



| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING | | LEADS AND SIGNALS | | |   | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1NT OVERCALL (2 nd /4 th Live; Responses; Reopening) | | LEADS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| On 1 lev-opening = Natural: 14/17 balanced + or - | | Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Responses: like on our opening | | Ace | AKxxx; AKQ; Ax | AKx; AKxx | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reopening: 11/14 balanced (also without stop) | | King | KQJ; KQ109; AK; | KQJx; KQ109(x); unblock A/J | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Responses: system on | | Queen | QJ(xxx); Qx | KQ10x; QJ10; QJ98 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) | | Jack | J109; J108; Jx | J109x; J1087x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weak jump: usually 5/10 hcp 6(+) cards or two suiter | | 10 | Natural | Natural | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Responses: 2NT or Cue = forcing 1+ round | | 9 | Natural | Natural | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reopen: 12/15 good 6 cards suit | | Hi-x | Even | Even | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen) | | Lo-x | Odd | Odd | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | PLAYERS: Schuster(s) - Olivieri - Primavera | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding | SYSTEM SUMMARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over 1M = Michaels, JUMP = ask stopper | | Suit | 1 High = enc | STANDARD COUNT | Odd = enc | GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE: NATURAL 5-card major | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2 | | | 1♣ = 2+ cards (if balanced 11/14 hcp only) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | | | 1♦ = 11/21 4+ cards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | NT | 1 Low = enc | STANDARD COUNT | Odd = enc | 1♥ = 11/21 5+ cards (in 3 rd seat could be weaker) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2 | | | 1♠ = 11/21 5+ cards (in 3 rd seat could be weaker) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | | | 1NT Opening: 15/17 Balanced could have a 5 card-major | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening: PH) | | Signals (including Trumps): | | | SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Double = 4/5+ maj/minor (Vs weak NT = 12+) 2♣ = 5+/4+ ♥/♠ | | | | | Op. 2♦ = 20/22 Balanced could have a 5 card-major | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2♦ = Multi (1 major) 2♥/2♠ = 5/5+ major/minor | | | | | drury | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2NT = minors 3♣/3♦ = weak (vs Strong), constructive (vs Weak) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reopening: same as direct, 2♦ (maybe only 5 cards in the major) | | DOUBLES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jump; NT bids) | | TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Double = take out | | Style : Natural | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jumps = over 2♥/2♠ leaping Michaels | | Responses: natural on 1♦/1♥ (only cue is F1R+) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NT = natural | | Reopening: standard | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bids = natural | | After overcall: with good hand and without the opponents suit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS | | SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL and COMPETITIVE DOUBLE/REDOUBLE | | | SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Negative; Responsive | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vs 1♣ - DBL = majors (constructive) , 1NT = 5+/4 in the minors, 2NT = 5+/5+ in the minors | | Double in competition = good hand + (HCP but also distribution) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OVER OPPONENT'S TAKEOUT DOUBLE | | Penalty (4+ cards) = only after: a) partner's opening bid 3♣/♦/♥/♠ etc. | | | IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWERE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Redouble = 12+ new suit = F1R | | b) a redouble or a partner's penalty double | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Raise = NF – pre-empt jump in a new suit = limit (nat. or fit 4°) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| OPENING | | | | PLAYERS: Schuster(s) - Olivieri - Primavera | | | |
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| | | | | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | MODIFICATION OVER COMPETITION AND WITH PASSED PARTNER |
| 1♣ | * | 2 | 5♦ | Natural 11/22 HCP Balanced 11/14 | 1♦/1♥/1♠/1NT = Natural; 2♣ = 4+♣ GF; 2♦/2♥/2♠ = weak; 2nt=11-12 balanced no majors; 3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠ = preempt; | 1m – 2♣ - 2♦ = minimum hands | |
| 1♦ | | 4 | 5♥ | Natural 11/22 HCP Balanced 11/14 | 1♥/1♠/1NT = Natural; 2♣ = 4+♣ GF; 2♦ = natural GF; 2nt=11-12 balanced no majors; 3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠ = preempt; | 1m – 2♣ - 2♦ = minimum hands | |
| 1♥ | | 5 | 5♠ | Natural 11/22 HCP | 1♠/1NT = Natural; 2♣ = GF could be short in ♣; 2♠ = GF 6+♠; 2nt=raise 4+♥ GF; 3♣ = raise with 3♥ invitational; 3♦ = raise with 4♥ invitational; 3♥/3♠ = preempt; 4m=splinters | | |
| 1♠ | | 5 | 6♥ | Natural 11/22 HCP | 1NT = Natural; 2♣ = GF could be short in ♣; 2nt=raise 4+♠ GF; 3♣ = raise with 3♠ invitational; 3♦ = raise with 4♠ invitational; 3♥=nat invitational 6+♥ ; 3♠ = preempt; 4m=splinters; | Drury on a passed partner | |
| 1NT | | | 4♥ | 15/17 balanced | 2♣ = mod. stayman; 2♦/2♥/2♠/2NT = trsf; 3♣= weak minors; 3♦=5-5 majors GF; 3♥/♠ = sing ♥ 5-5 in the minors GF; 4♣(♥)/4♦(♠)= texas s.off or slam try; | 1nt – 2♣ – 2nt = min with a 5-card major or 4♠; 3♥/3♠ = max with 5♥/♠; | |
| 2♣ | * | 0 | 5♠ | FG except 2♣-2♦-2NT Any distribution or 22+ balanced | 2♦ = 0-7 neg 0/7 hcp, over a suit bid by opener next suit shows 0/4 but no ace; | | |
| 2♦ | * | 0 | 4♥ | weak two in a major or 20/22 balanced | 2♥/2♠ = pass or correct ; 2NT = forcing 1 round; | 2♦-2♥/2♠ - 2NT = 20-22 balanced could have a 5-card major; | |
| 2♥ | * | 5 | 4♦ | 5+♥ 5+in another suit 5/10 HCP | 2NT = asking | | |
| 2♠ | * | 5 | 4♦ | 5+♠ 5+in a minor 5/10 HCP | 2NT = asking; | | |
| 2NT | | | no | Balanced 18/19 | 3♣ = puppet; 3♦/3♥ = trsf; 3♠ = transfer to 3nt to pass or show a minor with slam interest; 4♣/4♦ = transfer 6+♥/♠ | | |
| 3♣ | | 7 | no | Preempt | Natural | | |
| 3♦ | | 7 | no | Preempt | Natural | | |
| 3♥ | | 7 | no | Preempt | Natural | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |
| 3♠ | | 7 | no | Preempt | Natural | | 4♣/4♦ = RKCB in the minor |
| 3NT | * | | no | solid minor | 4♣ = P/C | | 4NT = RKCB |
| 4♣ | | 7-8 | no | Preempt | Natural | | Cue-bid = 1 st and 2 nd control |
| 4♦ | | 7-8 | no | Preempt | Natural | | Exclusion Blackwood |
| 4♥ | | 7-8 | no | Preempt | Natural | | Grand Slam Try |
| 4♠ | | 7-8 | no | Preempt | Natural | | |
| 5♣ | | 8 | no | Preempt | Cue-bid | | |