority |  |  |  |
|  | Partners lead | Declarer | Discarding |
| Suit: | Encrg/discrg | Count, $3^{\text {rd } / ~} / 5^{\text {th }}$ | Encrg/discrg |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count, $3^{\text {rd } / ~} / 5^{\text {th }}$ | S/P | Count, $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ | S/P |  | S/P |
| NT: | Encrg/discrg | Smith-Peter | Encrg/discrg |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | Count, $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ | Count, $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ | Count, $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ | S/P | S/P | S/P |

## Signals (including Trump's):

S/P in trump, Smith-Peter: low likes from leader, high likes from partner Low=odd number or encouraging, High= Even number or discouraging
$5 / 6$ level: A for attitude, $K$ for count
A-lead vs suit: for attitude, give count only if Qxx or Jxxx in dummy

## Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses;

## Reopening)

Light style, also reopenings

## Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Support dbl and rdbl, responsive dbl, negative dbl, competitive dbl $1 *-(1 \diamond)-\mathrm{dbl}=\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 1 \vee=4-5 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=<3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 1 *$-(pass)-1x-(x)-xx=suggest to play (HHxx+ in suit)


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\% |  | 2 | $4 \wedge$ | Include all 4333/4432-hands <br> Could open light if distributional, 11+ hcp with balanced hands | $1 \star=\boldsymbol{\bullet}, 1 \boldsymbol{\vee}=\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=6-8 \mathrm{NT} /$ weak with $\boldsymbol{\oplus} /$ weak with both m, inv with $\bullet$ or GF with $\bullet$ (could have GF $5+\star, 4+\mathrm{M}) 1 \mathrm{NT}=9-10$ <br> (11) hcp balanced, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ nat, inv, 4ヶ <br> $2 \boldsymbol{n}=$ inverted minor, at least invitational, <br> $2 \bullet / 2 v=6+$ cards $\vee \wedge, 4-7$ hcp or FG <br> $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\boldsymbol{*}$ supp, 6-9, 3* $=$ preemptive, $0-5 \mathrm{hcp}$ <br> $3 \uparrow / \vee / \wedge=$ void | $1-2 \vee=4 \vee 11-12(13) \text { hcp }$ <br> $1 \diamond-1 \vee=3 \vee$ any distribution, or $4 \vee$ and stronger (semi)balanced hand (strength depending on vulnerability because of weak NT non vul), $x y$ and xyz NT <br> $1 \boldsymbol{\omega}-2 \boldsymbol{\omega}-3 \boldsymbol{\omega}=$ weak $4+\boldsymbol{*}, 1 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \mathrm{NT}=12-13$ (14) <br> balanced , $1 *-2 *-2 *=$ nat, strong,OR (17)18-19NT | Passed: Transfers and Inverted minor on. xy-NT and xyz on. <br> Fit jumps <br> 1m-(2M) -2NT=Lebensohl (always) <br> SWITCH (off if passed) ex. ( $1 \stackrel{\circ}{\boldsymbol{\circ}}$-(1^) <br> $-2 \star=\boldsymbol{*}, 2 \vee=$ <br> $1 \boldsymbol{*}-(1 \boldsymbol{\vee})-2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=6+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ inv minor <br> (off if passed - fit jump) |
| 1. |  | 4/5 | 4* | 4 only if 4-4-4-1 | Inv minor, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=4+\bullet, 6-9,2 \mathrm{M}=6+$, 4-7, double jumpshifts = void | Natural, xy-NT, xyz | As above |
| $1 \checkmark$ |  | 5 | 4* | $5+\vee$ Could open light if distributional. <br> 11+ if balanced | $2 \star 2 / 1=$ GF unless rebid suit OR 4-7 3+ support, $2 \downarrow=8-11$ <br> $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Mini-splinter in one m , exactly invitational, $3 \boldsymbol{\omega}=4+\boldsymbol{\bullet}$, bal <br> inv, $3 \wedge=$ single $\uparrow$, inv, $3 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}=$ pre, $2 \mathrm{NT}=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, GF. $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ To play | 2NT-3NT=(17)-18-19 bal. 2NT-3x=nat, not min. 2 NT- $3 \mathrm{x}-3 \downarrow=$ asks for singleton, $3 / 4 \mathrm{x}=$ singleton, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ start cuebid | $1 \cup-2 \mathrm{~m}=$ values in bid $\mathrm{m}, 3+\boldsymbol{\vee}$, inv $1 \vee-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors <br> SWITCH: $1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-(1 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 2 \boldsymbol{*})$ - transfers |
| 1^ |  | 5 | 4^ | As above | $1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}, 6-11 \mathrm{hcp}, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Nat GF OR 4-7 $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ supp, $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=8-11,3^{+} \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ Mini-splinter in one m $3 *=4+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, bal inv, $3 \vee=$ single, inv, $3 \wedge=$ pre, $2 \mathrm{NT}=4+\uparrow$, GF, $4 \star \bullet \vee=$ void |  | As above Weak raise reversed if double |
| 1NT |  |  | $4 a$ $\qquad$ <br> No neg. dbl |  | After strong NT: <br> $2 *=$ Stayman, $2 * / \vee / \wedge=$ transfers, $3 * / \star=(5) 6+\boldsymbol{*} / \star+4 \vee$ <br> 2 NT ask 5 -card $\mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{\beta} / \mathrm{\wedge}=$ singleton, <br> $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\operatorname{trf}$ to $\vee, 4 \diamond=\operatorname{trf}$ to $\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 4 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ to play <br> After weak NT: $2 \star=$ Weak Stayman, $2 \star=$ GF Stayman, $2 \vee / \wedge=$ <br> to play, $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{inv}, 3 \div / \star=$ to play <br> $3 \mathrm{M}: 6+$ cards, very mild distrib.game try, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ quantitative | 1NT-2NT-, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=6$ card one $\mathrm{m}, 3 \star=$ no 5 -card M Break transfer: $2 \mathrm{NT}=4+$ max, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ Nat $\mathrm{HHxx}(\mathrm{x}), 3+$ card support. <br> 1NT-3x-4x=super fit <br> 1NT $-2 *-2 \mathrm{M}=5$ card suit, inv <br> 1NT $-2 \star-2 x-2 N T=$ asks for distribution | Contested auctions <br> If natural interference: $\operatorname{Bid}=\mathrm{NF}$, $\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{dbl}$ <br> If art. int., $\mathrm{dbl}=$ inv+ <br> If natural interference: <br> $\mathrm{dbl}=$ penalty <br> If artificial interference: $\mathrm{dbl}=$ inv+ |
| 2* | X |  |  | Strong. Normally $20+$ hcp, could be weaker with playing tricks | $2 \star=$ weak. $2 \downarrow / \wedge=$ Nat, $5+$ hcp, $2 N T=$ balanced, $7+$ hcp, $3 \mathrm{~m}=$ Nat, at least Hxxxx, $6+\mathrm{hcp}, 3 \mathrm{M}=4 \mathrm{M}+5+\star, 3 \mathrm{NT}=$ running suit, no outside strength | $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \boldsymbol{*}-\mathbf{n}-3 \boldsymbol{*}=2^{\text {nd }}$ neg (rele if response $3 \boldsymbol{*}+$ ) <br> $2 *-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 *=$ ASK 4 card suits, $2 *-2 *-3 \mathrm{M}=5+-$ <br> 4M, 2*-2M-3M-3/4x=single, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ bal slamtry |  |
| 2 | X |  |  | Min. 4-4(5 vul)M. 3-10 hcp, playing strength dep on vul. | $\begin{aligned} & 2 / 3 / 4 \vee / \uparrow \text { or NT bid = to play, } \\ & 4 \bullet / 4=\text { slamtry } \end{aligned}$ | $2 \star-3 \star-3 \star=$ all minimum hands <br> $2 \boldsymbol{- 3 \boldsymbol { * }}-3 \boldsymbol{\sim}=5+$ cards in bid suit and max. <br> $2 \star-3 *-4 \bullet / \star=$ void and min. $5-5$. | $4^{\text {th }}$ seat: $11-15,6^{(+)}$card suit |
| 2 |  | 6 |  | Weak, 3-10, dep vul | 2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1 | $2 \vee-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \boldsymbol{v}=\min$, no $1 / 0,3 \mathrm{NT}=$ max, no $1 / 0$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ seat: 11-15, $6^{(+)}$-card suit |
| 2, |  | 6 |  | As above | 2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1 | As above | As above |
| 2NT |  |  | 4^ | 20-21 hcp | ```3* = Puppet Stayman (3v = denies M, 3NT=5凶 3*/\downarrow=\mathrm{ transfers, 3^= slamtry m (4+-4+), 4* = slamtry with }\downarrow\mathrm{ ,} 4* = slamtry with ^ .If interference: dbl=penalty, if art: dbl=strength``` | High Level Bidding |  |
| 3 x |  | 6 |  | Preemptive, according to vul | 3*-3*trf, to play in or (light inv) or pick a game. New suit FG. After dbl competitive. $3 \mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{~m}=$ cuebid, $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play | RKCB (0314), Exclusion RKCB (all jumps to the 5DOPI/ROPI/DEPO. 5 NT in unclear situation: pick a trump to a previous bid suit. | level when trumps is agreed), slam. If trump Q denied, we can switch |
| 3NT |  |  |  | $1^{\text {st/ }} \mathrm{n}^{\text {nd }}$ seat: running m | $4 \stackrel{\text { ep }}{ } / \mathrm{c}, 4 \star=$ ASK short suit, $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ ASK length | Splinters |  |
| 4*, |  | 6 |  | Natural, preemptive | 4M = To play | Cuebids, last train cuebids |  |
| 4४, ^ |  | 6 |  | Natural. To play | Any bid: Cuebid. | Lightner dbl |  |
| 4NT | X |  |  | Asks for specific aces | 5* = none, $5 *$ ¢ $\uparrow$ * that specific ace |  |  |

