

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level, Reopening) |
| Sound at 2 level, could be good 4-card suit at the 1 level. |
| Responses: raises = pre-emptive; new suit: 1/1=F1, 2/1=NF, 2/2=F1; cue=raise; 2NT=4+card raise for major, natural for minor; jump = fit; double jump = splinter; bids at game-level = to play |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live, Responses, Reopening) |
| Direct = (15)16-18, protective = 11-14 |
| Responses as after 1NT opener |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT) |
| Direct: weak, 2NT = lowest two unbid suits (weak or better) |
| Protective: intermediate (13-16, 6-card suit), 2NT = 19-21 balanced |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Response, Reopen) |
| Michaels (at least 5/5 9+points): (1m)-2m = majors, (1M)-2M = other major + minor. Then 2NT = constructive enquiry |
| (1x) 3x = stopper ask |
| (1x) 4x = hand too good to overcall 4♥/♠, responses are P/C |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak, Reopening, PH) |
| X = penalty. If they run, one take/out double, then penalties |
| 2♣ Majors (5+/4+), then 2♦ = equal preference, 2NT = asking bid |
| 2♦ = 6+♥/♠, then all major suit bids are p/c, 2NT = asking bid |
| 2M = 5M and 4+m, then 2NT = enquiry, 3♣ = p/c, 3♦ = good raise |
| 2NT = 5+♦5+♣ |
| VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT Bids) |
| X = take/out, then Lebensohl (FASS) |
| (2M)-3M = stopper ask; (2m)-3m = majors |
| Leaping Michaels: (2M)-4m = minor and other major and (3♣)-4♦ = ♦s and a major, (3m)-4m = majors |
| (3x)-3NT: 4♣ = range enquiry, 4♦ = signoff in any suit, others are natural slam tries |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣ |
| X = Majors, 1/2NT = Minors. Use 1NT as a UCB |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| XX = 9+ sets up forcing pass up to 2 of opener's suit, new suit = natural F1 (except 1♣-(X)-1♦♥=4+♥/♠ and 1M-(X)-1NT/2x=Xfers), 2NT = good raise (4+M) if M opened, system on if m opened, jumps = weak, fit at three-level |

| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE | | | |
| | Lead | In Partner's Suit | |
| Suit | 3 rd from even, low from odd | 3 rd /5 th | |
| NT | 2 nd /4 th | 3 rd /5 th | |
| Subsequent | Low=like | Low=like | |
| We may lead Q from a KQ sequence against NT | | | |
| Vs suits: Ace asks for count, King for attitude (unless 5-level+ or doubled) | | | |
| LEADS | | | |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT | |
| Ace | AK, A | AK, AKQ, AKJ | |
| King | AK, KQ | AKJ, KQJ, KQT | |
| Queen | QJ | QJT, QJ9, KQ, AQJ, AKQ | |
| Jack | JT, KJT | JT9, JT8, A/KJT | |
| 10 | T9, HT9 | T9, HT9 | |
| 9 | 9x | 9x, H98 | |
| Hi-X | xxX(x...) | xXx(x...) | |
| Lo-X | HxX, HxXx, HxxxX... | HxX, HxxX, HxxXx... | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | Low=encouraging | Low=odd | Low=encouraging |
| Suit 2 | Low=odd | Suit preference | Low=odd |
| 3 | Suit preference | | Suit preference |
| 1 | Low=encouraging | Low=odd | Low=encouraging |
| NT 2 | Low=odd | Suit preference | Low=odd |
| 3 | Suit preference | | Suit preference |
| Signals (including Trumps): | | | |
| High-low in trumps asks for ruff. If not possible, sometimes suit preference | | | |
| Smith Peters (low encourages led suit) vs NTs from both sides | | | |
| DOUBLES | | | |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening) | | | |
| Takeout doubles in direct seat generally show light opening values+ | | | |
| Responsive doubles to 4♣ | | | |
| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS | | | |
| Support X/XX up to 2 of our major, Game Try Doubles, Lightner Doubles, Competitive doubles, Lead-directing doubles | | | |
| 1♣-(1♦)-X/1♥ = 4+♥/♠ | | | |
| 1♣-(1♥):X=4♣, 1♠ = <4♣, 1NT=♣, 2♣=5♣ NF, 2♥=GF 5+♠/inv 6♣, 2♠=weak | | | |
| 1♦-(1♥)-X = 4♣, 1♦-(1♥)-1♠ = 5+♠ | | | |
| 1NT-(X)-XX = five-card suit, P = to play, 2x = natural with higher suit | | | |
| 1NT-(2y-nat)-X = T/O, 1NT-(2y-art)-X = values to raise to 2NT+ | | | |
| SOS redoubles after they have tried to penalise partner's overcall | | | |

| W B F CONVENTION CARD |
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| CATEGORY: Green |
| NCBO: England |
| PLAYERS: Shahzaad Natt and Ben Norton |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE |
| 5cM, 1♠ = 2+, 1♦ = 4+ (may have 4♦5♣ min) |
| 2/1GF |
| 1NT = 15-17 |
| NV: weak-only Multi 2♦ and constructive 2M openings |
| V: 3 weak twos |
| Transfers over 1♣ opening |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE |
| 1X-2Y = Weak (4-8) |
| 1Y-3X = Intermediate (9-11) |
| 1♦/♥/♠-1NT = Semi-Forcing 5-11 |
| Transfers over 1♣ opening |
| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
| Making a forcing pass then pulling a double shows a strong hand |
| IMPORTANT NOTES |
| FASS Lebensohl after interference over 1NT, after a takeout double of a weak/multi two and after (1M)-X-(2M) |
| Stayman sequences over 1NT often don't promise a 4-card major |
| All fourth-suit-forcing is GF (by passed hand forcing to 2NT) |
| PSYCHICS: rare |

| OPENING | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG.DBL THRU | | | | |
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| | | | | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| 1♣ | | 2 | 4♥ | 11-21. 12-14bal (no5♦/5M), 18-19bal (no5M) or clubs unbalanced | 1♦/♥ = 4+♥/♠, 1♠ = 5+bal or weak/invite with minor(s), 1NT = 5+♣ GF, 2♣ = 5+♦ GF, 2♦/♥/♠ = weak 5-8, 2NT = 0-5 raise, 3x = pre-empt | 1♣-1♦/♥-1♥/♠ = 12-14bal, 1♣-1♦/♥-1NT = 18-19bal (3-way Checkback applies) 1♣-1NT/2♣-2♦/♠ = 12-14 balanced | Same as non-passed hand except 2x = fit jump |
| 1♦ | | 4 | 4♥ | 11-21. At least 5 unless 1444/4441/4♦5♣ min. Only balanced option is 12-14 5♦ | 1NT = 5-11, 2♣ = natural GF, 2♦ = ♦ 10+, 2♥/♠ = weak 5-8, 2NT = 0-5 raise, 3♣ = intermediate 9-11, 3♦ = pre-emptive, splinters | 1♦-1M-1NT = 12-14 5+♦ (2-Way Checkback applies) | Same as non-passed hand except 2M = fit jump and 2♣ = natural |
| 1♥ | | 5 | 4♦ | 11-21 | 1NT = 5-11 semi-forcing, 2♣/♦ = natural GF, 2♥ = 3+hearts 5-9, 2♠ = weak 5-8, 2NT = 4+hearts GF, 3♣/♦ = intermediate 9-11, 3♥ = 4+hearts 10-11, splinters | 2-Way Checkback over 1♥-1♠-1NT, 1♥-2NT-3♣ = any min, 3♦ = 15+ no shortage, 3♥/3♠/3NT = 15+ shortage up the line, 4♣/♦ = 55, 1♥-1NT-2♣/♦ = can be 53 if 14-15 | 2♣ = good 3-card raise 2♦ = good 4+card raise 3♥ = pre-emptive fit jumps, splinters past 3♥ |
| 1♠ | | 5 | 4♥ | 11-21 | 1NT = 5-11 semi-forcing, 2♣/♦/♥ = natural GF, 2♠ = 3+spades 5-9, 2NT = 4+spades GF, 3♣/♦/♥ = intermediate 9-11, 3♠ = 4+spades 10-11, splinters | Same as 1♥ | Same as non-passed hand except 2♥ = natural |
| 1NT | | | | 15-17, can include 5M/6m | 2♣ = non-promissory Stayman, 2♦/♥/♠/NT = transfers, 3♣ = 5-card Stayman, 3♦ = 5/5minors GF, 3♥/♠ = splinter: 13(54), 4♣/♦ = transfer to ♥/♠, 4♥/♠ = to play | Smolen Stayman, 1NT-2♦/♥: break with 4 card: 3♥/♠ = min, suit = doubleton max, 1NT-2♣/2NT-3♣/♦ = fit (Ax/Qxx/xxxx+) | Same as non-passed hand |
| 2♣ | X | | | 22-24bal/GF | 2♦ = Relay/waiting bid, 2♥/♠/3♣/♦ = 5 cards 2/3 top honours, 2NT = 8-10 scattered | 2♣-2♦-2♥ = 22-24 balanced or hearts GF (then 2♠ asks/2NT = minors/3m = to play), 2♣-2♦-2NT = 25-27 balanced | Same as non-passed hand |
| 2♦ | X | | | NV: Multi (weak, 5+M) V: Weak two in ♦ | NV: 2/3M=pass or correct, 2NT=ask, 3m=nat F1, 4♣=xfer to M, 4♦=bid M V: 2M=nat F1, 2NT=shortage ask | NV: 2♦-2NT: 3♣=non-minimum either M (3♦ asks then 3M=oM), 3♦/♥=min ♥/♠ | Same as non-passed hand |
| 2♥ | | 5 | | NV: Constructive (6♥ 8-11) V: Weak two in ♥ | 2♠=shortage ask, 2NT=F1 5+♠, 3m=nat F1 | 2♥-2♣-2NT=short ♠, 3m=short | |
| 2♠ | | 5 | | NV: Constructive (6♠ 8-11) V: Weak two in ♠ | 2NT=shortage ask, 3x=nat F1 | | |
| 2NT | | | | 20-21, can include 5M/6m | 3♣ = 5-card Stayman, 3♦/♥ = transfers, 3♠ = Minor Suit Stayman, 4♣/♦/♥/♠ = ♥/♠/♣/♦ 6+ cards (Two-under transfers) | 2NT-3♣-3♦-3M=oM; completing transfer shows 3, breaking =4+, 3NT=2; 2NT-3♣-4♣/♦ =4+; 2NT-4♥/♠-4♣/5♣=RKCB | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3♣ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | New suit = natural GF, 4♦=slam try in ♣ | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3♦ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | New suit = natural GF, 4♠=slam try in ♦ | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3♥ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | New suit = natural GF, 4♣=slam try in ♥ | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3♠ | | 6 | | Pre-emptive | New suit = natural GF, 4♣=slam try in ♠ | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 3NT | X | | | Gambling | 4♣ = p/c, 4♦ = shortage ask, 4♥/♠ = to play | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4♣ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | 4♦ = natural GF, 4♥/♠ = to play | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4♦ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | 4♥/♠/5♣ = to play | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4♥ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | 4♠/5♣/♦ = cue | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4♠ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | 5♣/♦ = cue | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 4NT | X | | | Specific ace ask | 5♣ = none, 5♦/♥/♠/6♣ = ace of that suit, 5NT = 2 | | Same as non-passed hand |
| 5♣ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 5♦ | | 7 | | Pre-emptive | | 1430 RKCB. 3041 when Keycard ask is Exclusion (5NT RKCB when past 4NT) | |
| 5♥ | | 7 | | Huge hand | Raise the level of the fit for each top trump honour | Italian Cues + Non-serious 3NT; 4NT encouraging in minor suit slam auctions | |
| 5♠ | | 7 | | Huge hand | Raise the level of the fit for each top trump honour | Specific King Ask; GSF: 6♣ = none, 6x = one, 7x = two | |