DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)

Aggressive at 1 level (may be 4 cards); generally sound at 2 level Responses: (1x) 1M (P): 3x = Mixed raise (6-9); 2M/3M/4M = Pre; 2NT = 9+, 4+ supp; Transfer advances, otherwise new suit = F; Fit jumps

(1x) 2m (P): 3x = Spl; 3m/4m/5m = Pre; 2NT = Nat; Transfer advances, otherwise new suit = F; Fit jumps

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

2nd/4th live: 1NT = 15-18

Reopening: 1NT = 11-14; 2NT = 19-21

Responses: (1m) 1NT: System on

(1M) 1NT: 2 = \Rightarrow ; 2M-1 = Asks for 4oM Rubensohl (X = T/O if overcall is natural)

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak, 5-10 (aggressive NV; wide-ranging opposite PH)

Responses: 2NT = Asks for feature; Cue = Asks for suit quality

 $(1m) 2NT = \forall +om (1M) 2NT = \rightarrow +oM$

(1x) P (1y) 2NT = Two-suited in unbid suits

DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

 $(1m) 2m = \forall + \spadesuit$

(1M) 2M = ++oM

(1x) P (1y) 2x/y = Natural

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

Vs strong NT opened in 3rd NV or vs weak NT by unpassed hand: $X = \text{Penalty}; \ 2 = 4 + \text{any}; \ 2$

VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

Weak 2: X = T/O (Responses: 2NT = Lebensohl; 3m = NF, 9-11) 2NT = 15-18; $3 \spadesuit = Asks$ for stopper; $(2 \spadesuit) 4 \clubsuit = \clubsuit + M$;

 $(2 \diamondsuit) 4 \diamondsuit = \heartsuit + \diamondsuit; (2M) 4m = m + oM$

Weak 3: X = T/O: 3NT = Nat: (3 •) 4 • = • + M:

 $(3 \spadesuit) 4 \spadesuit = \heartsuit + \spadesuit; (3M) 4m = m + oM$

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1* or 2*

 $(1 \clubsuit)$ or $(1 \clubsuit)$ P $(1 \spadesuit)$: X = Majors; 1NT/2NT = Minors

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1M (X): 1NT/2♣ = Trf; 2M-1 = 8+, 3(4) supp; 2NT = 8+, 4+ supp; Fit jumps

| TEADS | AND | SIGNALS | |
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| LEADS | AND | OUTNALO | |

OPENING LEADS STYLE

| | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
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| Suit | 3rd/Low | } Attitude if supported |
| NT | 4th/2nd from bad 3+ suit | 3rd/Low if unsupported |
| Subseq | Attitude | Attitude |
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A/Q asks for attitude (Hi = Disc); K asks for unblock or count (Hi = E)

LEADS

| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Ace | AK(+); Ax(+) | AK(+); Ax(+) |
| King | AKx(+); KQ(+); Kx | Asks for unblock or count |
| Queen | AKQ(+); QJ(+); Qx | (A)KQ(+); QJ(+); Qx |
| Jack | (K)J10(+); Jx | (A/K)J10(+); J10(+); Jx |
| 10 | 109(+); 10x | (H)109(+); 10x |
| 9 | KJ9(x); H109(x); 9x | 9x |
| Hi-X | Xx | Xx; xXx(+) |
| Lo-X | HxX(x); xxX(x); xxxxX | HxX; HxxX(+) |

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

| Partner's Lead | | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding | |
|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| | 1 | Hi = Disc | Hi = Even | Hi = Disc | |
| | Suit 2 | Hi = Even | Suit preference | Hi = Even | |
| | 3 | Suit preference | | Suit preference | |
| | 1 | Hi = Even | Smith (see below) | Hi = Disc | |
| | NT 2 | Hi = Disc (A/Q lead) | Hi = Even | Hi = Even | |
| | 3 | Suit preference | Suit preference | Suit preference | |

Signals (including Trumps):

Smith: Hi = Encourages continuation on both sides

Suit preference in trumps

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

12+ direct; Equal level conversion

Responses: (1x) X (1M) X = Pen; (1x) X (1M) 2M = 5+M

Scrambling 2NT

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

 $1 \clubsuit (1 \spadesuit) X = 4 + ♥; 1m (1 ♥) X = 4 + \spadesuit$

Support double shows 3(4)-card support (any strength)

W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Red

NCBO: England

PLAYERS: Michael Alishaw – Stephen Kennedy

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Vul/4th: $1 \clubsuit = F$, 10+ natural/balanced/strong; $1 \spadesuit = 4+ \spadesuit$

NV: $1 \clubsuit = F$, 14 + natural/balanced/strong; $1 \spadesuit = 1 + \spadesuit \text{ (nat/bal/4414)}$

5-card majors (semi-forcing 1NT); light openings NV/3rd

1NT opening: 14-16 Vul/4th; 9-11 NV 1st/2nd; 9-16 NV 3rd

2/1 response: FG except direct rebid Vul; F2M NV

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

1st/2nd: Multi $2 \blacklozenge$ (weak 2M) NV 1st: $2 \blacktriangledown = 3-8$, $4+ \blacktriangledown 4+ \spadesuit$

2NT = Both minors; Gambling 3NT

Rubensohl (X = T/O if overcall is natural)

Transfers in competition after we open

1x (1NT) 2 = Majors

Good-Bad 2NT

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

 $(1NT) \times (2 / 4 / \Psi) P = F$

1x(X)XX(2 - 4/4) P = F

IMPORTANT NOTES

1 ♦ opening may have 4 ♦ 5+♣

1M opening may be 4-card suit in 3rd

PSYCHICS: Rare

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| OPENING | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG.DBL THRU | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| 1.* | √ | 0 | | Vul/4th: 10+ nat / 11-13 bal / 17+ bal / FG any NV: 14+ nat / 15+ bal / 17+ any | 1 ◆ = 0-5 any or 6+ without 4M; $1M = 6+$, nat; $1NT = Inv$ | 1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1NT = 17-19; 1 ♣ 1M 1NT = Min bal 1 ♣ 1M 1NT: 2 ♣ = Pup 2 ♦; 2 ♦ = Relay | |
| 1 ♦ | ✓ | 1(4) | | Vul/4th: NF, 10+ unbalanced 5+♦, unless 4♦5+♣ or 4♦(441) NV: 9-16 nat or 12-14 bal/4414 | Vul: $1NT = 5-11$; $2 = FG$, nat $NV: 1NT = 5-11$; $2 = 5+4$; $2 = FG$, bal/ $5+4$ | | 2♣ = NF; Fit jumps |
| 1♥ | | 5(4) | 4♦ | Vul/4th: NF, 10+ NV: 9-16 May be 4-card suit in 3rd | $1 \triangleq F$, $0-4 \triangleq$; $1NT = F$, $5+ \triangleq$; $2 \triangleq F$, $nat/bal (2+ \clubsuit)$; $2NT = Limit+$, $4+ \heartsuit$; $3 \heartsuit = Pre$; $4m = Spl$ | | 2 ♦ = NF; Fit jumps Vul: 2 ♣ = 8-10, 3+♥ |
| 1 🖍 | | 5(4) | 4♥ | Vul/4th: NF, 10+ NV: 9-16 May be 4-card suit in 3rd | 1NT = 5-11; 2* = F, nat/bal (2+*); 2NT = Limit+, 4+*; 3* = Pre; 4x = Spl | | $2 \blacklozenge / \blacktriangledown = NF$; Fit jumps Vul: $2 \clubsuit = 8-10, 3+ \spadesuit$ |
| 1NT | | | 4♦ | Vul/4th: 14-16 (may have 6m) NV 1st/2nd: 9-11 NV 3rd: 9-16 (may have 6m or singleton) | 2♣ = Stayman; $2 \diamondsuit / \diamondsuit / \diamondsuit / NT = Transfer;$ 3♣ = Puppet Stayman; $3 \diamondsuit = FG, \diamondsuit + \clubsuit; 3M = Spl;$ $4 \clubsuit / \diamondsuit = Pup 4 \blacktriangledown / \diamondsuit$ | | |
| 2* | | 6(5) | 4♥ | Unbalanced (may be 5 44M NV) Vul/4th: 10-15 NV: 9-13 | Vul/4th: $2R = Trf$; $2NT = Inv$; $3 = Pre$ NV: 2 = Relay; $2M = Inv$; $3 = Pre$ | | |
| 2♦ | ✓ | 5 | | 1st/2nd: Weak 2M 3rd: 5+♦ (wide-ranging) | 2M/3M = P/C; $2NT = Relay$ | | |
| 2♥ | ✓ | | | Vul 1st/2nd: 10-15, 6+♥ NV 1st: 3-8, 4+♥4+♠ NV 2nd: 8-12, 6+♥ | 2NT = Relay; 2 ♦ /3 ♦ /3 ♦ = F, nat; 3 ♥ = Pre 2NT = Relay; 3 ♣ = Pup 3 ♦; 3 ♦ = Asks for better M 2NT = Relay; 2 ♦ /3 ♦ /3 ♦ = F, nat; 3 ♥ = Pre | | |
| 2 🏟 | | 5 | | Vul 1st/2nd: 10-15, 6+♠ NV 1st/2nd: 8-12, 6+♠ | $2NT = Relay; 3 . / \bullet / \Psi = F, nat; 3 . = Pre$ | | |
| 2NT | ✓ | 5-5 | | 8-12, 5+ ♣ 5+ ♦ (NV 1st: 3-8) | 3m/4m = Pre; 3M = F, nat | | |
| 3♣ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3♦ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3♥ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3 A | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 3NT | ✓ | 7 | | Gambling | $4 \frac{1}{4} = P/C$; $4 ◆ = Asks$ for shortage; $4M = To play$ | | DDDIG |
| 4. | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 4♦ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive Pre-emptive | | 4NT = RKCB-1430: 5NT = 2 + void; 6x = 1 or 3 + void Interference over RVCP: ROPL DOPL (over 5m): DEPO (over 5m or higher) | |
| 4▼ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | Interference over RKCB: ROPI; DOPI (over 5m); DEPO (over 5♥ or higher) Splinters; Exclusion RKCB: 0314 responses | |
| 4NT | √ | , | | Asks for specific aces | $5 = 0$ aces; $5 \neq / \checkmark / 6 = T$ hat ace; $5NT = 2$ aces | Cue bids show first or second round controls | |
| 5* | , | 8 | | Pre-emptive | 5 = 0 accs, 5 v / v / w / 0 = 1 nat acc, 51 1 = 2 accs | Lightner double | |
| 5♦ | | 8 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 5♥ | | 8 | | Pre-emptive | | | |
| 5 🛦 | | 8 | | Pre-emptive | | | |