

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Light style. New suit F unless everyone bids
Direct raises PRE. 2NT=4+cards support over M overcall.
Jump cue=Mixed raise of M.
Tfers after NegX of 1or 2M overcall.
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-18, Stayman/Tfers.
Reopening=10-15, 2♣ here is size ask Stayman.
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
PRE. Style=Normal, but vul dependent.
(1m)-2♦=M's / (1any)-2NT=2 lowest unbid / (1M)-3♣=oM+♦
Reopen: Intermediate
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1♣)-2♣=NAT / (1♦)-2♦=M's / Vs. non-strong 1m, 3m=Strong M's
Vs. ART 1♦, 2♦=NAT, 2♥/3♦=M's -/+
(1M)-2M=oM+♣ / (1M)-3M=Stopper ask
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
STR (14-16+): X=♠+longer m / 2♣=M's / 2♦=One M / 2M=M+m /
2NT=m's or ANY STR 2-suiter
WEAK (max 13-15): Same, except X=(14)15+ if unpassed.
PH: X=Same as vs. STR INT
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
X=T/O, 4m=Leaping&non-leaping Michaels over (2 or 3M)
(2M)-3M=Stopper ask / (2♦/3♣)-4♦=M's / (3♣)-4♣=♦+M
2NT 15-17 over 2M, 17-19 over 2♦ Multi / LEB 2NT after (2M)-X
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
(1♣)-X/1♦/NT=Crash / 2♣=♦ or ♥♣ / 2♦=♥ or ♠♣ / 2♥=♠ or ♣♣ / 2♠=♣ or ♦♥ / All NT bids=♣♥ or ♦♠
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Tfers if we open 1♦/M or 2M. 1♦-(X)-XX=♥, 1♥=♠, 1♠→NT,
1NT=♣

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3 rd /even, low/odd	Same (Hi fr xxx if raised)	
NT	4 th	3 rd	
Subseq	3 rd /ATT		
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx, Ax	AKx+	
King	AK, KQ+	Ask UNBL/CT	
Queen	Q, Qx, QJ+	KQ+, QJ+, AQJ+	
Jack	J, Jx, J10+, KJ10+	J, Jx, J10+, KJ10+	
10	10, 10x, 109+, Q109+	10(9)x, Q109, AQ109, AJ10	
9	9, 9x, KJ9x (6 th), K109+	98x+, A109, K109, J98+	
Hi-X	xx, 3 rd /even	xx, xxx, xxx+	
Lo-X	/odd	4 th	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Hi=D	Hi=Odd#	Hi=D
Suit 2	Hi=Odd#	SPS	Hi=Odd#
3	SPS		SPS
1	Hi=D		Hi=D
NT 2	Hi=Odd#	Smith/reverse Smith	Hi=Odd#
3	SPS		SPS
Signals (including Trumps):			
UD CT/ATT. Reverse Smith Echo by opening leader, normal by 3 rd hand.			
Trump plays are often SPS			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Can be light (9+). Jumps=INV.			
Reopening can be even lighter.			
LEB over our X of NAT 2M opening and (1M)-X-(2M)			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Support X and XX. After our overcall, XX is 2fit and values			
X of suit previously bid or raised=Don't lead it (if lead is going to be			
@3+level.			
Gametry X, X and XX's may be part of ace asking responses.			
Cardshowing X's, optional X's and XX's. X to show shortness,			
High level XX to show a 1 st round control			

EBL CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Blue
NCBO: Iceland
PLAYERS: Aðalsteinn Jörgensen-Matthías Thorvaldsson
EVENT (Oostende European Open Teams 2018)
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Precision. 1♣=16+, 1♦=0+♦'s 10-15, 5-card Majors (4 poss 3 rd)
13-15 NT Vul (NV: 10-12 1 st & 2 nd , 10-14 3 rd , 13-15 4 th)
2♣=10-15 6+♠'s or 4M5♣'s, 2♦=3-8 5-6M, 2M=9-12, 6M
2NT=3-10, ♠ PRE, bad suit
Light openings and defensive actions
Judgment allowed in any situation
Point count can be adjusted in any given situation
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
1. 1♦ opening=10-15, 0+♦'s
2. 1♣ opening=16+, ART.
3. ART responses to 1♣ opening (1♥ and higher=GF)
4. 1♦-2♠=INV one m or GF both m's
5. 1♦-3♣=Both m's, less than INV
6. 2-suiter o'calls: (1♣)-2♦=M's/(1M)-2M=♣oM/(1M)-3♣=♦oM
7. Comp. tfers: After X of our 1♦/M or 2M opening/overcall, also
when opps bid 2M NAT over our 1♦/M/NT opening
8. LEB and T/O NT bids, frequently for m's
9. ART M-raises. 3♣ Bergen, 3♦ 3-card raise, INV, 2NT GF+FIT,
new meanings in comp.
11. 1NT-2♦ ART, ANY one-suit S/O or STR or both m's, GF
12. 1NT-3♣ m's less than INV, -3♦ m's INV
13. 2-way X's after our 2♦
14. 2NT opening=3-10, ♠PRE, bad suit
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Sometimes over our 1♣, in GF situations and at high level, i.e.
VUL vs. NVUL (3m)-X-(5m)- here.
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: Light 3rd seat openings

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	Aðalsteinn Jörgensen-Matthías Thorvaldsson Iceland open team			
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	X	0		16+, F1. <i>We can adjust point count in any situation</i>	All ART. 1♦=0-7, others GF. 1M=5+oM, 1NT/2♣=5+♣/♦, 2♦=8-10 BAL, 2♥=11-13 BAL, rest=(1)	1♣-1♦ (2), 1♣-1M (3), 1♣-1NT (4), 1♣-2♣ (5) 1♣-2♦ (6), 1♣-2♥ (7), 1♣-2♠ (8), rest (9)	1♣ comp (12)
1♦	X	0		10-15, 0+, can be light in 3 rd	1NT=6-bad10 NVUL, 6-11 VUL, 2♥=GF 3suiter	2-way checkback, 3M-1 is Slammish if raised	1♦ comp (13)
					2♣=INV one m or GF both m's 2NT=INV, rest (10)	2♣ reb over 1M shows m's	
1♥		5 (4 3 rd)		10-15 5+♥	1NT=F1, Raise=8-10, 2♣=INV one m or GF both	2♣ reb/1NT=BAL or ♣, 2♦=4	1M comp (14)
1♠		5 (4 3 rd)		10-15 5+♠	3♣=9-11 4+♥, 3♦=7-9 4+♥, 3♥=PRE. Other=SPL. 3♥=NAT INV, other bids same idea as over 1♥	2M reb=not bad	2♣ Reverse Drury, 2♦ ART 3c fit Same
1NT				13-15 NT Vul (NVul: 10-12 1 st & 2 nd , 10-14 3 rd , 13-15 4 th)	2♣=STAY, 2♦=T/P any one suiter or slammish	Modified SMOLEN, SA Texas	1NT comp (15)
2♣		5		2♣=10-15 6+♣'s or 4M5♣'s	one suiter or GF m's. 2M/NT=NAT INV, rest (11)		T/O X's
					2♦=ASK, 2M=NF, 2NT=NAT INV or GF 5M		2♣ comp (16)
					3♦/M=6+GF 4♦=RKC		
2♦	X	0		3-8 5-6M	M bids=P/C, 2NT=ASK, 3♣=ASK oM length	2NT: 3♣=min, 3♦=♥, 3♥=♠, 3♠=♥, 3NT=♣	
					4♣=→for Tfer, 4♦=→for Suit		
2♥		6		9-12 6M	Ns=F1, 2NT=Asks (INV+)	2NT: 3♣=min no VOID, 3♦=ok no SPL, 3♥/♠	
						/NT=SPL in ♣/♦/oM, 4m/♥= VOID ♣/♦/oM	
2♠		6		9-12 6M	Ns=F1, 2NT=Asks (INV+)	Same idea as 2♥	
2NT		6		3-10, ♣PRE, bad suit,	3♦=ASK for 3card M, 3M=6+M, GF, 4♦=RKC	3♦: 3M=3+cards	
3♣		6		3-10, PRE, decent suit	3♦=ASK for 3card M, 3M=6+M, GF, 4♦=RKC	3♦: 3M=3+cards	
3♦		6		3-10, PRE, Vul dependent	4♣=ART slamtry in opener's suit,		
3♥		6		3-10, PRE, Vul dependent	4♣=ART slamtry in opener's suit,		
3♠		6		3-10, PRE, Vul dependent	4♣=ART slamtry in opener's suit, 4♦=Pick a MAJ		
3NT		7		Solid m	4♦=ASK	4♦:4M=Short/4NT=no short/5m=short om	
4♣		(6)7		3-10, PRE, Vul dependent			
4♦		(6)7		3-10, PRE, Vul dependent			
4♥		(6)7		3-15, PRE, Vul dependent			
4♠		(6)7		3-15, PRE, Vul dependent			
4NT							
5♣						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦						RKCB 03/14, if X'd or o'called, then P=1 st step, XX=2 nd step. Exclusion RKCB	
5♥						4♦ for KC over 2♣	
5♠						Cue bids (1 st or 2 nd round)	
						3NT serious if M-fit agreed	
						Trump cue-bid serious	
						5NT often pick a slam	
						Some low level control asks/KC asks	

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES:

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Note 1: 1♣-2♠=8+ ANY 4441, 2N=14+ BAL, 3♣=8+ 4450,
3♦=8+ 4405

Note 2: 1♣-1♦

-1♥=♥ or BAL 18-19/22-23 (1♠ ASKS) /-1♠=(4)5+♠ (if only 4, then 16-19 and any 4441 (1NT=F1)) /-1NT=BAL 16-17 (STAY, TFRS) /-2m=NAT (2m+1=Relay) /-2♥=BAL 24+ or ANY 4441 20+ /-2♠=NAT, F1 (3♣=2nd neg) /-2NT=20-21 BAL
-3m=NAT, F1 (3m+1=2nd neg)

Note 3: 1♣-1♥/

-1♠=Fit /-1N=ASKS shape / Next bids show unbid suits stepwise (♥♦♣) /-2NT=4+♠, ASK
1♣-1♠, similar structure

Note 4: 1♣-1NT=GF, 5+♣

-2♣=♣fit or BAL / Next bids show unbid suits stepwise (♠♥♦) /-2NT=4441

Note 5: 1♣-2♣=GF, 5+♦

-2♦=♦fit or BAL / -2M or -3♣=NAT / -2NT=4414

Note 6: 1♣-2♦=8-10 BAL

-2M=NAT / -2NT asks shape

Note 7: 1♣-2♥=11-13 BAL

-2♠=NAT / -2NT asks shape / -3♣=♥ / -3♦=NAT

Note 8: 1♣-2♠=8+ ANY 4441

-2NT asks shape

Note 9: 1♣-2NT=14+ BAL (-3♣ ASK) / 1♣-3m=8+ 440m50m

Note 10: 1♦-3♣ Both m's, less than INV/ 1♦-3other: NAT, PRE,

1♦-1M; 2♦-2oM: ART FG, 1♦-2m; -2♥=ART BAL /-2♠=ART fit /-2NT=short in pd m/ -
Raise=BAL

Note 11: 1NT-3♠=m's less than INV, 3♦=One M INV, 3M=5M, GF, 4m=SA Texas, 4M T/P

Note 12: 1♣ comp: Over X, 1♦=6-7, XX=FG no good bid, other bids=System ON. In comp all
new suits are FG 5+ 8+ HCP, with jumps=NF NAT. Cue=8+ FG no good bid.

Pass=0-5 or trap. At 3-level, X=GF no good bid. Pass/X inversion applies 1♣-4♥+, or other
high level F situation after 1♣ opening. If Responder could be weak, most X's T/O.

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Note 13: 1♦ comp: Over (X), XX thru 2♣=Tfers, 2♦/M=NAT 8-10. Often use 2NT over 2MAJ as LEB or T/O, with 3-level INV. 1♦-(1N)-2♣=m's/ -2♦=M's.

Note 14: 1♥ comp: 1♥-(1♠)-2NT=INV+ raise, 2♠=3 card LR (or weak GF).
SPL. 1♥-(1NT)-2♣=♠+♥tolerance.

Note 15: 1NT comp: LEB, 3-level transfers, system on over ART X.

Over STR X, 2♣ thru 2♥ show touching 2-suiters, XX→2♣=Any one-suiter, P→ XX (T/P or other 2-suiters)

Note 16: 2♣ comp: 2♣-X-2♦: ASK. XX=defense, 2MAJ=NF, 2N/3♣ always NAT in comp, and 3♦/♥/♠=INV+ tfers. Similar after overcall but no tfers.
