

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Simple - Occasionally 4 at 1 level, mainly 6 at 2 level
Then new suit = F1
Jump fits
UCB = raise with 3 card supp.
2NT = good raise with 4 card support
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd /sandwich/protective
15-18/16-19/10-14
Responses – as system
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Pre-emptive – mainly weak
Modified Michaels (cue=higher, 2NT=lower; 3♣=others)
Protective 2NT= 18-20 with system on
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Cue = Modified Michaels 5/5(see above)
Jump cue – asks for stop
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
2♣=♥+ another (if other major this would be shorter)
2♦ = ♠+ another (as above – anchor to shorter major)
2♥/♠ = natural
Then 2NT asks with interest 3♣=pass or correct
2NT = minors
After pass X=both M's or both m's or ♦s 2♣/♦ nat with M
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X=TO with Lebensohl
Leaping and non-leaping Michaels
4♠ X = values
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Over 1♣ and 2♣ WJO
Over 1♣ -X=♥s 1♦=♠s; 1♥/♠/NT=CRO
Over 2♣ X=♥s 2♦=♠s; 2♥/♠/NT =CRO
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX=9+ no support; bids nat;2NT=good raise; jump fits
Other raises can be stretched

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th /2 nd	3 rd & 5 th ?	
NT	4 th /2 nd	3 rd & 5 th ?	
Subseq	SP	SP	
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	for rev attitude	same	
King	for rev count	for count/unblock	
Queen	top of sequence	top of seq. or int. seq.	
Jack	top of seq.	top of seq.	
10	top of int. Seq.	top/2 nd of int. seq.	
9	from 10 9	From 10 9 ...	
Hi-X	doubleton	doubleton	
Lo-X	3+ to honour	3+ to honour	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY (Att and count are normal) (*3)			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	REV Att or count.	Rev Count	DODDS
Suit 2	Rev Count	Suit pref.	Even card enc
3	Suit pref.		Odd card enc in
1	Rev Att. Or count	Rev Count	Suit of same colour
NT 2	Rev Count	Rev Suit Pref	High cards neutral
3	Suit pref.		
Signals (including Trumps):			
Suit Pref.			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Negative through 4♦			
They overcall – opener re-opens in 4 th with shortage or extra values			
By passed hand 1NT X shows both M's both m's or ♦s			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Competitive Xs			
Support doubles at low levels showing 3 card support for responder			
Lightner doubles against slams			
Can ask for short suit V 1NT- 3NT			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
2018 WALES
PLAYERS: Dave Birt & Gilly Clench
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 Cd Majors
Prepared ♣ and transfer responses
15-17 NT
Multi 2♦
Lucas 2♥/♠
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Bergen Raises over 1♥/♠
Transfer responses
Weak jump responses to 1m
Inverted minor raises
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
We X 1NT they bid 2 any – pass=F
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: V rare

OPENING	ARTIFICIAL ?	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	4♦	If 1 normally weak NT hand or 4441	Inverted raises;weak jumps;pre-empt raise; limited splinter ; 2NT=bal nat 1ish 1♦♥♠ = at least 4♥♦♦ 1NT = 4♣	1♣-2♣- then 2♦=11-14. After 1m-1x- 1 any then 2♣=invit checkback 2♦ forcing weak NT style hand if complete transfer	<p>After 1♦ o'call X = 4♥s 1♥=5♥s 1♠ may be 4 After 1m (1♥) X=4♠s 1♠= 5♠s</p> <p>1 any (X) 2NT = good raise</p> <p>After interference then system off Halmic over 1NTX'd - XX= 5cs; suit is lower of 2 4cd suits 1 any (o'call) 2 of their suit is F1 They bid at 2 level over 2♦s X=-ve They bid at 3 level over 2♦s X=pen</p>
1♦		4	4♦	Normally 5	Inverted raise	2NT = weak NT, bids naturalish	
1♥		5	4♦		1NT 3♣/♦=7-9/10-12 4cd supp, balanced - ish single raise 7-9 3 cd support	Rebid M with 5+; minor often only 3 card suit. 1NT rebid 15-17. OVER 2 level 2NT rebid 15-20, 3NT to play	
1♠		5	4♦		Raise to 3=4-6 4+cd supp Limited splinters; 2NT=Jacoby GF may have s'ton	Long suit trial bids	
1NT		15-17		Balanced – can contain 6cd m	4 card stayman 2♦/♥/♠/2NT transfers(*4); 3 bids shortage 4♣=5/5 Ms weak; 4♠=Blackwood 4♦/♥ TRF can be weak or strong	Complete transfer to show interest Transfer breaks direct to suit show min Responses to 2♣ 3m show max with 6	
2♣	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	4♦	Any strong hand	2♦ -ve or relay with no good 5 cd suit	Jumps by opener = solid suit 2NT second -ve	
2♦	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0		Weak M; strong m	2♠=game try in ♥; other M bids = pass or correct but 4♠=to play. minor suits F1	After 2NT 3♣= 3 way good with ♥/♠ or ♣; 3♠nat 3♥/♠=weak;	
2♥		5		5♥+5(occ 4) m 5-9	3♣/♦ pass or correct, weak; 2NT=enq	3♣/♦=nat weak; 3♥/♠=good with ♣/♦	
2♠		5		5♠+5(occ 4) other 5-9	3♣=pass or correct; 2NT enq	3♣/♦/♥ = nat weak; 3♠/NT=good with ♣/♦	
2NT		20-22		Balanced	5 card stayman; 3♦/♥ transfers 3♠=Trf to 3NT then 4level = minor suits slam tries 4♣=5/5 Ms weak; 4♠=Blackwood 4♦/♥ TRF can be weak or strong		
3♣/♦/♥/♠		6		Pre-emptive	Change of suit F1	3NT mandatory without 2 of responders suit	
3NT				Good preempt	4♣/5♠=pass or correct		
4♣/♦♥/♠		7		Texas over minor, otherwise pre empt	4♦ - slam interest		
4NT				Asks specific aces	5♣=none ;5NT=2, 6♣= A♠s		
5♣/♦		8		Pre-emptive			
HIGH LEVEL BIDDING							
							RKCB14/30– D/R01 steps after interference; GSF XX of doubled cue = 1 st round control; pass =2 nd ;bid=no control

Supplementary Notes

1. After transfer breaks then re-transfers if available.
2. Inverted raises off after interference, **but Bergen system on**
3. Transfer responses over 1♣ on after x or 1♦
4. Over stayman or transfers then **4NT is quantitative, going through Cue or other suit then 4NT RKCB**
5. Over 2NT 3♠ mandatory 3NT – 4♣/♦ single suited, 4♥/♠ both minors but longer ♣♦ 4NT equal length
6. Over jacoby – bids are naturalish and 4 level is shortage
7. Cue bids may not promise slam interest, but direct raise denies any aces
8. Defence to Michaels – bid of lower suit = T/O and forcing, higher = good raise
9. Over exclusion keycard enquiry – simple steps 012345
10. NT hardly ever contains 5 card major as 1NT rebid shows this
11. Responses to Aspro 2NT = nat & invitational, 3 Major **pre-empt/invitational, 3♣ strong/forcing with other major, 3♦ good/forcing raise differs over weak & Strong NT and vulnerability**
12. Over 2NT – 3♦ -3♠ = cue bid agreeing ♥ (4♦ is now retransfer) 3NT = 2♥ +5♠ again followed by re-transfer
13. Support x over Minor/Major
14. 2NT in competition either shows two places to play or good raise if partner has bid