

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, 1/2 Level, Reopening)

Style: aggressive NV; aggressive 1 level, sound 2 level VUL; good 4 card suit at 1 level;

Responses: natural;

Reopening: aggressive;

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses, Reopening)

2nd position: 15-17;

Responses: as over 1NT opening;

4th position: (live): 11-14 No Stop guarantee; (reopen): 10-12;

Responses: natural;

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)

Style: weak NV/VUL;

Responses: new suit F1; 2NT enquiry;

Unusual notrump: 2nd position: Unusual – near GF;

4th position: 18-20; as over 2NT opening

Reopening: Unusual

DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Resp., Reopening)

Style: Over 1M: strong Michaels; over 1m: Michaels near GF;

2NT response = enquiry; jump cue asks for stopper;

Responses: Michaels: natural; jump cue: 3NT with stopper;

Reopening: two suiter 5+/5+

VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)

Strong NT: X = 5+m + 4M (10-14); **Weak NT:** X = penalty;

otherwise 9+ cards in 2 suits: 2♣ = ♥ + ♠; 2♦ = ♥ or ♠; 2♥ =

♥ + m; 2♠ = ♠ + m; 2NT response = suit and/or range enquiry;

2NT = ♣ + ♦ (10+ cards); above applies in 2nd and 4th position;

Reopening: : as above except X always 5+m + 4 M;

Passed Hand: as above except X always 5+m + 4 M;

VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT bids)

X = takeout up to 4♠; Cue-bid: as above; Leaping Michaels

over weak 2s; over 2♦ (multi): 2♥/2♠ = takeout of other major

and may be 4 cards; NT bids are natural;

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

vs strong 1♠: X = M; 1NT = m; 2♣ = natural overcall;

also over 1♣ P 1♦: 2♦ = natural overcall;

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE

New suit = forcing; Jumps = pre-emptive; 1NT = 7-9 balanced;

XX = 9+; 2NT = sound raise to 3+M; Raises = pre-emptive;

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS AND SIGNALS

	Lead	In Partner's suit
Suit	4 th ; highest affordable;	Lowest if odd number;
NT	As above	4 th ; highest affordable;
Subseq	As above	4 th ;
Other:		

LEADS

	vs. Suit	vs. NT
Ace	AKx(x); Ax; AKJT(x);	AKx; Ax; AKJT(x);
King	AK; KQ(x); KQJ9(x);	KQ; KQJ(x); KQT9(x);
Queen	AKQ(x); QJ; QJT(x);	QJ; AQJ(x); QJT(x);
Jack	JT; JTx; KJT(x);	JT; JTx; A/KJT(x);
10	Tx; KT9(x); QT9(x);	Tx; HT9x(x);
9	9x; T9x(x); 98x(x);	9x; T9x(x); 98x(x);
Hi-X	Sx;xSx; Hx(x)S(x);xSxx;	Sx;xSx; Hx(x)S(x);xSxx;
Lo-X	as for Hi-X;	

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit: 1 st	Hi-Lo = Odd	Hi-Lo = Odd	Hi-Lo = Odd
2 nd	Suit preference	Suit preference	Suit preference
3 rd	Lo = Encourage	Lo = Encourage	Lo = Encourage
NT: 1 st	Hi-Lo = Odd	Hi-Lo = Odd	Hi-Lo = Odd
2 nd	Suit preference	Suit preference	Suit preference
3 rd	Lo = Encourage	Lo = Encourage	Lo = Encourage

In Trumps; Hi-Lo = Odd;

On Ace lead, Lo = Encourage

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening)

Style: may be light with classic shape;

Responses: natural responses;

Reopening: as above;

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES

Negative double to 4♥; 1♣/1♦ - (1♠) - X suggests 4♥ and 8+;

Responsive double to 3♠; competitive double; Lightner double;

WBF Convention Card

Category: GREEN

NBO (Country): SCOTLAND

Event:

Players: David LIGGAT SCO1760

Liz M^cGOWAN SCO2563

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE:

ACOL based system: 4 card majors;

Open light if unbalanced (5431);

Pre-empts: loose NV; sound Vul;

Specialised 2♣/2♦ openings; natural weak 2♥/2♠ openings;

Frequent non-penalty doubles;

1NT opening: 12-14;

2 over 1 Response: forcing 1 round (not passed hand);

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

Openings:

Gambling 3NT

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

Psychics: Very infrequent;

Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg. Double	Description	Response	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣		4	4♥	10-20;	Up the line; 1NT = 8-10; 2NT = GF - no 4+M;	1NT = 15-17; 2NT = 18-19; Two Way Checkback;	New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit;
1♦		4	4♥	10-20;	Up the line; 1NT = 5-8; 2NT = GF - no 4+M;	As above; after 2 level response: 2NT = 15-19;	New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit;
1♥		4	4♦	10-20; may be 4♥ + 4♠;	Up the line; 1NT = 5-8; 2NT = 4 card value raise with no singleton or void; 3♠ = 4 card support and any void; 3NT(♠), 4♣, 4♦ = splinter;	As above; after 2 level response: 2NT = 15-19; after 3NT: 4♣ = ask: 4♦ = ♦ = void etc;	New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit;
1♠		4	4♥	10-20;	As 1♥; except 3NT = 4 card support and any void; 4♣, 4♦, 4♥ = splinter;	As above; after 2 level response: 2NT = 15-19;	New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit;
1NT				12-14 balanced; 5M or 6m OK;	NF Stayman (non-promissory); 4 suit transfers: 2♠→3♣; 2NT→3♦; 3♣ = 5+♣/4+♦ FG; 3♦ = 5+♦/4+♣ FG; 3♥/3♠ = limit 6 cards to AK,AQ,KQ; 4♣ = Gerber; 4NT = NF; 5NT = Baron;	Transfer break: M = Hxxx; m = HHx or Hxxx;	Same as for UPH except 3m = 6 cards to AK,AQ, KQ;
2♣	Yes	0	3♠	Strong single suiter or 23-24 balanced;	2♦ = neutral; 2♥ thro' 3♦ = 5 cards to 3/4 top honours or 6 cards to 2/3 top honours; 2NT = 10+ < 3 controls; 3NT = solid suit;	Suit = 8/9 playing tricks; 2NT = 23-24: responses as 2NT opener;	As for UPH
2♦	Yes	0	n/a	GF 1/2/3 suiter or 25+ balanced;	2♥ = 7+ HCP, 2+ controls; 2♠ = 0-6; 3♣ through 3♠ = 5+ cards to A or K, 7+HCP; 2NT 7+ < 3 controls; 3NT = solid suit;	Suit = natural GF; 2NT = 25+: responses as 2NT;	As for UPH
2♥		5	n/a	Weak: 5-9; 6 cards (1 st /2 nd)	2NT = range enquiry; 3♥, 4♥ = pre-empt or to make;	3♣ = min; 3♦ = non-min/poor suit; 3♥ = non-min/good suit; 3♠ = max/good suit; 3NT = AKQxxx;	As for UPH
2♠		5	n/a	As 2♥;	As 2♥;	As 2♥;	As for UPH
2NT				20-22 balanced; 5M or 6m OK;	Stayman; transfers; 3NT = 5♠/4♥ NF; 4♦ = 5♠/5♥; 4♣/4NT/5NT as 1NT;	Stayman responses: 3NT = 4♥/4♣; 3♠ = 5♠; 3♥ = 4/5♥; 3♦ = other; transfer break: HHx/Hxxx;	As for UPH
3♣		6		Pre-empt: loose NV; sound VUL;	Raise = pre-empt or to make; new suit = F1;	Raise or splinter = Hxx; otherwise rebid suit;	As for UPH
3♦		6		As 3♣;	As above;	As above;	As for UPH
3♥		6		As 3♣;	As above;	As above;	As for UPH
3♠		6		As 3♣;	As above;	As above;	As for UPH
3NT	Yes	7		Solid minor: 1 st /2 nd no outside A or K; 3 rd may, 4 th will have outside values;	4♣/5♣/6♣ = P/C; 4♦ = singleton ask with 5NT repeat ask for void; 4♥/4♠ = to play;	4♦: 4♥/4♠ = singleton or void; 4NT = singleton or void in other minor; 5♣/5♦ = no singleton or void;	As for UPH
4♣		8		Pre-empt: sound NV/ VUL;	Raise = pre-empt or to make;		
4♦		8		As 4♣;	As above;		
4♥		7		As 4♣;	New suit = F1;		
4♠		7		As 4♣;	As above;		
4NT	Yes			Ace asking;	See HLB;	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♣		8		Pre-empt: sound NV/ VUL;	As above;	4NT opening: 5♣ = no Ace; 5♦ = ♦A; 5♥ = ♥A; 5♠ = ♠A; 5NT = 2 A; 6♣ = ♣A; Cue 1 st round before 2 nd round; RKCB - Kickback: 1 st step = 0 or 3; 2 nd step = 1 or 4; 3 rd step = 2 no TQ; 4 th = 2 with TQ; DOPI; GSF; Lightner Double;	
5♦		8	As 5♣;	As above;			
5♥			Solid suit lacking AK with no losers outside;	Raise per trump holding			
5♠			As for 5♥;	As above;			
5NT							

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Responses: as over 1NT opening;

4th position: (live): 55+unbid suits (reopen): 11-14

Responses: System on

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)

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Unusual notrump: 2 lower unbid suits

4th position: 2 lowest/unbid suits

Reopening: 19-21, System on

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Style: Michaels, wide-ranging; jump cue asks for stopper;

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Responses: Michaels: natural; jump cue: 3NT with stopper;

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2♣ = ♥ + ♠; 2♦ = ♥ or ♠; 2♥ = ♥ + m; 2♠ = ♠ + m;

2NT response = suit and/or range enquiry;

2NT = ♣ + ♦ or very strong 2-suiter

Reopening: : as above except X = 5+m + 4 M;

Passed Hand: as above except X always 5+m + 4 M;

VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT bids)

X = takeout thru 4♥; Cue-bid: 2-suiter; Leaping Michaels

over weak 2s: t/ox + leb

; over 2♦ (multi): X= 13-15 BAL

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On A/Q lead, Lo = ENC; Strong Ks and Ts v NT ask for Ct/UB

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Gametry double; Rosenkranz dbl/redbl

Lightner dbls of games and slams

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1♦		4	4♥	10-20;	1NT = 5-9;	As above; after 2 level response: 2NT = 15-19;	New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit;
1♥		4	4♦	10-20; may be 4♥ + 4♠;	1NT = 5-8; 2NT = GF 4 card raise. SPL 3N = 13-15 BAL 4card raise	As above; after 2 level response: 2NT = 15-19;	New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit;
1♠		4	4♥	10-20;	As 1♥;	As above; after 2 level response: 2NT = 15-19;	New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit;
1NT				11-14 balanced; 5M or 6m OK;	Stayman (non-promissory); 4 suit transfers: 2♠ → 3♣; 2NT → 3♦; 4♣ = Gerber; 4NT = NF; 5NT = Baron;	Transfer break: M = Hxxx; m = HHx or Hxxx;	Same as for UPH except 3m = 6 cards to AK, AQ, KQ;
2♣	Yes	0	3♠	GF or 23+ BAL	2♦ = neutral; 2♥ = 0-3; 2N = 5+♥. 2♠/3♣/3♦ HHxxx+	Suit = 8/9 playing tricks; 2NT = 23-24; responses as 2NT opener;	
2♦	Yes	5	n/a	Weak 5-9; 6 cards (1 st /2 nd)	2NT asks for a high card feature		
2♥		5	n/a	Weak: 5-9; 6 cards (1 st /2 nd)	2NT asks range and features		
2♠		5	n/a	As 2♥;	As 2♥;	As 2♥;	
2NT				20-22 balanced; 5M or 6m OK;	Puppet Stayman; transfers; 3NT = 5♠/4♥ NF; 4♦ = 5♠/5♥; 4♣/4NT/5NT as 1NT;		As for UPH
3♣		6		Pre-empt: loose NV; sound VUL;	Raise = pre-empt or to make; new suit = F1;	Raise or splinter = Hxx; otherwise rebid suit;	As for UPH
3♦		6		As 3♣;	As above;	As above;	As for UPH
3♥		6		As 3♣;	As above;	As above;	As for UPH
3♠		6		As 3♣;	As above;	As above;	As for UPH
3NT	Yes	7					As for UPH
4♣		8		Pre-empt: sound NV/ VUL;	Raise = pre-empt or to make;		
4♦		8		As 4♣;	As above;		
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5♣		8		Pre-empt: sound NV/ VUL;	As above;	4NT opening: 5♣ = no Ace; 5♦ = ♦A; 5♥ = ♥A; 5♠ = ♠A; 5NT = 2 A; 6♣ = ♣A; Cue 1st/2nd round control equally RKCB -1/4; 0/3; 2 without TRQ 2 with TR Q; DOPI; ROPI Lightner Double;	
5♦		8	As 5♣;	As above;			
5♥			Solid suit lacking AK with no losers outside;	Raise per trump holding			
5♠			As for 5♥;	As above;			
5NT							