DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

1st level: 6-17, good suit or strong hand

2nd level: 11-17, good suit

Reopenings: 1st level: 8-14, 2nd level: 10-16, 1**NT**: 10-14

Cue: see Two-Suiters

borrowed king after reopening X

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

(1x) 1**NT**: bal. (15)16-18, **but** 5+m 4M by passed hand

(1x) p (1y) 1**NT**: (15)16-18

(2x) p (p) 2**NT** or (2x) 2**NT**: (15)16-18

(1x) p (p) 1**NT**: 10-14, **but** 10-11 by passed hand

(1x) p (p) 2**NT**: 19-21

JUMP OVERCALLS

0-11, **but** 0-15 with passed partner

TWO-SUITERS

(1♣) 2♦: ♥+♠	(1♦) 2♦: ♥+♠
(1♣) 2**NT**: ♥+♦	(1♦) 2**NT**: ♥+♣
(1♥) 2**NT**: ♣+♦	(1♠) 2**NT**: ♣+♦
(1♥) 2♥: ♠+♣	(1♠) 2♠: ♥+♣
(1♥) 3♣: ♠+♦	(1♠) 3♣: ♥+♦

VS. 1NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)

X: 15+, **but** 5+m 4M by passed hand

2♣: both Majors 5/4, **but** 5+♣ by passed hand

2♦: 6+Major, **but** 5+♦ by passed hand

2♥/♠: 5+♥/♠ and 4+m, **but** 5+♥/♠ by passed hand

2**NT**: 5+♣ 5+♦, 3**NT**: 6+Major 5+minor

3x: natural, variable, 4m: 6+minor 5+Major

VS. PREEMPTS

(2/3♥) 4♣: ♣+♠	(2/3♥) 4♦: ♦+♠
(2/3♠) 4♣: ♣+♥	(2/3♠) 4♦: ♦+♥
(3♣) 4♣: ♦+M	(3♣) 4♦: ♥+♠
(3♦) 4♣: ♣+M	(3♦) 4♦: ♥+♠

(2♣ incl. wk ♦) X is 13-15 balanced

(2♣ incl. wk ♦) 2♦ and (2♣ incl. wk ♦) p (2♦) X are t/o

VS. ONLY STRONG OPENINGS

(1♣) X or ♣ bids: 1-suiter in ♦ or 2-suited with ♥+♠

(1♦) ♦ bids: 1-suiter in ♥ or 2-suited with ♠+♣

(1♥) ♥ bids: 1-suiter in ♠ or 2-suited with ♣+♦

(1♠) ♠ bids: 1-suiter in ♣ or 2-suited with ♦+♥

(1♣) **NT** bids: 2-suited with ♣+♥ or 2-suited with ♦+♠

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Transfers after 1M (X) from 1**NT** thr. 2M-1

Transfers after 1M (Int) from 2♣ thr. 2M-1

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Leads
Suit or **NT**	2nd / 4th / 6th and Xxx
Subseq.	Attitude or special, please ask

vs. **NT**: honor leads ask to unblock the next lower honor

vs. Suit: Ace asks for count below 5 level

LEADS

Lead	vs. Suit	vs. NT
Ace		AK+, Ax
King		KQ(+), AK(+), Kx
Queen	QJ(+), Qx	same & AQJ(+)
Jack		JT(+), Jx, KJT(+), HJx
Ten		T9xx(+),Tx, HT9(+), HTx
9	H9x, 9xx	same & A98x(+), J98x(+)
Hi-x		Xxx, xX, yxxX(+), yxxxxX(+)
Lo-x		Xxx, xX, yxxX(+), yxxxxX(+)

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

		Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
	1	ATT or CT	CT	ATT
Suit	2	s/p	s/p	
	3			
	1	Reese	rev. smith	Lavinthal
NT	2	CT	CT	
	3			

Signals:

low = encouraging / even

Reese: 2./5., **but** Xxx, yyYy (y = any card; x < 10)

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reop.)

MAJORS, Distribution, 11+ or any shape (18+)

SPECIAL; ART. AND COMP. (RE-)DOUBLES

lead-directing X

1M (any) M-raise (3M-1) X = invite

support X mandatory, **but** no support XX

2-way X: if RHO opens 1suit and we pass first and X later

If they X us in 3**NT**, our XX shows doubt

Lightner X vs. slams

2♦ (X) XX shows a 1-suiter in ♣/♥/♠

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SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Transfer System with 5 card Majors

1NT 14 - 16

1♦ 2♣ / 1♥ 2♣ / 1♠ 2♣ / 1♠ 2♦ is GF by unpassed hand

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

Our 1♣ opening doesn't promise a club suit

Transfers after our 1♣ opening

Our 1♦ opening promises an unbalanced hand with (4)5+♦

1♥ (p) 1♠ shows 0-4♠ 0-2♥ 6-12

1♥ (p) 1**NT** shows 5+♠ 4+

1♥ (p) 2♣ is artifical GF (by unpassed hand) showing 0-2♥

1♥ (p) 2♦ shows any hand with 3 card ♥-support, 9-14

1♠ (p) 2♣ is artifical GF (by unpassed hand) showing 0-2♠

1♠ (p) 2♦ is GF (by unpassed hand) with 5+♥

1♠ (p) 2♥ shows any hand with 3 card ♠-support, 9-14

1♣ 1♦ 1**NT** and 1♣ 1♥ 1**NT** show 17-19 balanced

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

We always upgrade our hands in fit situations

After X or XX we usually play System on

We play a lot of transfers in competition

2**NT** is usually Lebensohl or both minors

jumps to a new suit by passed hand are often fitjumps

1♥ (X) 1♠ is nonforcing with 5+♠

Opening	Artificial	No. of cards	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction
1♣		2	a) 11-23 4+♣ unbalanced b) 11-13 / 17-19 **NT** **NT** hands can be e.g. 3=3=5=2 or [43]=4=2 rule of 20 for 2-suiter	1♦♥♠2♣: transfers to ♥♠**NT**♦, may be weak 1**NT**: bal. GF or weak 5♠ 4♥; 2♦*: 6+M 4-8 2♥*/2♠*/3♣: 6+♣ GF/10-11/7-9 2**NT**: 6+♣ 3-6 or GF 64mm; 3/4♥♠: 7 card pre 3**NT**: 13-15 spread values	Transfer Checkback after 1♣ 1♦ 1**NT**=17-19 and 1♣ 1♥ 1**NT**=17-19 1♣ 1♠ -1**NT**:11-13 -2♣: 5+ Min. -2♦: 17-19 **NT** -2♥: Revers ♦ -2**NT**: Revers ♥ 1♣ 1♠ 1**NT** -2♥: inv.+ ♠>♦ -2♦: inv.+ ♦>♠ -3♦: inv. 5-5 -3♣: 6+♦ 11-12 -3M: 55mm 1♣ 1♠ 2♣ -2/3♦: 6+♦ 11-12 -2♥/♠: ask stopper -2**NT**: inv. -3♣: pre -3♥/♠: splinter 1♣ 1♠ 2♦ -2♥: ask Max/Min -2♠: **NT** TRF -3♣: weak 55mm -3♦/♥/♠: 6+♦ 11-12
1♦		4	a) 11-23 5+ **unbalanced** b) 11-21 4=1=4=4 / 4=4=4=1 rule of 20 for 2-suiter	1♥♠: natural; 1**NT**: 6-10; 2♣*: GF 4+♣ 2♦*: 6+M 4-8; 2♠*: 4+♦ 10-11 or bal. 11-12 2♥*/2**NT**/3♦: 4+♦ GF/3-6/7-9; 3♣*: inv. 6+♣ 3♥♠/4♦♥♠: 7 card pre; 3**NT**: 13-15 spread values	1♣ 1red 2**NT** and 1♦ 1M 2**NT** show a.) 6+m 15-17 0-2M or b.) 15+ 4+support 1♦ 1M 1**NT** shows 16+ any without 4 card support 1♦ 1♠ 2♦ is nonforcing transfer showing 5+♦ & 4♥ 11-15
1♥		5	a) 11-23 5+♥ unbalanced b) 5♥, 11-13 / 17-19 balanced rule of 20 for 2-suiter	1♠: 0-4 0-2♥ 6-12; 1**NT**: 5+♠ 4+ 2♣*: art. GF 0-2♥; 2♦: 3♥ 9-14; 2♥: 3♥ 5-8 2♠: any mini- or slamtry-splinter 2**NT**: 4+♥ 13+ or 3+♥ 15+; 3♦: 4+♥ 11-12 3♣: 4+♥ 7-10 OR 3♥ any GF-splinter 3♠: 4+♥ any GF void-splinter 3**NT**/4♣/♦: 4+♥ GF-splinter in ♣/♦/oM	1♥ 1♠ 1**NT** shows 11-16 with a 4 card minor; 1♥ 1♠ 2♦ shows 11-16 with 4♠ 1M 2♣ 2♦ neither 6+Major nor 4 cards in the unbid Major → 2♠: relay 1M 2♣ 2♥ shows 6+Major and denies 4 cards in the non-opened Major → 2♠: relay 1M 2♣ 2♠ shows 4 cards in the non-opened Major → 2**NT**: relay 1M 2♣ 3♣/♦/oM shows a 5 card side suit, 15+
1♠		5	a) 11-23 5+♠ unbalanced b) 5♠, 11-13 / 17-19 balanced rule of 20 for 2-suiter	1**NT**: 6-12; 2♣*: art. GF 0-2♠; 2♦**: art. 5+♥ GF all other responses have analogue meanings as after 1♥, **but** they are shifted by one step.	1♠ 2♦ 2♥ neither 3+♥ nor 6+♠ → 2♠ relay 1M 2M-1 2M is to play vs. 9-11, GF vs. 12-14 1♥ 1♠ 2**NT** and 1M 1**NT** 2**NT** are 2-suiters with a minor 17+
1**NT**			14-16 balanced	2♣***: puppet to 2♦; 2♠: 1m inv.+ OR bal. invite 2**NT****: puppet to 3♣; 3♣: Ludewig Stayman 3♦: 5-5 minors, GF; 3♥/♠: 3♥/♠, 5-4 minors, GF 4♣: 5-5 majors, GF; 2♦/♥: & 4♦/♥: TRF to ♥/♠	1**NT** 2♣ 2♦ 2♥ shows 5♠ invite OR GF with 4+♠ 1**NT** 2♣ 2♦ 2♠ is GF with 4+♥ 1**NT** 2♣ 2♦ 2**NT** / 1**NT** 2♣ 2♦ 2♥ 2**NT** are GF with 5+♠ 4♥ / 5+♥ 4♠ 1**NT** 2♣ 2♦ 3♣/♦ is GF with 5+♥ 5+♠ and short ♣/♦
2♣	✓		a) 22-23 / 26-27 / 30+ **NT** b) any unbalanced GF c) both Majors 5/4, 4-10	2♦: ask longer Major; 2/3/4M: to play 2**NT**: one minor / invite with 4+M / GF mm 3♣: GF-relay; 3♦: pre with both Majors	2♣ 2♦ 3♣/♦/♥/♠ natural, unbalanced GF 2♣ 2♦ 4♥/♠ like Semiforcing in ♥/♠, **but** 1 trick more 2♣ 3♣ 4♥/♠/5♣/♦ natural & forcing: 'I have an unbalanced GF hand'
2♦	✓		a) one 5+Major, 4-10 b) 24-25 / 28-29 **NT**	2/3/4♥ & 2/3♠ are pass-or-correct; 3♣/♦: nonf. 4♣ is asking for transfer; 4♦: bid your Major	2♦ 2**NT** -3♣: min. any -3♦/♠: max. ♥ bad/good suit -3♥/**NT**: max. ♠ bad/good suit 2♦ 2**NT** 3♣ all continuations like after 2♦ opening except for 3♦/4♣/♦
2♥	✓	5	5♥ & 4+minor, 4-10 < rule of 20	2♠: nonforcing; 2**NT**: relay 3♣: pass-or-correct; 3♦: art. invite with ♥-fit	2♥ 2**NT** -3♣: 4+♣ Min. -3♦: 4+♦ Min. -3♥: 4+♣ Max. -3♠: 4+♦ Max.
2♠	✓	5	5♠ & 4+minor, 4-10 < rule of 20	2**NT**: relay; 3♣: pass-or-correct 3♦: 5+♥; 3♥: art. invite with ♠-fit	2♠ 2**NT** -3♣: 4+♣ Min. -3♦: 4+♦ Min. -3♥: 4+♣ Max. -3♠: 4+♦ Max.
2**NT**			20-21 balanced	3♣: Romex Stayman; 3♦/♥: TRF to ♥/♠ 3♠: both minors; 4x: slam try in ♣/♥/♠/♦	**HIGH LEVEL BIDDING** cuebids, splinter bids, 3M+1 as nonserious
3♣♦♥♠		6	pre	4♦/♣/♦/♣: ask keycards (→ 0+/1-/1+/2-/2+)	RKCB 30/41 also conditionally, DEPO, DOPI ROPI
3**NT**	✓		8 solid tricks in a Major	4♣: ask TRF; 4♦: ask feature; 4M: slam try oM	Exclusion Keycard Blackwood 30/41, spiral scan
4♣♦♥♠		7	pre	**References:**	***a.) weak in ♦ b.) 5♠ invite c.) GF with 4+M; ****a.) weak in ♣ b.) any 4441 GF
4**NT**	✓		both minors 6/5 pre	**Passed hand bidding:**	*natural nonforcing if nonjump, else fitjump **2♦: 5+♥ 6-10 by passed hand