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| **Competitive Bidding** |  |  | Leads and Signals | | | | | | | | |  |  | DBV Convention Card | | | |
| Takeout-Doubles  Standard, 11+ no offshape doubles w/o extra strength | Opening leads style | | | | | | | | | Category: | | |  |
| VS. Suit | | | | 1/3/5 | | | | |
| VS. NT | | | | 2/4 | | | | |
| Partner’s Suit | | | | same | | | | |
| Balancing: Slightly weaker, about 8+  Etwas schwächer | Subsequent | | | | same | | | | |
| Overcalls to (semi-)natural openings and responses  1-level 8+; 2-level 11+; Depending on vulnerability  Balancing: Slightly weaker | Note: | | | | High from all (interior) honor sequences | | | | |
| Leads by card | | | | | | | | |
| **Player Code** | | Players | |
| Lead | | | VS. Suit | | | | VS. NT | | **GER45953** | | Alexandra Dammann | |
| A | | | ->Attitude, AK(+), Ax | | | | AKQ(+), AKJ(+), Ax | | GER43358 | | **Mona Rieger** | |
| **1NT-Overcall**  (15)16-18  **Responses:** System on  **Sandwich:** Remaining suits, 4+5+  Balancing: 1NT= 11-14 (15); 2NT= (18)19-20 | K | | | ->Count, KQ(+), Kx | | | KQJ(+), KQ10(+), Kx | | | Version | | 31.12.2018 | |
| Q | | | QJ(x), Qx | | | AQJ(+), QJ(x), Qx | | | General approach  5533, 1NT= 15-17  1♣ - 1♦= 6-7 without 4+♥♠ or natural ♦, walsh  1♣ - 1♥♠= natural, 4+♥♠, longer ♦ possible  1♣ - 1NT= 8-10 without 4+♥♠  2♣= Only strong opening | | | |
| J | | | (H)J10(+), J10(+), Jx | | | (H)J10(+), J10(+), Jx | | |
| 10 | | | (H)109(+), 109(+), | | | (H)109(+), 109(+) | | |
| 9 | | | (HH)9(x), 9x | | | H9x | | |
| High-X | | | 1/3/5 | | | 2/4 | | |
| Jump overcalls  Non-vulnerable = weak, 5-10  Vulnerable = No nonsense but also weakish  Balancing: Intermediate, about 11-14 | Low-X | | | 1/3/5 | | | 2/4 | | |
| **Signals in order of priority** | | | | | | | | |
| Special openings that may require defence | | | |
| **VS** | **Pri** | **Lead by** | | | | | | **Discards** | 1♣ | 3+♣ | | |
| Two-suiters: Modified Michaels  (1♣♦) 2♣♦= Both Majors (55++)  (1♥♠) 2♥♠= Other Major + one minor (55++)  (1♣♦♥♠) 2NT= Lowest unbid suits (55++)  Balancing: | Partner | | | Decl/Dummy | | | 1♦ | 4+♦ unless 4432 | | |
| Suit | 1 | Attitude | | | Count | | | Attitude | 2♣ | Strong | | |
| 2 | Count | | | Suit Pref | | | Suit Pref | 2♦ | Majors 54++, 5-10 hcp | | |
| **3** | Suit Pref | | |  | | | Count | 2♥ | Weak 2, 6♥, 5-10 | | |
| NT | 1 | Attitude | | | Smith | | | Suit Pref | 2♠ | Weak 2, 6♠, 5-10 | | |
| VS. 1NT Opening: Multiandy  X = 15+, subsequent doubles are penalty  2♣ = Majors (54++) -> 2♦= aks longer Major  2♦ = One Major -> Answers like after multi opening  2♥ = 5+ ♥ & 4+♣/♦ -> 2NT relay, asks minor  2♠ = 5+ ♥ & 4+♣/♦ -> 2NT relay, asks minor  2NT = Both minors (55++) or any GF two-suiter | 2 | Count | | | Count | | | Count | Responses  2♦ - 2NT= 15+, asks min/max and length in Majors  2♥♠ - 2NT= Ogust | | | |
| 3 | Suit Pref | | | Suit Pref | | |  |
| **Signals** | | | | | | | | |
| **Later Count** | | | | | Current  Original | | | |
| Attitude | | | | | Low encouraging | | | | Forcing Pass  In GF sequences, after penalty-X, and 10+ XX | | | |
| VS. Preempts  (Non-) Leaping Michaels over 2/3♥♠:  4♣/♦= Strong, 5+♣/♦ & 5+ Other Major | Count | | | | | Low even | | | |
| In the trump suit | | | | | Suit Preference | | | | Important notes that don’t fit elsewhere  Two-way Checkback in all 1x – 1y – 1NT auctions:  2♣= wants to play 2♦ or any invitational hand.  -> Opener must bid 2♦, responder subsequently passes or describes his hand.  2♦= Any GF. Responses are natural | | | |
| NT: Smith | | | | | Low= encouraging for opening lead | | | |
| VS Artificial strong openings (1♣, 2♣)  Against 1♣: X: ♣´s and ♥´s or ♦´s and ♠´s; bidding a suit on first level + 2♣ shows either the next or the two other suits; bidding with 3+ points 2NT: ♣ weak two; 2♦/♥/♠ weak two  Against 2♣: natural |  | | | | | | | | |

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| Openings and responses | | | | | | | |
| Opening | Artificial | Min. No.  of cards | Negative-  X up to | Description | Responses | Subsequent auction | Passed hand or competitive bidding |
| 1♣ |  | 3 | 4♠ | 11-22, 3+♣ | 1♦= 6-7 without 4+♥♠ or natural ♦, walsh; 1♥♠= natural, 4+♥♠, longer ♦ possible; 1NT= 8-10 without 4+♥♠; 2/3♣= inverted minors; Jumps= nat, weak | Two-way Checkback after 1NT rebid;  1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥♠= unbalanced, 4+♣ & 4+♥♠  1♣ - 1♦ - 1NT does not deny 4 card ♥♠; |  |
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| 1♦ |  | 3 | 4♠ | 11-22, 4+♦ unless 4432 | 1NT= 6-10; 2♣= 5+♣ GF; 2/3♦= inverted minors;  2NT= 10-12; 3♣= 6+♣, 9-11; Jump in ♥♠= weak | 1NT rebid= 12-14 balanced;  1♦ - 1♥ - 1NT denies 4 card ♠ |  |
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| 1♥ |  | 5 | 4♠ | 11-22, 5+♥ | 2♥= 6-9, 3+♥; 2NT= at least invitational, 3+♥;  Jumps= natural, weak; 3♥= 4+♥, weak | 1♥♠-2NT: ->3♣= 11-13; ->3♦= 17+;  ->3♥ and higher= 14-16, descriptive, GF | 2♣= Drury. Responses:  2♥♠= subminimum  2NT= General invitation  Other= Helpsuit trial bid |
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| 1♠ |  | 5 | 4♥ | 11-22, 5+♠ | 2♠= 6-9, 3+♠; 2NT= at least invitational, 3+♠;  Jumps= natural, weak; 3♠= 4+♠; weak |
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| 1NT |  | - | 4♠ | 15-17, may be semibalanced | 2♣= (garbage) Stayman; 2♦♥= ♥♠ Transfer; 2♠= inv. w/o 4card Major or ♣; 2NT=both minors; 3♣♦= asks for top honor, inv.; 3♥= GF 4333; 3♠= GF 3433 | Smolen:  1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♥= 4♥ & 5♠  1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♠= 5♥ & 4♠ | Lebensohl 2NT after intervention on 2-level |
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| 2♣ |  | 0 | - | a) SF+ Major  b) GF minor  c) 22+ NT | 2♦= relay;  2♥♠= 5+♥♠ with 2+ top honors (AKQ);  3♣♦= 6+♣♦ with 2+ top honors (AKQ); | After 2♦: 2NT= 22-23;  2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥= kokish: ♥ GF or 24-25 NT.  Responder must bid 2♠ over 2♥. |  |
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| 2♦ |  | 0 | - | Majors 54++, 5-10 hcp | 2♥♠= preference;  2NT= 15+, asks min/max and length in Majors;  3♣♦= Natural & forcing | After 2♦ - 2NT: **->**3♣= longer ♥;  **->**3♦= longer ♠; **->**3♥= 5-5, minimum;  **->**3♠&NT= 5-5, maximum, ♣/♦ shortness |  |
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| 2♥ |  | 6 | - | Weak 2, 6♥, 5-10 | 2NT= Ogust, asks min/max & suit quality  New suit= Natural & forcing | After 2♥♠ - 2NT: **->**3♣= minimum, bad suit;  **->**3♦= minimum, good suit  **->**3♥= maximum, bad suit  **->**3♠= maximum, good suit |  |
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| 2♠ |  | 6 | - | Weak 2, 6♠, 5-10 | 2NT= Ogust, asks min/max & suit quality  New suit= Natural & forcing |  |
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| 2NT |  | - |  | 20-21, may be semibalanced | 3♣= Puppet Stayman; 3♦♥=♥♠ Transfer; 3♠= 5♠+4♥;  3NT= to play; 4♣= Gerber; 4♦= Majors 55++ | After 3♣: 3♦= one or both 4-card Majors;  3♥♠= 5-card ♥♠; 3NT no 4+ Major |  |
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| 3♣ |  | 7 | - |  |  |  |  |
| 3♦ |  | 7 | - |  |  |  |  |
| 3♥ |  | 7 | - |  |  |  |  |
| 3♠ |  | 7 | - |  |  |  |  |
| 3NT |  | - | - | broken 8-card minor preempt |  |  |  |
| 4♣ |  | 8(7) | - |  |  | High level bidding  Mixed Cuebids  RKCB 1430  Specific Kings  Opponents double 4NT: D0P1-R0P1  Opponents double Answer: -> Pass asks for control;  -> XX shows 2nd round cue; -> Bidding on shows 1st round cue | |
| 4♦ |  | 8(7) | - |  |  |
| 4♥ |  | 8(7) | - |  |  |
| 4♠ |  | 8(7) | - |  |  |
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| 5♣ |  | 8 | - |  |  |
| 5♦ |  | 8 | - |  |  |

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