

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
AGGRESSIVE AT LEVEL 1 , SOUND AT LEVEL 2 , CUE F1
After 1M overcall: 2M=3(4)c 6-9hcps, 3M=4c fit unbalanced 3-7hcps
Cue at the 3 level: 4c fit 8-11hcps (if only 8-9, then unbalanced)
2NT: 4c fit, 12 ⁺ hcps, Jump new suit: M fit with 5 card good suit limit
Cue at the 2 level: 10 ⁺ with 3c fit OR 12 ⁺ without fit
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd : (15)16-18
Re-opening: (11)12-15 , SYSTEM ON
Sandwich: (1X) - P - (1Y) - 1NT : 16-18 balanced with stoppers
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1-Suit: PRE
2-Suit: STRONG (except 2♦ after 1♣ NV could be weak)
2NT: the lowest suits
Reopen: INTERMEDIATE (6c, 12-14) , 2NT = 20-22 SYSTEM ON
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1♣) – 3♣: ♠ – ♦ 5 ⁺ -5 ⁺ / (1♦/♥/♠) – 3♦/♥/♠: ask for stopper
(1♣) – 2♣: nat 6 ⁺ ♣, (1♣) – 2♦: ♥ ♠(55+)
(1♦) – 2♦: ♠♣(55+), (1♦) – 3♣: ♥ ♠(55+)
(1M) – 2M: OM+♣(55+), (1M) – 3♣: OM+♦(55+)
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
Vs 15-17 / 16-18: (2 ND /4 TH SEAT same except dbl 11+)
DBL = 5m + 4M OR 6 ⁺ ♦ OR 19 ⁺ STRONG HAND
2♣ = ♥+♠ , 2♦ = 1 6CARD M , 2M = 5M-5 ⁺ m (then 2NT asks m)
Vs weak: DBL: 14+, ELSE: same
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
LEBENSCHOL OVER WEAK 2 , UNUSUAL VS UNUSUAL
(2X) - 2NT = 16-18(19) then system on
(2M) - 4m = 5OM + 5m , (2♦ natural) - 4♦ = MAJORS
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Vs 1♣: X=Ms, 1♦/♥ = ♥/♠, 1♠=(3)4♠+1longer suit, 1NT: ♣+♥ OR ♦+♠, 2♣/♦/♥/♠: 6card suit or 4441 (short in suit)
Vs 2♣: X:♦ OR ♥+♠, 2♦: ♥ OR ♠+♣, 2♥:♠ OR ♣+♦, 2♠:♣ OR ♦+♥
2NT: ♣+♥ OR ♦+♠
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
1X = F1, 1M (1 st 2 nd seat)-(DBL)-trf through 2M (2M=9-11 with 3cM)
1m - (DBL) 3m = LIMIT , 1m - (DBL) - 2NT = PRE, 1x-(DBL)-JNS=pre
1M - (DBL) - 3M = PRE , 1M - (DBL) - 2NT = LIMIT ⁺ WITH 4CARD FIT

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	4th	3 rd /5 th
NT	4th	3 rd /5 th
Subseq		

Other: 2nd from 3 or more low cards, high from doubleton

We lead attitude in partner's suit if there is a known fit

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AK(+), Ax(+)	ASKS FOR ATTITUDE
King	AK , KQ(+), Kx	STRONG LEAD (except KQx)
Queen	QJ10(+), Qx	QJ10(+), QJx, Qx
Jack	J10(+), Jx	Zero or 2 higher
10	Zero or 2 higher	Zero or 2 higher
9	Zero or 2 higher	Zero or 2 higher
Hi-X	Sx, xSxx, HxxSx(+)	Sx, xSxx, HxxSx(+)
Lo-X	xSx, xSxxx, HxS	xSx, xSxxx, HxS, HxxS

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	HI=DISCRG	HI/LOW=ODD	HI=DISCRG
Suit 2	HI/LOW=ODD	SP	HI/LOW=ODD
3	SP		
1	SAME	SAME	SAME
NT 2			
3			

Smith (when needed):

High: "I like the lead" from 3rd hand, "Switch pls" from the leader!

A lot of SP in secondary situations and in opponents suit or trump suit

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

AGGRESSIVE T/O DOUBLES (especially if good shape)

Cue bid F1

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

SUPPORT DOUBLES & RDOUBLES < 2H


1m – (1♥) – DBL: no 4c♣

At 3+level, RESP DBL: Useful values, any shape, DBL by PRE: wants to ruff

LEAD-DIRECTING DBL(L/D), MAX DBL, Most low-level DBLs=TO

NEG DBL of PRE O/C=USEFUL VALUES

IF WE HAVE BOTH BID A SUIT, AGAINST NT, DOUBLE ASKS FOR Pd'S SUIT

W B F CONVENTION CARD	
CATEGORY: NATURAL - GREEN	
NCBO: GREECE	
PLAYERS: Christina Syrakopoulou (GRE 4443) Yankos Papakyriacopoulos (GRE 1112)	
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
5cMajors, 1♦ opening 5c (unless 4441), 1♣ can be short (2+)	
2/1 response: GF	
1NT = F1 (BY UNPASSED HAND)	
1NT opening: 15-17	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
2♦ (1 st /2 nd position): bad weak in a Major (3-8)	
2♥/♠ (1 st /2 nd position): 8-11 6cards	
2♦ (3 rd /4 th position): weak in a Major (may be very light 3 rd)	
2♥/♠ (3 rd /4 th position): 5M4+m	
1♣ - (p) - 2♦: 6+♦-4♥ less than inv	
1m - (p) - 2♥: 5+♠-4♥ less than inv	
1m - (p) - 2♠: 5+♠-4♥ inv	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
WE DO NOT PASS WHEN UNCLEAR	
IN A GF AUCTION WHEN THE OPPONENTS ARE OBVIOUSLY SACRIFICING	
IMPORTANT NOTES	
Opening bids often on 10+	
PSYCHICS: Rare	

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	5♥	10 - 22	INVERTED minor raises (F3m), 2NT = bal GF	2wayCBS after 1NT r, Transfers after 2NT rebid	
1♣					1m-3M=SPL 15+	XYZ, 1m-(1NT)-2♣: BOTH M 5-8hcp	
1♦		4	5♥	10-22 5+♦ or 4441	SAME (1♦-3♣:mixed raise in ♦ or 12+ splinter)	1♦-(pass)-2♣ GF	
1♥		5	5♦	10-22	2NT: GF raise with 4trumps, 2♣:2+♣ GF, 2♦:5+♦GF	2wayCB, extra length	2♣/2♦=3c/4c rev Drury fit
1♥					3♣: inv 4♥, 3♦: 6-9, 4♥, 3♥ = pre , SPL with (9)10-11	1M-1NT/3x:55, 1M-1NT/2NT: strong JS 54/63	1NT: 6-11 without fit
1♠		5	5♦	10-22	SAME	SAME	SAME
1NT				(14)15-17 BAL OR SEMI BAL, can have 5M or 6m	NF STAYMAN	1NT-2♠/2NT=MAX+FIT, SAME 1NT-2NT/3♣	
1NT					4WAY & TEXAS TRANSFERS, 3♣:5+♣5+♦ WEAK	1NT – 2♣/2x-3♣:distribution asking R	
1NT					3♦:5+♣5+♦ GF, 3♥:3♠1♥(54)GF, 3♠:1♠3♥(54)GF	1NT-4♣ = 55M pick a Game	
1NT					RUBENSOHL , 1NT - 4♠ = 4-4m SLAM INV. , SMOLEN		
2♣	x			GF or (22)23+hcp if BAL	2♦ = RELAY , 2NT = 4-4-4-1 ANY , 2M = AK/KQxxx(+)	2♣ - 2♦ / 2♥ : ♥ or 25+bal (then 2♠ relay)	
2♣					3X = (5)6cards WITH 2 TOP HONORS	2♣ - 2♦ / 2NT = Sys On	
2♦	x			3-8 1 st /2 nd seat, 0-10 3 rd seat	2M&3M=p/c, 4♣:transfer your suit, 4♦:bid your suit	2♦-2NT/3♣-3♦(ask)/?	
2♦					2NT= asking relay (resp: 3♣: some shortness,	3♥:short ♥, 3♠:short ♠, 3NT: short ♣ with ♥	
2♦					3♦: max no shortness, 3♥: ♥ min, 3♠: ♠ min)	4♣: short ♦ with ♥, 4♦/♥: short ♣/♦ with ♠	
2♥		6		(8)9-11 1 st /2 nd seat, 5♥4+m 3 rd /4 th seat	2NT: Asking Relay, NS: GF	2♥-2NT/?3♣:some shortness (then 3♦ ask),	
2♥					(after 2♥ 3 rd /4 th seat, 2NT asking for the minor suit)	3♥: no outside A/K, 3♠:♠K/A, 3NT: ♣K/A	
2♠		6		(8)9-11 1 st /2 nd seat, 5♠4+m 3 rd /4 th seat	SAME	SAME	
2NT				20-22 BAL	3♣: ASK for 4/5M (can be 5+♠4+♥)	2NT-3♣/? 3♦: 1 or both 4cM, 3♥: no 4cM,	
3♣		6		PRE	3♠: trf to 3NT with 1 or both minors GF	3♠:5c♠, 3NT: 5c♥	
3♦		6		PRE			
3♥		6		PRE			
3♠		6		PRE			
3NT	x			Gambling,7+c solid m	4♣/5♣=P/C, 4♦=ASKS FOR SHORTNESS	3NT - 4♦ - 4♥/♠/5♣/♦ = SHORT ♥/♠/♦/♣, 4NT=7222	
4♣		8		PRE			
4♦		8		PRE		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♥		7		PRE		RKC BLACKWOOD (14-30, 5NT: ODD WITH VOID, 6ns: EVEN WITH VOID)	
4♠		7		PRE		NEW SUIT AT LEVEL 6 ASKS FOR 3RD ROUND CONTROL	
4nt	x			minors		PODI: P = 0, DBL =1 , 5X = 2 , ... , ROPI = P=0, DBL=1/ PODE: P=odd, DBL=even	
						OKCB (4m slam try asking for keycards, next step*=min no answer, else=14,30)	
						After overcall of OKCB Pass=1 st step, Dbl=2 nd step	
						EXCLUSION BLACKWOOD (ANSWER WITH STEPS 0,1,2 etc)	
						CUE: 1 ST AND 2 ND ROUND CONTROL UP THE LINE, GSF 5NT	