

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening) |
| Simple overcalls 7-17, 2 level should always be a good 5+ suit |
| And a new suit is NF (constructive) |
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| INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| 1 (x)1nt = 15-17 responses as in 1nt opening |
| 1 (x) p p 1nt 10-14 |
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| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| 2nt: lower 2 suits; |
| Conventional jump overcalls i.e. |
| 1♣ - 2♦ = ♥ with longer ♦, Opening strength values |
| 1d- 2h = h with longer clubs, Opening strength values |
| Equal level conversion dbls; |
| Reopen: |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| Cue = top and bottom suits, Opening strength values |
| Jump cue asks for stop in that suit |
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| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH) |
| Meckwell – Dbl is either a long minor or both majors |
| 2♣ = Clubs and a Major (at least 9 cards). |
| 2♦ = Diamonds and a Major. (at least 9 cards). |
| 2♥ = ♥, 2♠ = ♠ |
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| VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| Dbl = TO, |
| After a weak 2 opening including multi, Dbl = TO Lab. Responses. |
| After a weak 2: 2nt = 16-18; cue of weak 2 at the 3 level is nt ask |
| Cue of minor pre-empt at the 4 level = Majors |
| Leaping michaels i.e. 3cl: 4♦ = ♦+♥; 3♦: 4♣ = ♣+♥ |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣ |
| Dbl = Majors, nt = minors, otherwise natural. |
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| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| Redouble 10 + probably no fit |
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| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE | | | |
| | Lead | In Partner's Suit | |
| Suit | 4 th & 2 nd from bad suit | Top if part knows the length | |
| NT | 4 th Highest + Mud | 4 th Highest + Mud | |
| Subseq. | Attitude; low promises H. | | |
| Other: A + Q for reverse attitude, K asks for rev. count. | | | |
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| LEADS | | | |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT | |
| Ace | AKx | Ace and 4 th | |
| King | KQ AK | same | |
| Queen | KQ109x | same | |
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| Jack | J10x, J10, KJ10, | same | |
| 10 | Denies the Jack | same | |
| 9, | 9x, Denies the 10 | same | |
| Hi-X xxxx | Mud xXxx | Same same | |
| Lo-X | Mud | same | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | Rev. Count | Rev. Count | Odd = Enc. Even,S/P |
| Suit 2 | Rev. Count | Rev. Count | Odd = Enc. Even,S/P |
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| NT 2 | Rev. Count/suit pref | | Odd = Enc. Even,S/P |
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| Signals (including Trumps): | | | |
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| DOUBLES | | | |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) | | | |
| Normal T.O doubles, can be weak with good distribution 4441 | | | |
| Neg. and responsive doubles to 4♦ | | | |
| Dbl is TO of weak 2/3 overcalls; Labensohl responses over weak 2's | | | |
| i.e. a 3 level response is >8 hcp, while a bid of 2nt shows less than that. | | | |
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| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS | | | |
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| Equal level conversation dbls, i.e. a TO double and a subsequent bid from | | | |
| The same hand while it is at the same level doesn't promise extra strength. | | | |
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| W B F CONVENTION CARD |
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| CATEGORY: |
| NCBO: |
| PLAYERS: Donal Garvey Grand Master 33301 |
| Pat Quinn Life Master 23016 |
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| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE |
| 5 card M and strong nt |
| 4 th suit is forcing to game |
| Top and bottom cue's, conventional jump overcalls |
| Xynt and xyz |
| Transfers in the 4 suits; Smollen transfers |
| 2/1 is forcing to game, fast arrival |
| Transfers over a club opening, and we accept with a wk nt type hand |
| After a ♣ opening and a ♦ overcall, dbl = ♥, and 1♥ = ♠ |
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| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE |
| Multi 2d, and weak 2 any suits 5/5 |
| Labensohl FANS (fast arrival no stop) |
| When opps dbl our stayman, pass denies a stop |
| Rdbl reactivates stayman |
| When opps dbl our nt, rdbl = penalty |
| If opps dbl our nt overcall – helvic applies |
| i.e. rdbl = 5card suit. bid = lowest of 2 4card suits |
| Pass requests opener to rdbl |
| Conventional jump overcalls |
| Over all of our preempts, 4♣ is keycard and the responses |
| 4♦ none; 4♥ 1 keycard; 4♠ 1+ Q; 4nt 2; 5♣ 2+ Q |
| 2nt = 6-11, both minors |
| Relays over our 1nt opening |
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| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
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| IMPORTANT NOTES |
| PSYCHICS: Rare |
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| OPENING | | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | Neg.dbl thru | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING |
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| 1♣ | | 2 | 4♦ | Nat. 11-20, 4432 if it is only 2 | 1♦, 1♥, 1♠, 1nt, 2♣ all transfers, 2♦, ♦ & another suit 2♥/2♠, 10/11 and a 6 card suit | | |
| 1♦ | | 4 | 4♦ | Natural 11-20 | Natural, 1nt 6/10; 2nt 11/12; both deny a M 2♥/2♠ weak <6hcp | | |
| 1♥ | | 5 | 4♦ | Natural 11-20 | 3♣ 10/11+4♥; 3♦ 7/9+4♥; 3♥ 4/6+4♥ 2nt 3card limit raise i.e. 11/12; 2/1 forcing to game | Long suit trial | |
| 1♠ | | 5 | 4♦ | Natural 11-20 | Same as ♥ | | |
| INT | | | | 15-17, can have 5card M | Stayman, 4suit transfers, Smollen transfers, Confit, 2♦, 2♥, 2♠, asks for controls, 2nt then shows 4Controls, 3cl 5 etc | 1nt p 2♣ p 2x 3♣/3♦ show singleton + 6card other minor, forcing | |
| | | | | | 3♣ 5/4m + singleton in a M; 3♦ 5/5m + void M; 3♥/3♠ 5/5m + singleton in suit bid. | (3♣) 3♦ asks, 3♥ single ♥, 3♠ single spade. | |
| 2♣ | | | | Either a strong 23+ or weak 2♦ | Responder 1 st assumes it's a weak 2 and bids 2♦, 2nt asks 3♣ max wk 2♦, 3♦ min, 3♥/3♠ 4card. | To show big hand opener now 2nt =23/24 Or 2♥ forces a puppet of 2♠ now 2nt is 25/26 | |
| 2♦ | | | | Multi a) wk2 in a M; b) 20/22; | 2♥/2♠ to play, 2nt asks a) 3♣ strong wk 2 8/10 b) 3♦ = ♥ 6/7, c) 3♥ = ♠ 6/7 | | Defence to Multi; 2 nd /4 th dbl =17. |
| 2♥ | | | | Tartan, ♥ and another can be ♠ 6-10 | Raises non inv. 2♠ interest in other suit, 2nt asks. | | 2nt =17-19, 2♥/2♠ that suit may be 4card but its 2 longer than other M; 6 th same weaker; 3♣♦♥♠ nat. |
| 2♠ | | | | Tartan, ♠ and a minor, 6-10 | Raises non inv. 3♣/3♦ pass or correct, 2nt asks | | |
| 2NT | | | | Both m 6/11 | 3♣/3♦ to play, 3♥ asks for M suit distribution 3♠ = puppet to 3nt and now 4♣/♦ Keycard in that suit | | |
| 3♣ | | | | Pre-emptive | New suit forcing; 4♣ keycard | | |
| 3♦ | | | | Pre-emptive | New suit forcing; 4♣ keycard | | |
| 3♥ | | | | Pre-emptive | New suit forcing; 4♣ keycard | | |
| 3♠ | | | | Pre-emptive | New suit forcing; 4♣ keycard | | |
| 3NT | | | | Solid m no outside stop | 4♣ pass or correct; 4♦ asks for singleton | | |
| 4♣ | | | | Namyats ♥ with something outside | | | |
| 4♦ | | | | Namyats ♠ with something outside | | | |
| 4♥ | | | | Pre-emptive, ♥, Weaker than 4♣ | | | |
| 4♠ | | | | Pre-emptive, ♠, Weaker than 4♦ | | | |
| 4NT | | | | Specific A Ask | 5♣ none, 5♦♥♠6♣, A in those suits, 5nt 2 A's | | |
| 5♣ | | | | Pre-emptive | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 5♦ | | | | Pre-emptive | | Keycard 1430, over interference Dope, and Italian style cue bids i.e. | |
| 5♥ | | | | 11 tricks missing 2 of the top 3 H. | Bid 6 with 1 of the top three honours, bid 7 with 2 | Below game level can be either 1 st or 2 nd round control. | |
| 5♠ | | | | 11 tricks missing 2 of the top 3 H. | Bid 6 with 1 of the top three honours, bid 7 with 2 | If doubled rdbl = 1 st round control | |
| | | | | | | 5nt = pick a slam part | |