## Defensive and Competitive Bidding

 Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)
## 1-level: Light

2-level: Sound 2 -level F1 if next hand pass, 2-level constructive if
Responses: 1-and 2 -level F1 if next hand pass, 2 -level construc
next hand bids, jumps are fit jump, jump in opener's suit is mixed next hand bids, jumps are fit jump, jump in opener's suit is mix
raise, double jumps are Splinter, Cue-bid is a Good raise in raise, double jum
overcaller's suit
2NT is frequently "Good/Bad" from opener
After 1M overcall, 2NT in competition is 4c raise INV+
1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)
$15-18$ hcp $2^{\text {nd }}$ seat and $4^{\text {th }}$ seat over 1 M . 11-14 hcp $4^{\text {th }}$ seat over 1 m Same responses as after opening 1NT

Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1-Suit: Light jump overcalls, but NOT bad red vs. green
2-Suit: 2NT $=2$ lowest suits ( $5+-5+$ ) weak/strong
Reopen: 12-15 HCP, $6+$ card suit
(1M)-p(2M)-2NT=15-18 red vs green, other VUL minors Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)
Over m: Both Majors (5+-5+)
Over M: Other Major + \% (5+-5+
Jump cue-bid: Asks for stopper
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)

## $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ Both Majors <br> $2 \star=\vee$ OR $\uparrow$

$2 \downarrow=\vee$ and a minor (usually longer)
$2 \boldsymbol{A}=\boldsymbol{A}$ and a minor (usually longer)
2NT = Both minors OR GF with any 2-suiter
$4^{\text {th }}$ seat and after initial pass: DONT

VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

## Take out DBL

Cue-bid: Ask for stopper
Jump in m: That minor + other Major (5+-5+)
Over 3M: 4m is natural
VS. Artificial Strong Openings
vs. strong 1ヵ: $D B L=\vee, 1 *=\uparrow, 1 \vee=2-4 \vee$ and $5+m, 1 \wedge=2-$ 4 A and $5+\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{m}, 2 \%=\mathrm{M}$

Over Opponents' take out double
Rdbl: 9+ HCP, Of 1m: Ft-jump in M, jump in the other minor is 9+ with proper fit for opener. Of 1M: Transfers from 1NT, Mini-Splinter. Of 2M: Transfer


## Light style, also reopenings

## Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Neg, Responsive, Support DBL to $2 \vee$, Competitive DBL

1m- (1 $\uparrow$ ) - DBL strongly suggests at least $4 \vee$

| Openin g | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ar} \\ \mathrm{t} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & M \\ & i \\ & n \end{aligned}$ \# |  | Description | Responses | Subsequent Auction | Passed Hand Bidding |
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| 1. |  | 2 | 4^ | 11+ HCP, 2+* | $1 \star=4+\vee, 1 \nu=4+\wedge, 1 \wedge=$ No M/not 10+hcp w/5+* INVERTED m, $2=0-7 \mathrm{w} /$ one $\mathrm{M}, 2 \mathrm{M}=$ Good 6 c GF, $1 \mathrm{NT}=11-12$, 2NT=13-15 OR 19-20 w/3-3-(3-4), $3 *=$ PRE NOT INV vs 18-19NT, $3 \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{void} \mathrm{w} / 5+\boldsymbol{*}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=16-18,3-3-(3-4)$ | Accepts TRF if 3c and not 18-19NT. Jumps w/4-card \& extra(14+/shape), Reverse, $1 *-2 *, 2 *=G F$ var. hands, $2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Nat}$, GF, $2 N T=11-12,2-3 *, 3 *=11-12,4+*$, no shortage, $3 \vee \vee \wedge=$ Shortage, $3 \mathrm{NT}=13-14,2-3 *$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { TRF at the } 1 \text {-level } \\ 1 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \boldsymbol{*}=6-9,5+\boldsymbol{*} \\ 1 \boldsymbol{*}-2=9+5+\boldsymbol{*} \end{array}$ |
| 1 * |  | 4 | 4^ | $11+$ HCP, 4+* <br> Normally good suit if 3-3-4-3 | INVERTED m, 2M= Good 6c GF, 2NT=13-15 OR 19-20 w/3-3-(3-4), $3 *=4+\star$, $6-9$ HCP, $3 *=$ PRE NOT INV vs 18-19NT, $3 x=$ void, 3NT=16-18 w/3-3-(3-4) | Similar as for $1 *$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \star-2 \star=6-9+w / 4+ \\ & 1 \star-3 *=9+w / 4+ \end{aligned}$ |
| 14 |  | 5 | 4^ | 10-22 HCP, 5+ | 1 NT $=6$-12 HCP NF, $2 *=$ GF except rebid, $2 *=$ Weak raise to $2 v(0-7)$ OR NAT, $2 v=8-11$ HCP, $2 \wedge=$ Shortage in a $m$, INV, $2 N T=4+\vee$ GF, $3^{*}=4 \mathrm{c}$ SUPP without shortage, INV, $3 \star=$ Shortage in $\wedge$, INV, $3 v=$ PRE, $3 \mathrm{a} / 4 \mathrm{~m}=$ void, $3 \mathrm{NT}=16-18 \mathrm{w} / 3-3-(3-4)$ | $1 \vee-2 N T, 3 x=$ NAT, not MIN $1 v-2 N T, 3 x-3 v=$ asks for singleton $1 \mathrm{v}-2 \mathrm{NT}, 3 \mathrm{x}-3 \mathrm{NT}=$ asks for cue Good raises1M-1NT-2NT:FG | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee-2 *=3 \text {-card raise } \\ & 1 \vee-2 *=4-\text { card raise } \\ & 1 \vee-2 N T=N A T, \text { INV } \\ & 1 \vee-3 m=N A T, \text { INV } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1^ |  | 5 | 4^ | 10-22 HCP, 5+^ | $2 \mathrm{~m}=$ GF except rebid <br> $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Weak raise to $2 \wedge$ OR NAT, $2 \wedge=8-11,2 N T=4+\wedge$ GF, $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ <br> Shortage in a m, $3 \star=4 \mathrm{c}$ SUPP without shortage, INV, $3 v=$ Shortage in $\varphi$, INV, $3 \wedge=$ PRE, $3 N T=16-18 \mathrm{w} / 3-3-(3-4), 1 \mathrm{n}-4 \mathrm{~m} / \varphi=$ void | Similar as for 1 v | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{~A}-2 *=3 \text {-card raise } \\ & 1 \wedge-2=4-\text { card raise } \\ & 1 \wedge-2 N T=\text { NAT, INV } \\ & 1-3 m=\text { NAT, INV } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 NT <br> a) $11-14$ <br> b) (14) $15-$ 17 |  |  |  | a) $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}, 3^{\text {rd }}$ hand non-vul <br> b) (Good 14 to 17) May have 5c M, 6c $\mathrm{m},(5-4-2-2)$ and singleton | $2 \mathrm{c}=$ staym, $2 \mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{~h}=$ transf, $2 \mathrm{~s}=\mathrm{min}$. transf, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ short (may be slam try minor) |  |  |
| 2* | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Strong, HCP (22+) OR tricks ( $8,5_{+}$) | $2 \star=$ Weak OR waiting w/2-suiter, 2M=GF $6+$, $2 \mathrm{NT}=6+\mathrm{w} / 5-5$ minors, 3m=GF 6+, 3M=Shortage 6+ | $2 \star-2 \star, 2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{F} 1,3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{GF}, 3 \vee=4 \downarrow+5 \star+3 \wedge=4 \star+5+\star, 2 \mathrm{M}-3 \star=$ <br> $2^{\text {nd }}$ negative, can stop in 3 M . |  |
| 2 | $\checkmark$ |  |  | 2-7 HCP 6c M OR $24+$ NT (may be 5 c green vs red) | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \boldsymbol{v} / 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\text { Pass or } 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { Ask, } 3 * / 3 \star=\text { To play, } 3 \boldsymbol{v}=\text { Pass or } 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} \text {, } \\ & 4 \boldsymbol{\star}=\text { Ask for TRF } \end{aligned}$ | $2 \star-2 N T, 3 \star=$ any MAX, $3 \star=\mathrm{MIN} \downarrow, 3 \downarrow=\mathrm{MIN} \star, 2 \star-2 \mathrm{NT}, 3 \star-3 \star$, $3 \downarrow=\star, 3 \star=6 \downarrow$ $3 v=\wedge, 3 \wedge=6 v$ |  |
| 2V |  | 6 |  | Good weak 2, 6c $\vee$, 8-11 HCP | $2 \boldsymbol{n}=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Ask for shortage/strength, $3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{GF}, 3 \mathrm{v}=$ Preempt (can be raised), $3 \wedge / 4 \star / 4 \star=$ Splinter, $4 N T=B W$ | $2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}-2 \mathrm{NT}, 3 \bullet=6-4$ hand w/any side suit, $3 \star=$ Shortage in a m, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Shortage, $3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ MIN, 3 NT $=$ MAX no shortage, $2 \boldsymbol{v}-2 N T-4 *, 4 *=$ Void |  |
| 2^ |  | 6 |  | Good weak 2, 6c ^, 8-11 HCP | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Ask for shortage/strength, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ NAT GF, $3 \mathrm{n}=$ Preempt (can be raised), $4 \star / 4 \star=$ Splinter, $4 N T=B W$ | $2 \wedge-2 N T, 3 *=6-4$ hand $w /$ any side suit, $3 *=$ Shortage $m, 3 v=$ Shortage, $3 \wedge=$ MIN, $3 N T=$ MAX no shortage, $2 \wedge-2 N T$ $4 \boldsymbol{*}, 4 \bullet, 4 \boldsymbol{v}=$ Void |  |
| 2 NT |  |  | 4^ | 20-21 HCP | $3 *=\text { PuppetSTAY, } 3 * / 3 \vee=\text { TRF, } 3 \wedge=44+\mathrm{m}$ |  |  |
| 3 x |  | 6 |  | PRE, ACC to VUL | $3 *-3 *$ asks for $3 v, 3 m-3 M=$ GF, after DBL competitive, $3 \mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{~m}=$ Control, 4M=t/p | High Level Bidding <br> 1430 Blackwood <br> Exclusion RKCB, DOPI/ROPI/DEPO <br> 5NT is frequently pick a slam. |  |
| 3NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Solid minor, gambling | $4 *=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 4 *=$ Ask for control |  |  |
| 4*, | $v$ |  |  | 8-9 tricks with good (max one looser) | 4 = Slam try with $\downarrow$ |  |  |
| 4* | $\checkmark$ |  |  | 8-9 tricks with good <br> (max one looser) | $4 \mathrm{v}=$ Slam try with $\downarrow$ | Splinter bids <br> Cue-bids (Italian style), last train cue-bids. |  |
| $4 \vee$, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 6 |  | PRE, ACC to VUL | $4 \wedge=$ To play <br> 5m=Cuebid |  |  |
| 4 NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | Asks for specific aces | 5*=0 Ace, $5 \mathrm{NT}=2$ Aces, $5 * / 5 \vee / 5 \star / 6 *=$ that Ace |  |  |

