



DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Overcalls
1 st level (4)5 ⁺ cards, 8-16 HCP→ $\frac{1}{2}$ RESP=F1; $\frac{2}{4}$ RESP=NF fit-jumps, OPPT suit=INV to 4M; 2♣=FIT-DRURY 2 nd level 5 ⁺ cards, 11-17 HCP→new suit=F1 TRF-LEB after: (1M/P)-DBL/1♦/1NT-(2♦M)-?, (1m/M/P)-(2M)-DBL-?: 2y=NF; 2NT=any weak or clubs; 3♣♦♥=TRF INV ⁺ ; 3♠=TRF to 3NT; TRF to OPPT suit=STAY GF TRF-LEB after 2♣-(2M): 2NT/3♣=♣; 3♠=♦GF
1NT Overcall
VUL15-18, NV14-17, $\frac{1}{2}$ ⁺ STOP→TRFS; TRF to OPPT M=STAY Passed hand: 4M+5 ⁺ m; Reopen: 1NT=11-15; 2NT=19-21
Jump Overcalls
Weak→new suit=INV; 2NT=relay 2NT=two lowest suits; Over 1m=NAT: 2♦=5 ⁺ 4 ⁺ MM, 8-11. Reopen: intermediate
Direct & Jump Cue Bids
Over 1M: 2M=oM+m, 10 ⁺ →2NT=relay; 3♣=P/C; 3♦=INV M. 3M=ask stopper for 3NT, usually with running suit
Vs NT
ASPTRO: DBL=14 ⁺ ; 2♥♠=6 cards, 8-15; 2NT=6-5 INV ⁺ 2♣/♦=4-5♥/♠ UNBAL, 10-15, (if MM, we bid shorter first); Passed hand: DBL=4♠; 2m=m+4♥; 2M=NAT Over (1M)-(1NT): direct DBL=T/O; 2M=oM+m Reopen: DBL=NAT; 2m=m+oM; 2M=NAT
Vs Preempts
DBL=T/O thru 4♥, cards higher. CUE=ask stopper. TRF-LEB after (2x)-DBL. (2M)-4m=m+oM. 3NT-4♣=(R) w/BAL Over Multi 2♦: DBL=13-15NT / 17 ⁺ ; 2NT=16-19; 4m=♥+m
Vs Artificial Strong Openings
Over 1m, 1♣-1♦: DBL=5-4 MM, 10 ⁺ ; 1NT=5-5 Mm, 10 ⁺ 1♦♥♠=DESTR 0-15HCP, 3 ⁺ cards, 4 ⁺ any other suit; 2♣=minors; 2NT=good hand w/ one-suiter or minors Over 2m: DBL=MM; 2NT=mm
Over Opponents' Takeout Double
1♣-(DBL): RDBL=NAT GF; 1♦=5-8→NAT continuations 1♦-(DBL): RDBL/1♥/♠/NT/♣= TRF; 2NT=minors; 3x=INV 1M-(DBL): RDBL/1NT...2M-1=TRF; 2M=bad raise; 2NT=fit 1NT(14-17)-(DBL): system on 1NT(10-14)-(DBL): PASS=♣/♦/♥+♠; 2m=m+higher

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
Opening Leads Style			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3 rd /5 th	1 st /3 rd , when count is	
NT	2 nd /4 th	known: Lo=ENC	
Subseq	3 rd /ATT (1 st)/2 nd /4 th through declarer		
Leads			
	Vs Suit	Vs NT	
Ace	Ax, AK+	Asks ATT	
King	KQ+, AKxxx	Asks count or unblock	
Queen	QJ+, maybe AKQ	QJ+, KQx+, AQJ+	
Jack	JT+, KJ10+	J10+, HJ10+	
10	109+, H109+	109+, H109+	
9	KJ9, 9x	H9x	
Hi-x	Xx, xxxx	HXx, xXx, xXxx	
Lo-x	xxX, HxX	xX, HxxX(x)	
Signals in Order of Priority			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1 Lo=ENC or xx	Hi=EVEN	Odd/Even
	2 Hi=EVEN		Hi=EVEN
	3 Suit Pref		
NT	1 Lo=ENC	Smith: Hi=ENC	Odd/Even
	2 Hi=EVEN	Hi=EVEN	Hi=EVEN
Odd/Even: odd=ENC, even=Hi/Lo			
DOUBLES			
Takeout Doubles			
11-15 negative or 16 ⁺ any; Equal level conversion to ♠ & ♥. CUE=F1, jump to 2 nd =8-10, 5-cards; (2x)-DBL-2NT=TRF-LEB Reopen: t/o 9-14 or 15 ⁺			
Miscellaneous Doubles/Redoubles			
T/o thru 4♥, higher=cards; 1♦-(1♥)-DBL=4♠ SUPPDBL thru "2M-1"; DBL to OPPT CUE=A/K/Q; Often DBL=extras/competitive from NF hand; (1NT=WEAK)-(ART bid)-DBL=cards; Lightner DBL Over TRF: DBL=same as DBL to NAT bid, but LD if GF Over SPL: DBL=LD for Lo suit / no help in the only unbid suit NV vs VUL or after ♠SPL: DBL=suggest PRE; Over 3NT: LD for 2 nd priority: 3 rd /1 st /unbid/2 nd /4 th hand suit			

WBF CONVENTION CARD 	
CATEGORY	Strong club with Brown sticker
COUNTRY	 Estonia
VERSION	2022-05, latest version here
PLAYERS	Hendrik Nigul (N/E) — Taavi Toomere (S/W)
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
General Approach and Style	
Strong 1♣, precision 2♣, nebulous 1♦, 5-card majors 1NT: NV [1/2 vs VUL] 9-12 [1/2 vs NV], 10-12, [3] 10-14, [4] 12-14 VUL [1/2] 14-16, [3/4] 15-17 5-card major, 6-card minor, stiff honor possible In competition: 1 st level=F1, 2 nd level=NF, 3 rd level=GF 2/4RESP=GF unless suit rebid	
Special Bids That May Require Defence	
1♦=(0)1 ⁺ ♦, 11-15 2♦=Wilkosz 5M-(4)5 any, 5-10; Brown sticker 3NT=Gambling (max Q outside) After 1NT=[9-14]: no transfers, 2♣♦=[R], up to INV/GF 1♦-2♥=5♠4 ⁺ ♥, less than invite 1♠-3♣=INV, either a) 6 ⁺ ♥; or b) 5♥+3♠	
Special Forcing Pass sequences	
After our RDBL or PEN-DBL or we have GF After our NV 1NT-(DBL) After our 1♣ OPPT overcalls 4♥ ⁺ In FP situations: DBL=PEN/no extras; Bid=extra shape; Pass+Bid=extra values, unsure about contract	
Important Notes	
HCP & suit lengths are subject to judgement in any situation	
Psychics	
Happens if 3 rd seat, NV vs VUL, against multi or after PRE with great fit	

Open	Min Crd	Neg Dbl	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣	0	4♥	a) BAL NV: 16 ⁺ [3/4] 18 ⁺ ; VUL: 17 ⁺ b) UNBAL (12)16 ⁺ /4 ⁻ losers	1♦=0-7; 1♥♠2♣♦=5-cards, 8 ⁺ ; 1NT=8-11/14 ⁺ ; 2♥♠=6-cards, 4-7; 2NT=12-13; 3♣♦♥♠=8 ⁺ , 4441	1♣-1♦-1♥/♠=4 ⁺ , F1→2♣/♦=6-7, 0-2/3SUPP; 2♣/♦=NF; 2♥=23 ⁺ NT or GF♣/♦; 2♠=20 ⁺ (4441)	
1♦	(0)1	4♥	a) BAL VUL: 11-13, [3/4] 12-14 NV: [1/2] 13-15, [3/4] 15-17 b) UNBAL 11-15 4 ⁺ ♦/441♦4	1♥♠=4 ⁺ cards, F1; 1NT/2NT=NAT; 2♣♦=4 ⁺ F1; 2♥=5♠4 ⁺ H PRE; 2♠3♦=PRE; 3♣=5-4 mm PRE, 3♥♠=INV	1♦-1M-1X-?: 2♣=PUP 2♦(INV); 2♦=GF relay; 2NT=♣ 1♦-2m-2♥=BAL; 2♠=4m w/singleton; 2NT=1m444;	2♦ is still GF
1♥	5	3♠	11-15	2NT=GF; 3♣=mixed raise; 3♦=3SUPP BAL INV 2♣=2 ⁺ ♣; 2♦=5 cards; 2♠=PRE	After 2NT: NAT responses, 3♠ ⁺ =SPL	Fit-jumps
1♠	5	4♥	11-15	2NT=GF; 3♣=♥INV; 3♦=mixed raise; 3♥=3SUPP BAL INV		
1NT NV		4♥	[1/2 vs VUL]: 9-12, [3]: 10-14, [1/2 vs NV]: 10-12, [4]: 12-14	2♣=STAY; 2♦=GF-(R); 2♥♠3♣♥♠=NF; 3♦=5-5 MM G/T or S/T; 2NT=a) weak 6♦; b) 5-4 mm	Weak bids after 2♣: 2♦→2♥♠3♣, 2♥→2♠, 2♠→3♣♦, rest=INV; 2NT+3M=short w/mm	
1NT VUL		4♥	[1/2] 14-16, [3/4] 15-17	2♣=STAY; 2♦♥=TRF; 2♠=♣OR INV; 3♣♦=INV; 3♥♠=31(54) GF	After 2♠/2NT: 3♣=MAX; After TRF new suit=INV ⁺ 1NT-2♣-2NT=44 majors→TRF; SMOLEN	
2♣	5	4♥	10-15 a) 5♣+4M b) 6 ⁺ ♣	2♦=(R); 2M=8-12NF; 2NT=weak raise OR special hand; 3 rd level=INV	2♣-2♦: 2♥♠=4 cards; 2NT=MAX→3♣=ask shortage; 3♣=MIN→3♦=ask; 2♣-2NT-3♣-3♦=INV 5-5 majors	
2♦	0	3♠	[1/2/3] (3)5-10 5M+(4)5 any [4] 10-13 6♦	2♥♠3♥♠♠=P/C; 3♣=F1; 3♦=INV M; 4♣♦=ask 2NT=(R);	After 2NT: 3♥=♥♠; 3♠=♠♦; 3NT=♥♠MAX After 3♦: 3M=MIN; 4♣♦=MAX; 3NT=♥♠MAX	Over 2♦-DBL: System on; PASS/RDBL=P/C
2♥♠	(5)6		[1/2/3] (3)5-10, [4] 10-13	2♠=NF; 2NT=Ogust relay	After 2NT: 3♣♦=MIN; 3♣♥=bad suit	
2NT			21-22	3♣=Puppet Stayman; 3♠=6 ⁺ minor OR 5-4 minors		
3♣♦♥♠	(6)7		Preempt	new suit: NV=INV, VUL=F1; 4♣=MiniKC		
3NT			AKQxxxx in ♣/♦, no side A/K	4♣=P/C; 4♦=(R); 4NT=asks quality opposite void		
4♣♦♥♠						
4NT			6-6 minors, slam interest			

High Level Bidding
RKCB 03 14 2 2+Q; 5NT=2/4 w/void; 6x=1/3 w/void After Rkc: [+1]=Asks Q → no Q, Q+0K, Q+1K, ... If opps interfere, PASS=1 st step; If no control was implied, show/ask control first; from captain: DBL is PEN; RDBL is next relay from responder: DBL/RDBL is 1 st step with control Jump to 5 th level=Voidwood 0123 5NT is often pick-a-slam After 3NT: 4m=MINRKC→[+1]=MIN; higher=Rkc steps

Additional Notes
Transfers after 1♦-(1♥)-? DBL=4-5(6)♠ 1♠NT2♣=transfer to NT♣♦ 2♦=INV ⁺ 0-3♠; either 4-4 minors or short spade 2♥♠=♠♣weak or strong 2NT=minors 3x=INV

VP	Imps for boards									
	1	6	8	10	16					
11:9	0,8	2,0	2,3	2,6	3,3					
12:8	1,7	4,2	4,9	5,4	6,9					
13:7	2,7	6,6	7,6	8,6	10,8					
14:6	3,8	9,3	10,7	12,0	15,2					
15:5	5,0	12,2	14,1	15,8	20,0					
16:4	6,4	15,6	18,0	20,1	25,5					
17:3	8,0	19,5	22,5	25,1	31,8					
18:2	9,8	24,0	27,8	31,0	39,3					
19:1	12,1	29,6	34,2	38,2	48,3					
20:0	15,0	36,7	42,4	47,4	60,0					

BROWN STICKER OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Country Estonia

Event: EC Teams 2022

Opening bid of 2♦ **in** 1st/2nd/3rd **seat at** All vulnerabilities

Shows: 5+ major and (4)5+other suit 3-11hcp (depending on vulnerability)

Detailed Description:

In nonVUL it may be weak and (3)5-9(11) hcp and usually 5-5, with good ten-pointer we rather open 1 major; in VUL (especially vs nonVUL) it is somewhat stronger (usually 5-10 bad hcp), 3rd hand nonVUL – facing passed partner – the bid may be stronger.

In nonVUL the opening bid overlaps a bit with our 2♥/♠ opening (5+ weak) – if our 5-card-major is significantly better (and longer) than the other suit, we usually open with weak 2-bid.

Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

With long diamonds or if he has also weak two-suited hand (then the misfit is very likely in cards)

Meanings of other responses and rebids:

2♥/♠; 3♥/♠ = pass-or-correct

2NT = asking bid: 3♣ = ♣+M->3♦=asks; 3♦ = ♦+♥; 3♥ = 5♥+♠ min; 3♠ = ♦+♠; 3NT=♥+♠ max

3♣ = NAT, forcing

3♦ = INV in 5 card major: 3♥/♠ = declines; 3NT = both majors; 4♣/♦ = accepts with 5♥/♠ (transfers)

4♣ = asks for transfer to 5 card major: 4♦ = ♥; 4♥ = ♠; 4♦ = asks for 5 major

4♥/♠ = to play

Competitive Agreements

Responses after opponent's DBL (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

Pass = pass-or-correct (partner passes with 4+♦) -> bid = closer suit is better; RDBL = equal suits or further is better. Later DBL-s from both hands are for take-out/pass-or-correct (from opener it shows extra distribution)

Redouble=like pass, but sets up a penalty sequence

other bids = the same as without intervention

Responses after opponent's overcall:

DBL = pass-or-correct (if it goes 2♦ - (2M) – p – (p), then DBL from opener is takeout with some extra);

3x = NAT, F;

if opponent's bid is 3NT or higher – DBL = PEN, 4♥ = P/C

Rebids after 4th hand DBLs the response:

Pass = 5+ in that suit

bid = closer suit, better than the other

Redouble = equal suits or further is better than closer

if response asked for information (2NT, 3♦, 4♣), we ignore double

Rebids after 4th hand overcalls:

opener usually passes, DBL = take-out (promising extra lengths). If it runs to responder, then DBL = pass-or-correct, bid = NAT; NF

Proposed Defence

We ourselves use natural defense like against Multi with DBL as general takeout (about 13+ balancish or 17+ hands) to get the strength across and other bids NAT.

Probably the other defences against Multi or Polish Wilkosz are also possible to use.