## **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

## Overcalls (Style, Responses, Reopening)

Minimum Point Count dependent on suit quality (1/1 7/8+, 2/1 10/11+) Responses: 2NT and most jumps fit-showing; raises mainly preemptive;

. transfer advances from cuebid through one under partners suit Reopening: common sense, natural follow-up, intermediate jump overcalls

#### 1NT Overcall (2nd/4th, Responses, Reopening)

Direct: appr. 10-15, 4crd unbid major plus 5(+) unbid minor

Responses: in a known suit preemptive, in a prospective suit at 3-level p/c on (1m)-1N: 2m asks major, possibly weak; 2M natural; 2N/3m om-Fit . on (1M)-1N: 2♣ p/c, 2♦ natural; cuebid inv+, no OM-fit; 2N OM-fit, inv+

Reopening: 10-14/12-16 after 1m resp. 1M, does not promise a stopper Advances: 2♣ Range Stayman, M-cuebid stopper-ask; all others natural

### Jump Overcall (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)

2♥ appr. 10-15, 5♥-4♠, then 2N relay; 2♠ and up: aggressive preempt 2N 5-5+, split range on 1m om+♥ (→ 3m relay) on 1M OM+♦ (→ 3♣ relay)

### Cue-Bid + Jump Cue-Bid (Style, Responses, Reopening=Same)

Cuebid on 1m: majors, continuous range (→ 2NT relay)

Cue-Bid on 1M: OM+♣, split range (→ 2NT relay)

Jump-Cue on 1m: om+♠ (→ 3♦/♥ relay), on 1M: minors, destructive

## Vs. 1NT (any strength, position independent)

X = 5m-4M or m-onesuiter with appr. 7 tricks

Advances: 2♣ p/c; 2♦ asks major; 2N asks minor, inv+; others natural

2♣ = 4-4+ OFs

Advances: 2♦ asks major; 2N inv+ for a major; 3♣/♦ mixed raise in ♥/♠ 2♦ = 6♥/♠ with 5-7 losers or M-m-twosuiter, with at most 5losers

Advances: 2/3/4♥/♠ p/c; 3m natural; 2NT relay, inv+

2♥/♠ = 5♥/♠-4+m, Advances: 3♣ p/c; 2NT asks minor, inv+

2N 5-5 minors; 3m onesuiter with appr. 8 tricks; 3M preemptive, good suit

#### Versus Preempts

General: T/O-X through 3♠ (at 2-Level incl. Lebensohl), higher optional

Versus 2/3M: 4♣/♦ ♣/♦+OM; 4M(strong)/N both minors

Versus (2)3m: 4♣ om+M (→ 4♦ asks major); 4♦ both majors

Versus Weak Two: cuebid asks Stopper, often with long suit

(3any)-3NT either long suit or high cards; then 4♣ asks which, transfers

Versus Multi; X = 13-15 balanced or strong, 2M = 4crd, short OM

. pass then 3/4♣/♦ = ♣/♦ plus other major; 4<sup>th</sup> hand as on Weak Two

#### Versus Artificial 1♣/◆

Vs. Polish etc.: 2♣ natural and 2♦ replaces cuebid, others unchanged

Vs. all strong opening bids destructive 1-suited jumps from 2♥, Unusual NT

Vs. strong 14: P/1♦ 12+ with ♥/4; 1♥/4/N CRASH, often 4higher-5lower;

.. 2♣ 1-suited, ♣s or ♦s; 2NT=5-5+ minors; 2♦ all other twosuiters

Vs.strong 1♦: X=14+, others as vs. strong 1♣

Vs. 2♣, 2♣-2♦, 2♦: 2♦(X)/♥/♠ CRASH; (2♣)-X strong, 1-suited CRASH is 1st step ♣+♣/♥+♦, 2nd step ♠+♥/♦+♣, 3rd step ♠+♦/♥+♣

## **Leads and Signals**

### Opening Leads Style

	<u> </u>	
	Lead	Partners Suit
Suit	3./5.	idem
NT	2./4.	3rd from strength
Subsequent	idem	idem
Others Zero Leads Royal Leads against NT		nst NT

5-Suit and higher: A asks Attitude, K asks Count

#### Opening Leads

Lead	Versus Suit	Versus NT
Ace	AK+, A+	idem
King	AK+, KQ+, Kx, (AK)	AKJT+/AKJxx+, KQ+
Queen	QJ+, Qx, (KQ)	KQT9+/KQTxx+, QJx
Jack	JT+, Jx, (QJ)	AQJT+/AQJxx+, JT+
10	KJT+, T9+, Tx	AJT+/KJT+AQT9+, T9+
9	KT9+QT9+, 98+/9x+	AT9+/KT9+/QT9+, 98+/9x+
High-x	Even	Top of Nothing, HXx
Low-x	Odd	4th best, encouraging

## Order of Priority

		Partners Lead	Declarers Lead	Discards
	1	Suit Pref./Attitude *	Smith	Attitude
Suit	2	Count	Count	
	3	Suit preference	Suit preference	
	1	Attitude	Smith	Suit Preference
NT	2	Count	Count	
	3	Suit preference	Suit preference	

Signals (including Trump)

only 1st Lead: middle card positive, low/high suit preference

## Doubles

### T/O Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Depending upon Distribution: 8/9+ hcp or 17/18+ hcp balanced,

Strong, onesuited 16/17 and up, seldom 2-suited or short in unbid suit

1NT-Response: 0-6 without a 4crd that can be bid on the 1-level

Reopening: lower limit slightly weaker

Negative Doubles, Competitive Doubles and other (Re-)Doubles Negative Double:

After 1♣-opening: 1- and 3-Level, otherwise cooperative

After 1+-opening: 1-3-Level, higher cooperative

After 1♣/♦-opening: over 1♥ denies 4+♠, over 1♠ shows 4+♥

After 1♥/♠-opening: including any gameforcing hand

After 1NT: 2- and 4(+)-level Penalty, 3-level Transfer

After 2♣ and higher: Penalty!

\_ater in the Bidding: 2-Level often cooperative, 2♠ and higher fit-showing

# **International Convention Card**

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## **SYSTEM Summary**

General Style

Modified Polish Club with Weak Notrump:

1♣ = natural (if minimum plus 4crd M), strong notrump, most 19+

1♦ = 12-18, 4+, always unbalanced, longer ♣ possible

MAiors First In Answering over 1♣/♦-opening

1♥/♠ = 10-18, 5+, longer minor possible → 1NT forcing (1st/2nd)

1NT = 12-14, 3rd/4th 11-14 → 2♥/♠ and 3♣/♦ to play

Aggressive Preempts

## 2/1 Response to 1M

Quasi-Gameforcing (may stop in 4m) 2m usually 5+, 2♥ always 5+ Rebids: 1st step punt, 2N 6(+)M; on 2m: 3♣ good raise; 3♦ 5om;

.on 2♥: 3♣ either 5♣ or unbal. 3crd raise

Opening Bids requiring Specific Defense

2♦: Weak Only Multi: Weak Two in ♥ or ♠, possibly 5crd esp. NV

2♥: Ekren-Style: 5-11 (3. Hand 3-11), 4/5♥ plus 4/5♠

2♠: sub-minimum or strong minor twosuiter

2NT: strong ♣-M twosuiter

For Suggested Defense see Page 3

#### Forcing Pass Sequences

1NT-(X)-XX, 1NT-(2?)-X, 1?-(X)-XX und 1?-(1NT)-X forcing to X/2♠

After an invite as long as the invite has not been declined

After a gameforcing bid or after bidding game to make

## Further Important Notes

Evaluation: Frequent Up-/Downgrading, Ranges given in Points not hcp

Preempts: in 3rd anything goes in, 3♣/♦ on 6 even in 1st

Competitive Bidding: 2NT frequently artificial (Fit, Lebensohl, Unusual)

Psyches: rare

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1 🗸 5	4 3♠	10.10		-1NT/2♣-: 2NT 15-18 balanced; 2/3♣ min.; only 2♦ shows 19+	
1 🗸 5	4 34			-2♦-: 2♥ 19+; 2♠ art, inv+; 3♦ 19+, ♥+♠; 3M 19+, M+♦	
		12-18, longer ♣ possible	1♥/♠ 6+, longer minor possible; 2/3♦ inverted;	-1♥/♠-: 1NT both minors, if 12-15 longer ♣, nonforc.; 2N 6♦-3♥/♠	
		always unbalanced	1NT 6-10; 2♣ 10+; 2♥/♠ 4-7, 6+.; 3♣ 8-9 5+♦;	-1NT-: 2♣ 2+♣, F1, 2♥/♠ max., 0/1♣, stopper, 2NT,3♣ min.,	
	_		2NT 13-15/18+ balanced	-1NT-: 2♣ F1, 2♥/♠ 16-18 artificial, 2NT,3♣ 12-15, both minors	
1. 5	5 3♠	10-18, longer ♣ possible	1≜ often 5+, always if FG; 2≜ weak; 3N 16-17, 4333		2♣ 10-12, 2-3 ♥; 2♦ 10+, 4+♥
1. 5			1NT 5-13, 0-3(4)♥, forcing; 2♠ weak, 2m FG, (4)5+		1NT semi-forcing
1 5			2♥ 8-11, fit; 3♣/•/♥ 4crd ♥, 13+/11-12/4-7; JNS splinter		3NF Fit-Jump
1♠   5			2N 13-15/18+ balanced	-2N-: 3♣/♦ artificial, up to 16; 3♥/≜ 16-18 4crd ≜ resp. 6+♥	
	5 3♥	10-18, longer ♣ possible	2♥ FG, 5+; 3♦ SJS ♥; others comparable to 1♥	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Comparable to 1♥, 2♥ non-f.
	-		2♠ 8-11, fit; 3♠/♥/♠ 4crd ♥, 13+/11-12/4-7; JNS splinter	-3♦-: to be defined	
1NT 2	2 -	12-14	2♣ Stayman, doesn't deny/promise hcp or 4crd M;		3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 11-14
			2♦ 5crd M, inv+; 2♥/♠, 3any, 4♥/♠ to play; 4♠/♦ RKCB ♣/♦		1NT-2♦ natural
	_		2NT weak with both minors or strong one or both minors;		1NT-2NT weak, both minors
2♣ 6	6 -	12-15, 6+♣, rarely 4crd major	2♦/♥ 5+♥/♠; 2♠ relay, inv+; all raises preemptive	-2♦-: 2♥/♠ non-forcing; -2♥-: 2♠ I2D, Others strong	
			2N natural invite; 3•/M natural slamtry	-2♣/NT-: 3♣ and 4any strong, others I2D showing strength and fit	
2♦ X -	-  -	Weak Two in ♥ or ♠, 5crd possible, NV often	2♥/♠, 3♥/♠, 4♥ p/c, doesn't deny/promise anything;		3 <sup>rd</sup> hand anything goes
2	4	5 44 4 4/5 4/5 5 : ( 7/0/0 4 4)		_	4 <sup>th</sup> hand 12-14 good 6crd
2♥ X 4	4 -	5-11 4-4/5-4/5-5 in ♥+♠ (not 7/8/9 4-4)	2NT relay, inv+; all raises preemptive, 3m natural, nonf.	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3-11; 4 <sup>th</sup> 10-12 5-5 3♣/♦ natural with fit;3♥/♠ inv.
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	-  -	Minors, sub-minimum or less then 5 losers  Twosuiter &+M, less then 4 losers		-2N-: 3♠ weak; 3♦ 4-4.5 losers; 3♥/♠ <4, without/with ♠-stopper -3♠-: 3♥/♠ 0-2, no stopper; 3NT stopper; 4♠/♦ ♠/♦+xxx/Jxx	
	 6/7 -	-	3♣ relay; 3♦ 5crd , no ♣-fit; 3M natural,good suit	-3♦-: 3M/N(=♦) stopper; 4♣ bad hand; 4♦ 2KC; 4♥+ 1KC control	
		Aggressive Preempt	3N natural in principle; 4♣ optional weakness-RKCB		4 <sup>th</sup> 12-14 good 6crd
	6/7 - 6/7 -	Aggressive Preempt Aggressive Preempt	3 natural in principle; 4♣ optional weakness-RRCB  3♣ natural in principle; 4♣/♦ comparable 3♣-opening	-4♣-: 4♦ bad hand (→ 4♥ reask); 4♥/♠/N,5♣/♦ 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
	6/7 -	Aggressive Preempt Aggressive Preempt	4♣ optional weakness-RKCB; 4♦ asks ♥-fit	-4e-: 4♦ bad hand (→ 4OM reask); 4♥/e/N,5e/♦ 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q -4+-: 4OM Hx/xxx or better; 4M no fit	4 <sup>th</sup> good 7crd, 7,5-8 tricks
3NT 0//	011 -	7/8crd major, 8-8.5 tricks, 1KC+Q or 2KC	4♣ asks for transfer; 4♦ mild slamtry	-4♦-: 4N(=OM).5m void; 5M solid 8 or semi-solid 7 + 4 with A or K	
	7 -	Aggressive Preempt	12 dono for transfer, 44 fined starting		
	7 -	Aggressive Preempt		High Level Bidding (incl. Slam Co	nventions)
	7 -	Preemptive		RKCB 3041 (Kickback, Minorwood, Crosswood, mod. Lackwood).	then Spiral Scap
	7 -	Preemptive		Weakness-RKCB after preempts or 1♣-1+: 0, 1, 1+D, 2, 2+D in st	•
4NT X	-	Preemptive, both Minors		Italian cuebids; on 3♥/♠: 3♠/NT non-serious; serious cuebid, Last	•
	7 -	Preemptive		Kickback Turbo (asking KC-parity and cuebids) after many 4-level	
5♥/♠ 7	· 1	Asks for 6/7 with 1/2 top-honors		Picture Bids versus unlimited Partner	

# Suggested Defense Against our 1♣ Opening Bid

Play 2♣ as natural and 2♦ as Michaels, otherwise use normal defense

# Suggested Defense Against our 2-Level Opening Bids

2♦/♠: X = (12)13-15 balanced or 19+ (weaker with comparable playing strength) 2N = 16-18 balanced

2M = 4crd M, shortness OM (like t/o-X of OM)

t/o-X of 2M by 4th hand

3m by 6th hand show m+OM

2**♥** 2♠ = minors

2♦

3M = shows Stopper for 3N, denies Stopper OM

2N X = strong, one-suited

 $3 \triangleq / \spadesuit / \Psi = 5.5$  or better,  $\spadesuit + \spadesuit$ ,  $\spadesuit + \Psi$ ,  $\Psi + \spadesuit$ ,

3♠ = preemptive, good 6 or better