DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

Style: natural/aggressive

1 level = Natural (5+ cards)

2 level = Natural (5+ cards)

Raise = Jumping is weak, jump-cue is better than preempt, 2NT = fit 4° 8/11 hcp

Responses: natural, only cue-bid is forcing 1+ round

Reopening = suit 7/13, double 7/10 or 14+ any, 1NT = 11-14

1NT OVERCALL (2ⁿᵈ/4ᵗʰ Live; Responses; Reopening)

15/17 balanced

Responses system on

Reopening: 11/14 balanced (also without stop)

Responses: Only cue is forcing

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

weak (5/10 hcp) 6(+) cards

Responses: 2NT or Cue = forcing 1+ round

Reopen: like in direct position

DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)

Over 1M = Ghestem, JUMP = ask stopper

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

Double = 4/5+ maj/minor or strong18+ (Vs weak = T/O) **2♣** = 5/4♥♠

2♦= Multi (1 major); **2♥/2♠** = 5/4+ major/minor; **2NT**= 5-5 minor

3♣/3♦ = 6 + cards pree (vs Strong), nat+4H (vs Weak)

Reopening: same direct, 2♦ (maybe only 5 cards)

VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jump; NT bids)

Double = take out

Jumps = over 2H/2S leaping Michaels

NT (2 or 3) = natural to play   **NT** (4) = bicolor 5/5+ any

Bids = natural

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

OVER OPPONENT'S TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Redouble = 10+

Raise = NF – pre-empt   **jump in a new suit** = limit (nat. or fit 4°)

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3rd-5th	3rd-5th
NT	Attitude	count
Subseq	Attitude	Same

Other: **highest from doubleton**

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKxxx; AKQ; Ax	AKx; AKxx
King	KQJ; KQ109; AK;	KQJx; KQ109x; unblock A/J
Queen	QJxx; Qx	KQ10x; QJ10; QJ98
Jack	J109; J108; Jx	J109x; J1087x
10	Natural	Natural
9	Natural	Natural
Hi-x	Even	Attitude
Lo-x	Odd	Attitude

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

		Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1	Enc = Small		Enc = Odd
	2	H-L = Odd		
	3			
NT	1	Enc = Small		Enc = Odd
	2			
	3			

Signals (including Trumps):

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Style: Natural

Responses: natural on 1♦/1♥ (only cue is F1+)

Reopening: aggressive

After overcall: with good hand and without the opponents suit

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL and COMPETITIVE DOUBLE/REDOUBLE

Negative; Responsive

Double in competition = good hand + (HCP but also distribution)

Penalty = only after: **a)** partner's opening bid 3♣/♦/♥/♠ ect.

b) a redouble or a partner's penalty double

Convention card

ITALY LADIES

PLAYERS: **E. Dalpozzo – S. Capobianco**

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE: **NATURAL 5 card major**

1♣ = 2+ cards (if balanced 12/14)

1♦ = 11/21 4+ cards

1♥ = 11/21 5+ cards

1♠ = 11/21 5+ cards

1NT Opening: 15/17 Balanced

2NT Opening: 20/21 Balanced

2♦=18/19 Balanced no 5 Majors

2 OVER 1 Response: FORCING GAME

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

2♥ response over 1 minor opening = 4-9 HCP 5+♣/4+♥

2♠ response over 1 minor opening = 10-11 HCP 5+♠/4+♥

PSYCHICS: rare

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWERE

OPENING	*IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN N° OF CARDS	NEG. DBL. THRU	PLAYERS: E. Dalpozzo – S. Capobianco			
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	MODIFICATION OVER COMPETITION AND WITH PASSED PARTNER
1♣	*	2	5♦	**Natural 11/22 HCP** Balanced 11/14	1♦/1♥/1♠/1NT = Natural; 2♣ = 2+♣ FG; 2♦ = weak 6M; 2♥ = 5-9 HCP 5+♠/4+♥, 2♠ = 10-11 HCP 5+♠/4+♥; 3♣ = preempt	1♣-1♦-2♥=art or nat, 1♣-1♥-2♦=art or nat, 1♣-1♠-2♦=art or nat	
1♦		4	5♥	**Natural 11/22 HCP** Balanced 11/14	1♥/1♠/1NT = Natural; 2♣ = 2+♣ FG; 2♦ =4♦ 5-8 HCP; 2♥ = 5-9 HCP 5+♠/4+♥; 2♠ = FG with ♦; 3♣ = with ♦ inv with ♦	1♦-1♥-2♠=art or nat, 1♦-1♠-2♥=art or nat,	
1♥		5	5♠	**Natural 11/22 HCP**	1NT=NF; 2♣/2♦ = FG; 2♥=3♥ 5-8; 2NT=10-11 3/4♥; 3♣= 6-9 4♥; 3♦=4♥ with a singleton; 3♠/4♣/4♦= void (♣♦♠)	1♥ - 1♠/1NT - 2♣ = F1 **(Gazzilli)** 1♥ - 1♠/1NT - 2NT = 6-4 16+ 1♠ - 1NT - 3♣/♦ = 5+-5+ 14-15	2♣=drury;3♣=6-9 4♥; 2nt=10-11 4♥
1♠		5	6♥	**Natural 11/22 HCP**	1NT=NF; 2♣/2♦/♥= FG; 2♠=3♠ 5-8; 2NT=3/4♠ 10-11; ♣= 6-9 4♠; 3♦= 4♠ with a singleton ;3♥=6+♥ 10-11; 3NT/4♣/4♦= void (♣♦♥)	1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ = F1 **(Gazzilli)** 1♠ - 1NT - 2NT = 6-4min 16+ 1♠ - 1NT - 3♣/♦ = 5+-5+ 14-15	2♣=drury;3♣=6-9 4♠; 2nt=10-11 4♠
1NT			4♥	**15/17 balanced**	2♣= Stayman; 2♦/2♥/2♠/2NT= trsf; 3♣=5-5 minors 0-7 3♦= 5-5 minors FG; 3♥/3♠ = shortness with 5-4 minors		
2♣	*	0	6♠	**FG except** 2♣-2♦-2NT Any distribution or 22+ balanced	2♦=waiting ; 2♥= positive 5+♠; 2♠= positive 5+♥; 2NT= 5-5 /6-4 M; 3♣ = positive 6+♥; 3♦ = positive 6+♣	2♣-2♦-2♥= nat 4+♥ or Bal FG 2♣-2♦-2♠= nat 4+♠	
2♦	*		3♥	**18/19 Balanced**	2♥= 4+♠ or special hands; 2♠=trsf to 2NT (4+♥ or NT hands); 2NT = trsf to 3♣; 3♣= puppet or 5+♥/4♠; 3♦ = 5+♠/4♥; 3♥/3♠ = shortness; 3NT = 5+♥/5+♠ forcing	2♦-2♥-2NT = 4♠	
2♥	*	6	3♦	**5/10 HCP**	2NT= asking; 2♠= 5+♠		
2♠	*	6	3♥	**5/10 HCP**	2NT= asking; 3♣= 6+♣; 3♥= 5+♥		
2NT			no	**Balanced 20/21**	3♣= puppet; 3♦/3♥= trsf; 3♠= minors		
3♣		7	no	**Preempt 3/10 HCP**	Natural		
3♦		7	no	**Preempt 3/10 HCP**	Natural		
3♥		7	no	**Preempt**	Natural		**HIGH LEVEL BIDDING**
3♠		7	no	**Preempt**	Natural		
3NT	*	8	no	**Gambling**	4♣= P/C		**4NT = RKCB (14/03)**
4♣		7-8	no	**Preempt**	Natural		**Cue-bid = 1st and 2nd control**
4♦		7-8	no	**Preempt**	Natural		
4♥		7-8	no	**Preempt**	Natural		
4♠		7-8	no	**Preempt**	Natural		
5♣		8	no	**Preempt**	Cue-bid		
5♦		8	no	**Preempt**	Cue-bid		