

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Rarely 4 at 1 level; normally 6 at 2 level
New suit F 1R
UCB = normally values usually 3 cd supp
2NT after overcall of M is good 3 card raise
2NT after WJO is asking
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd / sandwich / protective
15-18 / 16 – 19 / 10 - 14
System On
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak, reasonable suit vul.
Ghestem type – cue =higher, 3♣=odds
2NT in protective = 18 -20 + System
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Jump cue = asks for stop (unless Bergen)
VS. NT (vs. Weak)
X=penalties
2♣ = both majors
2♦ = one major
2♥/♠ = Major + min then 2NT asks, 3♣=pass or convert
2NT=both ms
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X = TO + Lebensohl (slow shows stop); Over 4♠ - x = values
V. Multi – Dixonish x = 12- 15 bal or 19+.; 2NT-16-18; bids nat.
They bid Michaels X=can penalise; Bergen applies
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
XX = balance of points; may have 3card support for partner.
Bids generally ignore X

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th from honours else 2nd	3rd & 5th	
NT	As above	3rd & 5th	
Subseq	Suit preference		
10 is an honour			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	A ask for att	A ask for att	
King	K asks for count	K asks for count/unblock	
Queen	Sequence or interior sequ	Sequence or interior seq.	
Jack	Sequence or interior sequ	Sequence – no higher honour	
10	Interior seq/seq or shortage	Strong - may have J will have A or K / or shortage	
9	9x	9x	
Hi-X	Sx xSx xSxx(+)	Sx xSx xSxx(+)	
Lo-X	HxS HxxS(+)	HxS HxxS(+)	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Att	Count	Att
Suit 2	Count	Suit pref	Count
3	Suit pref		Suit pref
1	Att	Count	Att
NT 2	Count	Suit pref	Count
3	Suit pref		Suit pref
Signals (including Trumps): hi-lo = suit preference and middle neutral Smith Peters V NT – high from either side encourages			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Doubles nearly always TO; -ve through 4♦			
Responsive to 4♥			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Lightner against slam			
Lead directing over conventional bid			
Asking for short suit lead over 1NT-3NT			
Support Doubles after 4 th hand bids.			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY:
NCBO: Wales
PLAYERS: David McAndrew Maggie Pierce
♣♦♥♠
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5 CARD MAJORS
1♣ - could be 2
15 – 17 NT
Multi 2♦; Weak M 4-7; bal. 22-23 or 26/27
2♥/♠ 8-11 6CS
forcing 1NT response to 1M
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Weak Jump shift responses over m by non-passed hand
Over 1NT – 2♣/2NT are minor suit oriented
Bergen major suit raises
Forcing 1NT response
2C response to 1NT is Five-card Stayman, non-promissory and forcing to 2NT.
Bergen ignores opponents bids
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Over an overcall containing values. Opener must re-open with shortage or extra values
IMPORTANT NOTES
Bids in most cases ignore interference

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♦	If 2 then 4432 normally weak NT – may be 18+	Weak Jumps, pre-emptive raise; 3NT balanced raise	After 3NT then 4m=slam try	Jump fit by passed hand over a m opening
1♦		4	4♣		As above	As above	As above
1♥		5	4♦		1NT F; 2NT game raise; 3NT 3cd pudding raise;	Long suit trial bids	After overcall 2NT is good 3cd raise
1♠		5	4♦		3♣/♦-4cd raise 7-9/10-12; limited splinters		Interference ignored in general but XX may be 3 cd raise
INT				Balanced 15-17 can contain 5M/6m; rarely s'ton H	5cd Stay; 4suit TRF; 3any inv. ; 4♣=5+/5+ Ms; 4♦/♥ trf – wk or strong; 4♠=Bwood	TRF can be broken to show min/max	4 suit trf by passed hand; TO Xs after interference
2♣	√	0	4♦	Any strong hand	2♦ -ve or relay	2NT/3NT rebid 24-25/28-29 Lowest m is 2 nd -ve	As over 1NT response to NT rebid
2♦	√	0		Wk 6cd M (4-7); bal. 22-23/26-27	2♥-to plat; 2♠ inv. in ♥; 2NT asks; M bids pass or correct up to 4♥; 4♣ asks for trf; 4♦=good M raise; 4♠ to play	5cd stay. and trf after NT rebids	
2♥/♠		6		8-11 6cs	2NT enquiry	Blue Club responses	
2NT				20-21	5 cd stay; Trf; 4♣=5+/5+ Ms; 3♠ - Trf to 3NT m interest; 4♣=Ms; 4♦/♥ TRF weak or strong, 4♠=Bwood		X=TO
3♣/♦/♥/♠		6		Pre-emptive	New suit F1		
3NT	√				4♣/5♣=pass or correct; 4♦ asks for s.ton		
4♣/♦	√	0		Strong in ♥/♠	4♦/♥ no interest		
4♥/♠		7		Pre-emptive			
4NT	√			Asks specific As	5♣=0; 5NT=2; 6♣=A♣		
5♣		7		Pre-emptive		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦		7		Pre-emptive		RKCB -1430	
5♥		7		Pre-emptive		XX of doubled cue-1 st round control; P=2nd	
5♠		7		Pre-emptive		DOP1; ROP1	
						1/2NT - 4♠= 4Ace Bwood	
						Exclusion RKCB	
						Cues can be 1 st or 2 nd round control; no specific order	

Notes

Checkback 2♣

1♣ (1♦) x = 4♥

Blackout over reverse bidding.

Bergen raises with 4 Card support 3♣=7-9; 3♦=10-12 – these ignore interference; Jacoby 2NT; after 1M (any suit) then 2NT is good 3 card raise;

1/2NT – After 5cd stayman 2/3NT response shows only 2♠.

4 suit TRF. For M 3 of suit min, any other break max; For m break to intervening suit with max and support

Over 2NT 3♠ = transfer to 3NT, then 4♣/♦ slam try, 4♥/♠ both minors longer ♣/♦ & slam interest, 4NT both minors no void. 4♣ -direct = both majors (5+/5+) weak;

Halmic – after a penalty X then XX shows a 5cd suit, suits show lower of two touching suits; 2♣ may be ♦s and ♠s (will XX a double)

They interfere over 1NT; if conventional then first X shows values, then next X is TO, subsequent are penalties; if natural then 1st X=TO

Weak jump responses to 1m but fit jumps in response to overcalls and by passed hands over m opening

Support Doubles; (2♦) x (2♥/♠) - x = TO

After 1M-2m then 2NT shows 12-14; 1♦ - 2♣ then 2NT=18-19, 3NT=12-14