### DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

#### **OVERCALLS**

1X Can be light (6-7p) with good suit, rarely on 4 cards Responses to 1M overcall: new suit=NF; jump in new suit=INV; cue=any GF, BAL inv or INV+ raise 2NT=4-card raise; Rubens advances when applicable [D4]

2X 10-17p, 5+ suit, responses: 2Y NF constructive, cue inv+; Rubens advances  $[\mathrm{D4}]$ 

#### NT OVERCALL

15-17(18) in 2nd/4th live, promises stopper(s), system on Reopening 1NT=12-14, system on; 2NT=14-18, system on

#### JUMP OVERCALLS

1-Suit: PRE, can be very light (2-8p), 3X often with 6

2-Suit: 2NT two show two lowest unbid suits

Reopen: good 6+ suit with min opener, 2NT=18-19

#### DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS

direct cue: 5oM+5m or 5-5 MM, weak ( $\leq$  10p) or strong (16+p) jump cue: asks for stopper

#### VS. STRONG NT (min > 14HCP)

DBL=hearts and minor (5-4 usually H longer) or strong

2♣=spades and minor (5-4 usually S longer)

 $2 \diamondsuit = (5)6 + \text{hearts}$ 

 $2\heartsuit = 5 + /4 + \text{ majors}$ 

2 = (5)6 + spades

2NT=minors

3m=6+m, wide-ranging

Reopening: DONT (DBL=one suit, 2X=this suit and another higher suit)

#### VS. WEAK NT (min < 14HCP)

**2.4:** majors 5+/4+ (can be 44 in 4th); 2NT: minors; rest is natural

#### VS. PREEMPTS

LEB after (WK2x)-DBL-(PASS)

Leaping Michaels, Cue over majors asking for stopper NT natural 15-18 if 2NT or 16-20 if 3NT

#### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Against strong club: (1 $\clubsuit$ )-DBL=majors; 3NT=to play; any other level of NT=minors

Aggressive style

#### OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Often transfers in use; RDBL 8+p [D1]

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	$3\mathrm{rd}/5\mathrm{th}$	$3\mathrm{rd}/5\mathrm{th}$	
Notrump	2nd/4th(2nd without honour)	$3\mathrm{rd}/5\mathrm{th}$	
	Rusinow from 4+ suits		
Sub-	ATT (3rd/5th if CNT impor-	ATT (3rd/5th if	
sequent	tant)	CNT important)	

Other: K asks CNT/UB; A asks ATT in suit in NT A asks CNT/UB, else ATT From honours: second through declarer

#### LEADS

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	Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
	Ace	AK, AKx(+)	AK, AKJT(+)
	King	AKJT(+), KQx(+)	KQ(x), AKx(+)
	Queen	KQT(+),QJx(+),AQJx(+)	KQx(+), QJ(x), AQJ
	Jack	(A/K)JTx(+), JTx(+)	AQJx(+), QJxx(+), JT(x)
	Ten	HT9x(+), T9x(+)	HJTx(+), T9x, JTxx(+)
	9	considered x	HT9x(+), H9x, T9xx(+)
	Hi-x	see above	see above
	Lo-x	see above	see above
	Jack Ten 9 Hi-x	(A/K)JTx(+), JTx(+) HT9x(+), T9x(+) considered x see above	AQJx(+), QJxx(+), JT(x HJTx(+), T9x, JTxx(+) HT9x(+), H9x, T9xx(+) see above

#### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

		Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
	1	Hi/lo=Even	Hi/lo=Even	S/P
Suit	2	Hi=DISCRG	S/P	Hi/lo=Even
	3	S/P		
	1	Hi=DISCRG	Hi/lo=Even	S/P
NT	2	Hi/lo=Even	S/P	Hi/lo=Even
	3	S/P		

Signals: ODD/EVEN against suit (including LAVINTHAL against NT

Trumps) standard count; upside down attitude

if necessary: SMITH in NT (hi dislikes lead from

leader and likes from partner)

#### **DOUBLES**

#### TAKEOUT DOUBLES

standard, 12+p, may be lighter with perfect shape, including any 17+

Over RDBL pass is penalty

Cuebid FG from UPH

### MISCELLANEOUS DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

1&-(1\$\&)-DBL=4-5 hearts; 1&-(1\$\varphi)-DBL=4-5 spades;

1♦-(1♥)-DBL=4-5 spades

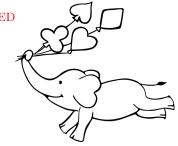
ANTI LEAD DBL from the hand that has bid this suit

Maximal doubles [E1] and stopper-asking doubles where there isn't room; Support double [E2] through  $2\heartsuit$ ; Snapdragon [E3]

RDBL often with fit and inv+ strength

#### WBF CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Artificial - RED



NCBO: Estonia EVENT: All events

**PLAYERS:** Mirjam Iher — Rasmus Maide

#### SYSTEM SUMMARY

#### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Fantunes, all 1-level suit openings are forcing

1♣ is 2+, includes all balanced hands not in 1NT or 2NT

 $1\Diamond$  on 4 cards if  $4\Diamond 5\clubsuit$  or 4441

2X=9-12p 5+ cards in the suit, doesn't have 5332 shape Lots of transfers in competitive and constructive bidding [D2-3] Very aggressive 3X PRE

1NT Openings: 12-14p vul; 11-14p nonvul, can have any SGL 2 OVER 1 Response: game forcing (exeption  $1\diamondsuit$ -2 $\clubsuit$  and  $1\diamondsuit$ -2 $\diamondsuit$ )

### SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

 $1\mathrm{X}$  opening is forcing, 13+p

 $2\mathrm{X}$  is intermediate 9-12p, 5+ suit, not with 5+ suit (can be less 3rd seat)

1♠ and 1NT is reversed after  $1\heartsuit$  opening

reversed majors after 1m opening

1♣-1♦ polish style

Frequent transfers in competition  $\,$ 

2NT often ART in competition (Good-Bad)

Drury after 3rd/4th seat openers

Rubens advances [D4]

#### SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

FP in game force situations, to 2NT after our RDBL; pass is not forcing and DBL is  $\rm T/O$  after we doubled their 1NT opening and they escaped

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

**PSYCHICS:** Rarely, usually NV with somewhere to escape to or against strong club

OPEN	ART	MIN CRDS	NEG. DBL	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1.	<b>√</b>	2	3♠	13+ with 4+ clubs or 15+ BAL, FORCING	1♦=weak or inv without 4+M or 5-5 FG; $1$ ♥=4+♠; $1$ ♠=4+♥; $2$ m=nat, FG; $2$ ♥=majors NF	1&-1 $\heartsuit$ -1 $\spadesuit$ =4 $\heartsuit$ ; 1&-1M-2NT=18- 19 or 22+; two-way checkback; Bubrotka [A1]	1.4-3m=5332 with 5-card major; Transfers in competitive bidding [D2]
1\$		4	3♠	13+ with 4+ diamonds, can be $4\diamondsuit 5\clubsuit$ , FORCING	1 $\heartsuit$ and 1 $\spadesuit$ inverted; 2m=inv+; 2M=inv; 3 $\clubsuit$ =mixed raise; 3 $\diamondsuit$ =PRE; 2NT=strong BAL	$1\diamondsuit-1\heartsuit-1\spadesuit=4\heartsuit; \ 1\diamondsuit-1M-1NT=any$ 18+; $1\diamondsuit-1M-1NT-2\clubsuit=any \ FG$	Transfers in competitive bidding [D2]
1♡		5	3♠	13+ with 5+ hearts, FORCING	1 $\spadesuit$ =forcing catch-all; 1NT=5+ $\spadesuit$ ; 2m=nat FG; 2 $\spadesuit$ =BAL FG; 2NT=12+p, 4+ $\heartsuit$ ; 3 $\clubsuit$ = 9-11p, 4+ $\heartsuit$ ; 3 $\diamondsuit$ =6-8p, 4+ $\heartsuit$ ; 3 $\heartsuit$ =0-5p, 4+ $\heartsuit$	transfers after $1\heartsuit-1\spadesuit$ [F1]; $1\heartsuit-1$ NT-2♣=any 18+ or $6+\heartsuit$ 13-17 (after what $2\diamondsuit=$ any $6+p$ )	non-fit drury; 2M-1=good raise; 2M+1=BAL 4-card raise; minisplinters (1♡-2NT=♠ SPL)
1♠		5	3♡	13+ with 5+ spades, FORCING	1NT=forcing; 2/1 FG; 2NT=BAL, FG; 3\$\(\blue{+}=12+\p\), 4+\$\(\blue{+}\); 3\$\(\circ=-8p\), 4+\$\(\blue{+}\); 3\$\(\circ=-5p\), 4+\$\(\blue{+}\)	1 $\spadesuit$ -1NT-2 $\clubsuit$ =any 18+ or 13-17 with 4+ $\heartsuit$ (after what 2 $\diamondsuit$ =any 6+p); 1 $\spadesuit$ -1NT-2 $\heartsuit$ =3+ $\clubsuit$ [F2]	as $1\heartsuit$ opening, $2\diamondsuit=5+\heartsuit$ ; Transfers in competitive bidding [D2]
1NT			3♠	12-14p (11-14 nonvul), includes all 5332, 5422 and 4441	2♣=puppet to $2\diamondsuit$ ; $2\diamondsuit/2\heartsuit=4+\heartsuit/\spadesuit$ ; 2♠= asks strength; 2NT=asks weak doubleton; 3♣=puppet to $3\diamondsuit$ ; $3\diamondsuit$ =INV with long M	after 1NT-2 $\clubsuit$ -2 $\diamondsuit$ : 2 $\heartsuit$ =5+ $\spadesuit$ , 2 $\spadesuit$ =minor or minors, other=5+ $\heartsuit$ ; 1NT-2 $\diamondsuit$ -2 $\heartsuit$ -2 $\spadesuit$ =majors, F1	
2.		5	3♠	9-12p, 5+♣ not 5332 shape	$2\diamondsuit$ =shape relay; 2M=to play; 2NT+ transfers	2♣-2♦-2♥/2♠=3+ suit	Transfers in competitive bidding [D3]
2\$		5	3♠	9-12p, 5+ $\diamondsuit$ not 5332 shape	2♥=shape relay; $2$ ♠=5+♥, inv; 2NT+ transfers	2♦-2♥-2♠=3+♠; 2♦-2♥-2NT=3+♥	Transfers in competitive bidding [D3]
2♡		5	3♠	9-12p, 5+♡ not 5332 shape	2♠=shape relay; 2NT=forces 3♣; 3♣=relay with support	after $2\heartsuit$ -2 $\spadesuit$ : $2NT=\clubsuit$ , $3\clubsuit=\diamondsuit$ , $3\diamondsuit=\spadesuit$ ; after $2\heartsuit$ -2 $NT$ : everything is to play; after $2\heartsuit$ -3 $\clubsuit$ : $3\heartsuit$ =min	
2♠		5	3♡	9-12p, 5+♠ not 5332 shape	2NT=forces 3 $\clubsuit$ ; 3 $\clubsuit$ =shape relay; 3 $\diamondsuit$ = $\heartsuit$ inv+; 3 $\heartsuit$ =relay with support	after $2\spadesuit$ - $3\clubsuit$ : $3\diamondsuit$ = $4+\heartsuit$ , $3\heartsuit$ = $4+m$ ; after $2\spadesuit$ - $2NT$ : everything is to play; after $2\spadesuit$ - $3\heartsuit$ : $3\spadesuit$ =min	
2NT				20-21p, (semi)BAL	$3\clubsuit = (R); 3\diamondsuit/3\heartsuit = transfers; 3\spadesuit = MSS$	after 2NT-3 $\spadesuit$ : 3 $\diamondsuit$ =4cM; 3 $\heartsuit$ =no 4+M; 3 $\spadesuit$ =5 $\spadesuit$ ; 3NT=5 $\heartsuit$	
3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠		6		can be light (very light nonvul) 2-8p is normal	3♣-3♦=asks for 3-card major new suit=invitational		
3NT	<b>√</b>			solid minor, nothing outside			
4♣	✓			$7+\heartsuit$ , 8.5-9.5 playing tricks	4♦=last train; $4$ ♥=to play; $4$ NT=RKCB		
4\$	✓			7+♠, 8.5-9.5 playng tricks	4♡=last train; 4♠=to play; 4NT=RKCB		
4♡				PRE, less than 10(11)p			
4♠				PRE, less than 10(11)p			

### HIGH LEVEL BIDDING

Italian style cuebidding, 2 out of 3 top in own suit, at least queen and no shortage cues in partner's suit

RKCB 1430

Minorwood

Serious 3NT

Last train

5 of agreed suit=asking control in opps/unbid suit or trump quality

Lightner double

# ADDITIONAL NOTES Elephant [G1]



Section A: Conventions Used	$1\heartsuit$ -(DBL)-?	1♣-(1♦)-?
	RDBL = strength	$DBL = 4 + \emptyset$
factor as	1♠ = minors	$1 \circ = 4 + \spadesuit$
[A1] Bubrotka	1NT = 5 + clubs	1♠ = 6-7p balanced
<b>1♣-1M-2</b> $\diamondsuit$ = relay with 18+p and at least 3-card support	2♣ = 5+ diamonds	1NT = both majors
1 <b>8</b> 13 5 0 A 9	$2\Diamond$ = constructive heart raise	2♣ = stopper ask, F2NT 2♦ = (5)6+♥, weak or FG
1♣-1M-2 $\diamondsuit$ -? 2 $\heartsuit$ = 6-9p 4-card M	$2\heartsuit$ = weak heart raise	$2\nabla = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , weak of FG
÷	$2 \spadesuit = \text{inv } 5 + \spadesuit$	2   = (5)6 +
$2 \spadesuit = 10+p \text{ 4-card M}$ $2NT = 10+p \text{ 5+M}$	2NT = mixed heart raise	2NT = twosuiter, FG
$3m = 6-9p \ 4M, 5m$	3m = inv 6+m	<b>2</b> 111 (110541101), 1 G
$3\heartsuit = 6-9p 5M$ , unbalanced	$3\heartsuit$ = PRE	<b>1♣-</b> (1♡) <b>-</b> ?
$3 \spadesuit = 6-9p 5M$ , balanced		$DBL = 4 + \spadesuit$
3NT = 6-9p 6+M	1A (DDI) 2	1♠ = 6-7p bal
1	1♠-(DBL)-?	1NT = minors
	RDBL = strength	$2 \clubsuit = (5)6 + \diamondsuit$ , weak or FG
Section B: Leads and Signals	1NT = 5+ clubs	$2\diamondsuit$ = stopper ask, F2NT
	$2 \clubsuit$ = 5+ diamonds	$2\heartsuit = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , weak or FG
Section C: Bids That May Require a		$2 \spadesuit = (5)6 + \clubsuit$ , weak or FG
	$2\heartsuit$ = constructive spade raise	2NT = twosuiter FG
Defence	2♠ = weak spade raise	
	2NT = mixed spade raise	14-(14)-?
Section D: Defensive and competitive	3X = inv  6+X	$DBL = 4+\emptyset$
	3♠ = PRE	1NT = 6-7p  bal
bidding		$2 \clubsuit = (5)6 + \diamondsuit$ , weak or FG
<u> </u>	04 (ppr) 8	$2\diamondsuit = (5)6+\heartsuit$ , weak or FG
	2♣-(DBL)-?	$2\heartsuit$ = stopper ask, F2NT
[D1] Over opponents' takeout double	RDBL = Balance of power (12+p)	$2 \spadesuit = (5)6 + \clubsuit$ , weak or FG
[] • · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2X = NF	2NT = twosuiter FG
1 • (DDI) ?	2NT = good club raise	
1♣-(DBL)-?	3♣ = PRE	1♣-(2X)-?
$RDBL = strength$ $1 \diamondsuit = 4 + \heartsuit$	$3\diamondsuit = (5)6+\heartsuit, INV+$	New suit on 2 level is NF, 2NT is lebensohl (natural if X is clubs),
$ \begin{array}{rcl} 1\diamondsuit & = & 4+\heartsuit \\ 1\heartsuit & = & 4+\spadesuit \end{array} $	$3\heartsuit = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , INV+	transfers with inv+ hands on 3-level.
1♦ = transfer to NT	$3 \spadesuit = (5)6 + \diamondsuit, INV +$	
1NT = both majors	3NT = to play	1◊-(1♡)-?
2X = transfer to the X+1 suit, weak or FG		$DBL = 4+ \spadesuit$
2NT = minors, invite	2 (DDI) 2	1♠ = transfer to NT 5+p
,	$2\lozenge$ -(DBL)-?	1NT = (5)6 + 4  weak or  FG
1◊-(DBL)-?	RDBL = Balance of power (12+p)	2♣ = 4+♦, 9+p
	2X = NF	$2\diamondsuit = 4+\diamondsuit, 5-8p$
RDBL = strength $1 \heartsuit = 4 + \spadesuit$	2NT = good diamond raise	$2\heartsuit = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , weak or strong
$1 \diamondsuit = 4 + \heartsuit$	$3 \clubsuit = (5)6 + \heartsuit, INV +$	
1NT = 5-8p  to play	$3\diamondsuit$ = PRE	1◊-(1♠)-?
$2 \clubsuit = 5 + \text{hearts}$	$3\heartsuit = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , INV+	$DBL = 4 + \emptyset$
$2\diamondsuit$ = simple raise	$3 \spadesuit = (5)6 + \clubsuit, INV +$	1NT = 5-8p nat
2 % = 5+ spades	3NT = to play	$2 \clubsuit = (5)6 + \heartsuit$ , weak or strong
2♠ = 6+ clubs		$2\Diamond$ = simple raise
2NT = mixed raise of diamonds	[Do] The section 127	20 = stopper ask F2NT
$3\diamondsuit$ = PRE	[D2] Transfers in competition after 1X open-	24 - (9)0.45, weak of birong
3X = nat INV	ing	2NT = diamond support inv+

#### $1\diamondsuit$ -(2X)-?

New suit on 2 level is NF, 2NT is lebensohl (inv with diamonds if X is clubs), transfers with inv+ hands on 3-level.

#### 1♡-(1♠)-?

2♣ = diamonds weak or strong

 $2\diamondsuit$  = 8-10p raise

 $2\heartsuit$  = 4-7p raise

2♠ = clubs weak or strong 2NT = hearts support, FG

#### 1♡-(2X)-?

New suit on 2 level is NF, 2NT shows support over  $2\clubsuit$ , is transfer to clubs over  $2\diamondsuit$  and is lebensohl over  $2\spadesuit$ . Transfers with inv+hands on 3-level.

### 1♠-(2X)-?

New suit on 2 level is NF, 2NT shows support over  $2\clubsuit$ , is transfer to clubs over  $2\diamondsuit$  and is lebensohl over  $2\heartsuit$ . Transfers with inv+hands on 3-level.

# [D3] Transfers in competition after 2m opening

### 2♣-(2♦)-?

2X = 5+X, NF

2NT = forces  $3\clubsuit$  (club raise / stopper ask /

two-suited game force)

3♣ = support, INV

 $3\diamondsuit = (5)6+\heartsuit, INV+$ 

 $3\heartsuit = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , INV+

 $3 \spadesuit$  = slam interest in clubs

3NT = to play

### 2♣-(2♡)-?

2♠ = 5+♠, NF

2NT = lebensohl

3♣ = support, INV

 $3\diamondsuit$  = slam interest in clubs

 $3\heartsuit = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , INV+  $3\spadesuit = (5)6+\diamondsuit$ , INV+

3NT = to play

#### **2♣**-(**2♠**)-?

2NT = lebensohl  $3\clubsuit = support, INV$  $3\diamondsuit = (5)6+\heartsuit, INV+$ 

 $3\heartsuit$  = slam interest in clubs

 $3 \spadesuit = (5)6 + \diamondsuit$ , INV+

3NT = to play

#### 2◊-(2♡)-?

2♠ = 5+♠, NF

2NT = lebensohl (after: 3♦=INV; 3M=cue, slam interest in diamonds, 3NT=asks ♥ stopper)

3♣ = 6+♣, INV

 $3\diamondsuit$  = PRE

 $3\heartsuit = (5)6+\spadesuit$ , INV+

 $3 \spadesuit = (5)6 + \clubsuit, FG$ 

3NT = to play

### 2◊-(2♠)-?

2NT = lebensohl (after: 3♦=INV; 3M=cue, slam interest in diamonds, 3NT=half stopper in ♠)

 $3 \clubsuit = (5)6 + \heartsuit, INV +$ 

 $3\diamondsuit$  = PRE

 $3\heartsuit$  = asks stopper

 $3 \spadesuit = (5)6 + \clubsuit, INV +$ 

3NT = to play

# [D4] Rubens advances

After our overcall at 1 or 2-level, if opponents' suit isn't immediately below our suit, the meanings of bids are switched so that cuebid is one bid lower than a simple raise and bids below that are transfers. NT bids are not affected. For example:

(1♣)-1♠-(PASS or DBL)-?

1NT = natural

 $2 \clubsuit$  = transfer to  $\diamondsuit$ 

 $2\diamondsuit$  = transfer to  $\heartsuit$ 

2♥ = Good raise in spades, balanced invite or any FG

 $2 \spadesuit$  = simple raise

### Section E: Doubles

# [E1] Maximal doubles

When we have bid and raised a major and opponents intervene so that we have no bids available before 3M, DBL is invitation to 4M.

## [E2] Support double

Promises 3-card support to partner's 4+ suit.

# [E3] Snapdragon

When partner overcalls and three suits have been bid naturally, double shows tolerance (usually doubleton) to partner's suit and the fourth suit (usually 5-cards).

### Section F: Back of Card

# [F1] After 100

### 1♡-1♠-?

1NT = 13+p,  $5\heartsuit 3+\clubsuit$ 

2♣ = 13+p, 5♡3+♦

 $2\diamondsuit = 13+p, 6+\heartsuit$ 

2♥ = 13-17, 5+♥4+♠

2♠ = 15+p, 5+♡4+♠, shapely (6-5) if 15-17

 $2NT = 18+p, 6\heartsuit 4m \text{ or } 5\heartsuit 5m$ 

#### 1♡-1NT-?

2♣ = any 18+p or 13-17p, 6+♡

2♦ = 6+p

 $2\Diamond = 13-17p, 3+\Diamond$ 

2♥ = 13-17p, 5+♥3+♣

2♠ = 13-17p, 3+♠

 $2NT = 18+p, 6 \triangleq 4m \text{ or } 5 \triangleq 5m$ 

# [F2] After 1♠

#### 1**♠**-1NT-?

 $2\clubsuit$  = any 18+p or 13-17p, 5♠4+♡

 $2\diamondsuit = 6+p$ 

 $2 \diamondsuit = 13-17p, 5 \spadesuit 3+ \diamondsuit$ 

 $2\heartsuit = 13-17p, 5 \spadesuit 3+ \clubsuit$ 

 $2 \spadesuit = 13-17p, 6+ \spadesuit$ 

 $2NT = 18+p, 6 \clubsuit 4m \text{ or } 5 \clubsuit 5m$ 

# Section G: Others

# [G1] Elephant



Players: Mirjam <u>Iher</u> — Rasmus <u>Maide</u>

# Section H: Prepared Defences