

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS
1M: 6-16 (17); 5+ or 4 good cards, light style
2 Level Vuln. – Sound, NOT Vuln. – may be light
Jump raise= MIXED (PRE non vul), Free with passed partner
2♣ = Relay, at least inv. (2♦ - 5-9, 2M - 10-12, other bid 13+)
2nd level: 10-16
Suit at 3 rd level- Usually FG
1NT OVERCALL
Live: 15-17, System On
Balanced: 11-14, System On, 2♣ - Range ask – 2NT shows Max
JUMP OVERCALLS
Jumps are usually weak, may have second suit - FREE
Only UNFAV jumps are INTERM – 13-15 6+ Good suit;
4 level jumps – Fit Showing
Reopen=6+ HCP
DIRECT and JUMP CUE
(1m) nat (4+) – 2m = 55+ MMs
(1M) – 2M = Ghestem (OM + Clubs, 5+5+)
(1M) – 3CL = Ghestem (OM + Diamonds, 5+5+)
(1m) if nat (4+) – 3m = 7+ SOL suit, asks for stopper
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VS.NT
DBL= 4M with 5+♣; 2♣-MM; 2♦-♦+M; 2♥,♠-nat.; 2N-mm or MM Strong
Vs Weak NT – Woolsey with penalty Double
VS. PREEMPTS
3C: 4♣=Both MMs, 5+5+, 4♦ = ♦ & M, 5+5+, FG
3D: 4♣ = ♣ & M, 5+5+, FG 4♦ = Both MMs
3M: Nat
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENING
Vs 1♣ : DBL= ♦; 1♦= ♥; 1♥= ♠; 1♠= ART any 1 or 2 suiter; 1NT= 4♣-5+m;
2♣=NAT; 2♦=5+5+ ♠ and another, 2♥= Both MMs, 2♠ = NAT;
Vs 2♣/♦: DBL = Both MMs, 2NT = Both minors
OVER OPPONENTS DOUBLE
1♦ - (DBL) - ? TRFs start w/ RDBL, 1M- (DBL) -? TRFs start w/ 1NT
1M - (DBL) - ? RDBL (10)11+ HCP normally without FIT
3x - (DBL) - ? TRFs starting w/ RDBL

LEADS AND SIGNALS		
OPENING LEADS STYLE		
	SUIT	NT
General	3/5	Att
Pd's suit	3/5	3/5
Middle of game	Att	Lo=Enc; Hi=Disc
Middle of game	Att	Att
General from H's	3/5	Att
A	for ATT	AK+
K	for Count	STR combination
Q	QJ+ (for Att)	KQ109+
J	J10+	KJ10+
10	109+	H + 109+
9	9x	xXx
1st trick – Reversed Attitude		
NT First Trick Att - 3rd from Honour; Smallest from 2 Honours		
STD Suit Pref.		
NT Reversed Smith in 1/2/3NT		
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY		
	SUIT	NT
1	Rev. att.	Same
2	Rev. count	Same
3	STD S/P	Same
DOUBLES		
TAKE OUT DOUBLES		
Light (9+) if proper (ex: 4441) distribution in any position		
Most low level DBLs are T/O or COMP		
SPECIAL ARTIFICIAL DOUBLES/REDOUBLES		
Lead directing DBL		
Support DBL/RDBL; PEN DBLs after opening Weak 2/3		
Game try DBL; (3 in our Suit is COMP)		

WBF CONVENTION CARD	
Category	Blue
NCBO	ENGLAND + / ENGLAND +
EVENT	All Events
PLAYERS	Todor TIHOLOV – Marusa GOLD
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
Precision club	
5-Card M and frequent TRF in comp; Light openings and overcalls.	
Free Preempts, especially w/ passed partner.	
Frequent use of Non-PEN (competitive) doubles.	
1NT Opening – 1 st /2 nd -14-16, 3 rd /4 th -15-17, may have 5422; 6m;	
Judgement allowed in any situation.	
2/1:2♣- Any FG (Clubs or Bal.); 2♦ - FG, 5+♦	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE	
1) 1♣ opening- 15+ Unbal, 16+ BAL.	
2) 1♦ opening - 0+♦; 10-15 HCP.	
3) 2N/3♣ = ♣/♦ PRE or 55+♣/♦ & ♥, 4- Losers, 15+ HCP; FG. 3♦=♥PRE or 55♥+♠, 4-L,15+ HCP,3♥=♠PRE or 55+♠ & minor FG.	
4) 3♠ - Gambling; 7+ SOL Suit, Max Q or J outside.	
5) 3NT – Both minors 5+5+ FG; 4NT – 65+mm, Weak.	
6) 2♦ - Both MMs - 5+/4+ either way, 3-9 HCP.	
7) 1♦ - P - 2♥=5♠+/4+♥, less than INV.	
8) 1♦ - P - 3♣- 5+/4+ both minors, less than INV.	
9) 2-suiter overcalls. 1♣ - 2♦ -Both Majors. 1♠ - 3♣ = ♥ + ♦. 1♥ - 3♠ = ♠ + ♦.	
10) 2♣ response to 1M opening = FG but 2+ cards.	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
After 1♣ opening and 2/1 FG – DBL – T/O or Fit; Pass requests DBL.	
1M- (DBL) – REDBL (10+ HCP) – Pass = F1, DBL – T/O.	
High level auctions - Pass=wants to defend, DOUBLE = wants to bid.	
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE	
Lebensohl, TRFs and ART bids in many competitive situations.	
PSICHICS	
1♥ - P - 1♠.	
Rare. We practice light openings in 3 rd position (4 cards M) possible	

OPENING	ART	min	NEG	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND
1♣	Y	0	4SP	15+ Unbal. 16+ Bal.	1♦- 0-7 any; 1♥-FG w ♠ or 11-13; 1♠-FG w ♥; 1NT-FG w 5+♣; 2♣- FG w 5+♦; 2♦-8-10bal; 2♥-14-15; 2♠-FG w any 4441; 2NT=16+; 3♣- 8-11, 5+5+ minors; 3♦-8-11 w 5+5+♦+♥; 3♥- 8-11 w 5+5+ ♣ + ♥;	1♣ - 1♦ - 1M- 4+ Unbal; F1 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 17-21, System on; 1♣ - 1♥ - 2♣ - Any 4441, 2NT - asks (L, M, M, H)	Same
1♦	Y	0	4SP	10-15 HCP	1M=NAT,4+M,F1; 1NT=NF; 2♣/2♦=INV+, NAT; 2♥=5♣&4♥, Weak; 2♠-Bal,Inv. or 55 minors inv; 2NT=Weak w ♣ or FG Bal. (4M) or Slam try (18-19) 3♠-Mixed w 5+4+ minors; 3M - FG Both minors;	1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠- Could be Bal; 1♦ - 1M - 2M- (3+ fit); 2NT - Relay, Inv+ 1♦ - 1M - 2NT- 6+♦ w 3♥; 1♦ - 1M - 3♦ - 6+♦, no 3♥ 2 way check back; TRFs when they overcall on 2+ level	2m = Nat,NF; Others = System on;
1♥	No	5	4SP	10-15 HCP, 5+♥ 4+♥ and/or light in 3 rd seat	1NT=Semi F; 2/1=FG(2♣=♣ or BAL,2♦= 5+♦) 3m/3♥ (if 1♠) =NAT INV w 6+ good suit; 2♠ = Any SPI - 10-14 HCP (2NT- asks - L, M, H) 3NT = 13-16 HCP, 3♥, normally 4333;	1M - 2♣ - NAT rebids; Jumps - SPLs 1M - 2NT@ - ? ART rebids 1M-(Dbl) - TRF responses; Fit jumps - 4Level 2 Way Check back;	1NT is not forcing; 2♣= Drury, 3 card supp; 2♦=Drury, 4 card supp, no shortage; 2NT=4+FIT,MAX+shortage;
1♠	No	5	4HE	10-15 HCP, 5+♠ 4+♠ and/or light in 3 rd seat	Same as above 3m - Nat. Inv; 3NT =13-16 HCP, 3♠, normally 4333;	Same as above	1NT is not forcing 2♣= Drury, 2♦=Drury, 4 card supp, 2NT=4+FIT,MAX+shortage
1NT	No	2	4SP	14-16 1 st /2 nd seat 15-17 3 rd /4 th seat Could be semi bal;	2♦/♥=TRFs;2♠=Range ask or TRF♣; 2NT=Pup Stayman 3♣=TRF♦; 3♦ = (5-5) mm FG; 3♥/♠ = (13)(54); 4♣/♦ - TRFs, 4M - Nat.	1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4♣ - S/T 55+ MMs; 4♦- 55+MMs, only FG TRFs after Stayman or TRF to M; After a minor TRF a bid is showing shortage;	Same
2♣	Y	6	4SP	10-15 HCP; 6+♣; Could have 4M; 5+ Good ♣ in 3 rd seat;	2♦= Relay; 2♥/2♠- NAT 5+, F1; 2NT- Weak or FG w ♣; 3♣=INV+ w 6+♦; 3♦ = 5+5+ MMs,INV+; 3M- NAT INV w 6+; 3NT = To play; 4♣ - NAT PRE; 4♦- RKCB - 3041 4M = To play;	2♣-2♦: 2♥-any 4M; 2♠-Max, Unbal w 6+♣; 2NT- Max Bal; 3♦-6-5 ♣/♥; 3♥- 6-5♣/♠; 3♠ - SOL 7+♣; 3NT-6♣-5♦; 2♣-2♦-2♥=2♠ Relay INV+; 2NT - Relay FG; 3♣-NAT, NF; 2♣-2♦-2♠ = 2NT- Relay FG; 3♣- NAT, NF; 2♠-2NT-3♠= Pass Wk raise; Bid - shows L,M,H shortage; 2♠-3♠= 3♦-min, doesn't accept; 3M - stopper +, Max; TRFs when they overcall; INV+	Same
2♦	Y	0	4SP	Both Majors 5/4 either way Weak 3-10 HCP;	2♥=Pass/Correct; 2♠= NAT, NF; 2NT=Relay, INV+; 3♣ - Pup to 3♦; 3♦- PRE w 3-3 in MMs, 3M - PRE w 4+;	2♦- 2NT- 3♣ - any min; 3♦- 5+5+ min; 3♥- Max w 5♣/4♥; 3♠- Max w 5♥/4♠; 3NT- 5+5+ Max; (4m-S/T linked MMs)	Same
2♥	Y	5	4SP	PRE, depends on VUL/POS (could have min op. hand)	2♠=NAT, NF unless fit;2NT =Relay,3♣= TRF to 3♦; 3♦/3OM=NAT,FG; 4♣= ART S/T asks for good suit;	2M - 2NT - ? 3♣=5M; 3♦= 6M, MAX+SGN; 3OM=MAX w/o SGN;3M=6M MIN; 3NT= 6M w 4OM; 4m= 6M5m; 4M = 7M;	Same
2♠	Y	5	4HE	PRE, depends on VUL/POS (could have min op. hand)	2NT =Relay,3♣= TRF to 3♦; 3♦/3OM=NAT,FG;4♣= ART S/T asks for good suit;	2M - 2NT - ? 3♣=5M; 3♦= 6M, MAX+SGN; 3OM=MAX w/o SGN;3M=6M MIN; 3NT= 6M w 4OM; 4m= 6M5m; 4M= 7M	Same
2NT/3♣	Y	6	4SP	♣/♦ PRE or 55+ ♣/♦ & ♥ 4-losers, 15+ HCP	3♣- to play;3♦/3♥/3♠- 5+ FG; 2NT-4♣= RKCB ♣; 3♠- 4♦ = RKCB ♦; 4M- to play		
3♦	Y	6	4SP	♥PRE or 55+ ♥ & ♠ 4-losers, 15+ HCP	New suit=NAT, FG 4♣ - ART S/T ♥	High Level Bidding =Cue= 1 st & 2 nd equally. Exclusion (5 level only)= 3041; After RKCB first step= Q trump ASK, 5NT - K ASK, 6x = ASK for 3 rd control Unserious 3NT (usually w 9+ Major fit); Lightner doubles. Pass then pull is a slam try. After ask for Q trump - min return in our trump suit = no Qtr, Slam in our trump - Qtr but nothing in reserve, New suit at level 6= Qtr + K in the bid suit, 5NT = Qtr + some values. RKCB - 5NT = EVEN KC w/ a void. RKCB - 6x-ODD KC w/ void in the suit.	
3♥	Y	6	4SP	♠PRE or 55+ ♠ & m 4- losers, 15+ HCP	New suit = Nat, FG 4♣- ART S/T ♠		
3♠	Y	7	4SP	Gambling, SOL m No side A or K	3NT - to play; 4♣ - P/C; 4♦ - RKCB		
4♣/♦/♥/♠	No	7	4SP	PRE, Free; depends on VUL/POS	4M = Nat, NF; 4NT = RKCB		

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES Tiholov/Gold 2020

Note 1: We lead 3rd/5th vs Suits at Trick 1. In partner's suit, K=AK or KQ, 9/10 = 0 or 2 higher, Jack = top card. At 5+ level, A = requests attitude, K from AK requests count. Rev attitude vs NT. 3rd/5th in Ps suit when we haven't shown support, attitude when we have.

Note 2: 1♣ - 1♦ - 1M = 4+, F1. Could have 4441 or 4M with longer minor;
1NT- 0-5 any; 2♣ - ART 6-7, no 3M; 2♦ - ART 5-7 3fit; 2M = 4fit, 0-5; 2OM – Nat;
1♣ - 2♣ - 2NT asks –L, M, M, H; When 3 suits in focus: 4♣ - Pup to 4♦ for slam try; 4♦ Pup to 4♥ for out; 4♥/♠/NT = RKC in L,M,H suits;
1♣ - 3♣ - 3♦ asks for shortage – L,H,L,H; 1♣-3♦-3♥ asks for shortage – L,H,L,H;
1♣ - 3♥ (5+/5+ ♥+♣, 8-11 hcp) - 3♣ asks for shortage – L,H,L,H voids;
1♣ - 1♦ - 2♥ = ART, FG w 4♥ w longer minor or 23-25 Bal, Pup to 2♣;
1♣ - 1♦ - 2♠ = ART, FG w 4♠ w longer minor or 26-27 Bal, Pup to 2NT;
1♣ - 1♦ - 2NT = 20-22 Bal or semi bal;
1♣ - 1♦ - 3m = NAT, FG w 6+ minor; 3M response = Stopper +.
1♣ - 1♦ - 3M = FG w 6+ Major; Any bid = 1st/2nd R control; 3NT - No control 5-7;
1♣ - 1♦ - 3NT = To play, could have a long minor;
1♣ - 1♦ - 4m = NAT, Slam try w 6+ minor;
1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT – Relay; 1♣-1♥-2♠ = Any 4441; 2NT asks- L,M,M,H;
When 3 suits in focus: 4♣ - Pup to 4♦ for slam try; 4♦ Pup to 4♥ for out.
4♥/♠/NT = RKC in L,M,H suits;

Note 3: 1♦ - 1M - 2M can be 3c; 2NT asks (INV+) = 3♣ - 3c raise; 3♦ - 4c+ SNG;
3M - Min w 4c; 3OM - Max w 4c not suitable for NT; 3NT – Max w 4 good for NT;
1♦ - 2NT – Pre in ♣, FG w Bal hand, 4M possible or 18-19 Bal; Pup to 3♣;
1♦ - 3♣ - both minors 5+/4+ less than INV.
1♦ - 3M – shortage in the M, 5+/5+ both minors, FG;
1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ could be bal, 2 way checkback after that;
1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠(1NT) – 3♥ - NAT, Slam try in ♥;
1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - 3♠ - NAT, Slam try in ♠;
1♦ - 1M - 2OM - ART, Max, Any splinter (2NT asks - L, M, H)

Note 4: 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♥ - 2♠ - ART, FG Relay: 2NT- 4♣; 3♣- 4♦; 3♦ - 6♥+3♠;
3♥ - No other suit, no 3♠;
1M-2NT- INV+ w 4+fit; ART responses; 3♣- Any Max (3♦ asks for
shortage- N,L,M,H);
1M-2NT- 3♦ - Min unbal or semi bal; 3OM asks for shortage; N,L,M,H)
1M-2NT- 3M – Min bal;
1M-2NT- 3♠ - Non min w any void – 3NT asks – L, M, H;
1M-2NT- 3NT - Non min w OM shortage;
1M-2NT- 4m – 5+/5+ or 6-4 w controls in all suits;
1M-2NT- 4M – 10-12 w 6+M, 6322, denies 2 keycards;

Note 5: 1NT- over Stayman we play Transfers by the responder. Over that steps show shortages – Low, Mid, High. Transfers in competition. In competition Over penalty X – redbl shows 1 minor or both Majors; 2♣/2♦ - 4+m + higher suit; 2M – NAT. Over non pen. X – System on, XX 8+ hcp.

Note 6: 2♣ comp - redbl = penalty oriented, 2♦ - Relay, System on; Over overcall 2NT and 3♣ are natural, 2M is NF, Transfers on level 3♦+, INV+.

Note 7: 2♦ comp – redbl = asks opener to bid 2♥; pass – showing ♦; DBL of 2 Major overcall = T/O; DBL of 3♣ overcall – Penalty; DBL of 3♦ - asks for longer Major;

Note 8: 2M comp – redbl = TRF to ♣; 2NT – System on; Transfers on level 3;

Note 9: 1♣ comp – Over X – pass 0-5 or trap; 1♦ - 6-7 hcp; XX – FG no good bid; In comp all new suits are FG 5+, 8+ with jumps = solid suit, sets trump. Cue – 8+ FG no good bid. Jump cue – FG 4441; Over overcall up to 2♥ - X 6-7 hcp; 2♠ and higher – X – FG no good bid.

Note 10: 1♦ comp – Over X – Transfers starting from XX showing 4+♥; 1♥ - 4+♠; 1♠ - trf to NT; 1NT – trf to ♣; 2♣ - trf to ♦; 2♦ - FG w 5+♣; Higher bid = System on; All transfers are NF+. Over 1M overcall – 2m – NAT, INV+; Cue bid – FG w 5+ OM;

Note 11: 1M comp – Transfers over X starting with 1NT = ♣; XX – 10+ penalty oriented. Jumps on level 3 – Nat, 6+ good suit, denying fit; Jumps on level 4 – Fit showing. Over overcall – 2m – Nat, F1; 2OM – Nat, NF; Transfers over Michaels cue bid = 2OM – FG w 4fit; 2NT – 5+♣; 3♣ - 5+♦; 3♦ - Good raise in M, 11+; 3M – Comp; 3OM – FG w 4fit.

Note 12: 1♠ - 2♥ - 3♥ [non min to max raise] Now 3♣ asks for shortage – N, L, M, H;
1M - 2♦ - Now 3♣ shows diamond support (3-4♦), [3♦ asks for shortage N, L, H]
3♦ shows 4+♣ (any 5-5 or if only 5-4 very good suits)
3OM and 4♣ show splinters, 4+♦ at least 2 keycards;

Note 13: 1♦ - 1M - 2♦ - 2NT [INV+, F1, some slam interest opposite a suitable shortage -
3♥ - Max w shortage, 3♦ - Min, 3NT – Max, no shortage]
1♦ - 1♠ - 2♦ - 2OM - Pup to 2♠, weak or FG;
1♦ - 1♥ - 2♦ - 2OM - **ART FG**, normally w 6♥;

Note 14: 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♥ - 2NT [INV+, F1 - 3♣/♦/♠ - Max w shortage and good ♥ suit;
3♥ - Min, might have a shortage [3♣ asks- N,L,M,H] , 3NT – Max w no shortage]

Note 15: 1♦ - 1M - 2M - New suit from responder = Unbal slam try w 5+ good trumps;
[w bal slam try responder bids 2NT]
1♦ - 1M - 2M - Now 4♣ = RKCB - 3041, next step = Queen ask;

Note 16: 1♣ - 1♦ - 1M - 2M - 4♣ = RKCB - 1st step - No A or Qtr, 2nd step - Qtr, 3rd - A;

Note 17: 1♣ - 2♦ - 2M = Nat, step responses 1st step - 2fit, 2nd step - 3fit, 3rd step - 4fit;
