Defensive and Competitive Bidding

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level)

Aggressive

Cue bid = Good 3-card raise or FG Direct jump-raises are pre-emptive.

1 over 1 & 3 over 2 (free bid) = F1

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

15-18 HCP: System on

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses)

1.4-2. ■ Majors.

2**√**/2**♠**= Weak

1M - 2NT = Two highest unbid suits

1M - 3♣ = Both minors

3x/4m = Preemptive when NV vs. V

3x = Constructive in other VUL.

DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses)

1.4-2.4=Natural

1 ♦ -2 ♦ = Both majors

1M-2M=Other major + C

Jump cue-bid=Asks for stopper.

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

Dbl= Strenath

2♣= Both majors

2 **♦** = 5+H or 4+S and 5+Minor

2**y**= 4+H and 5+Minor

2NT= Minor or strong 2-suiter

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

T/O doubles; 2NT: 15-18 HCP

Cue-bid; Asks for stopper at 3-level; 2-suiter at 4-level

4NT=Strong 2-suiter

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

vs. 1♣: 1 • -2 ♠ = Suit above or the two next suits
Dbl = D or H+S

1NT/2NT = C+H or D+S

vs. 2♣: Dbl = M+m; 2NT = M or m

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE

Transfer bids after 1 ♦, 1 ♥ and 1 ♠ openings.

1M - DbI - 2NT = 10 + HCP support.

1M - Dbl - 3NT = FG with support.

Leads and Signals

Opening Leads Style

	Lead	In Partner's Suit			
Suit	Usually 3 rd -5 th	3 rd -5 th			
NT	Usually 3 rd -5 th	3 rd -5 th			
Subseq	Attitude when opening a new suit				
Other	Against 5-level contracts or higher: Ace: asks enc. /disc. King: asks for count				

Leads

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	Ax(x), AKx(x), AKJTx	Ax(x), $AKx(x)$, $AKJx(x)$
King	AK, KQx(x), KQT9(x)	KQx(x), KQT(x), AKJTx
Queen	QJ, QJT,	AQJ, QJ(x), KQT9, KQJx
Jack	HJT(x), JT(x)	HJT(x), JT(x)
Т	HT9x, T9x	HT9x, AQT(x), T9x
9	9x, 98x(x)	9x, 98x(x)
X	Hxxxx, xxxxx	Hxxxx , xxxxx

Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding	
Suit: 1 st	Low encour.	Standard count	Odd-Even	
2 ^{na}	Suit pref.		Standard count	
3 rd	Standard count			
NT 1 st	Low encour.	Smith/count	Odd-Even	
2 nd	Standard count	Standard count	Standard count	
3 rd				

Lowest from xx on partners Ace lead in suit contracts. Smith (NT): High-Low: Lead is OK.

Suit preference in trump

Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light or normal T/O doubles → Cue-bid = Forcing

Special, Artificial and Competitive Dbl/Rdbl's

Responsive thru 4♦; Competitive thru 4♦ Support Doubles / Rdbl's to show 3-card fit All doubles below 2NT usually for take-out Lightner doubles





CONVENTION

CARD



Category

BLUE – Viking Precision Club

NCBO/team: Norway

Event:



Players

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System Summary

General Approach and Style

- Strong 1♣ and 5-card major opening bids
- Relays possible after openings 1♣/1♦/1♥/1♠/1NT/2♣
- 1NT = 9-12 1st and 2nd position in favorable vul. otherwise 14-16 HCP, may have 5M or 6m
- All opening bids could be made on less HCP with compensating values

Special opening bids that may require defense

 $1 \checkmark / 1 \triangle / 2 = NV \text{ vs. V: 9-15 HCP.}$

2 ◆ = Multi, 5H/5S, 2-10 HCP.

2♥ = NV vs. V shows 4+H and 4+S and 2-8 HCP.

2NT = 5H + 5m, 9-12 HCP.

Special bids that may require defense

1 - 1 = 5 + S 8 + HCP or balanced 14 + HCP

1 - 1 - 1 = 5 + H 8 + HCP; 1 - 2 = 5 + D 8 + HCP

1♣-2♦ = 5+C 8+HCP

1 ◆ - 1 ♥ = 4+S 6+HCP or FG relay

1 **→** -1 **♠** = 4+H 6+HCP

1M-1NT = FG relay

1M-2♣ = Any invitational

2♣-2♦ = Artificial F1

Important notes that don't fit

Transfer bids after opponents interfere against 1♣/1♦/1NT

Psychics

Openings: Rare;

Other: Rare

Opening	Artificial	Min. cards	Neg dbl thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1.*	Х	0	7♠	16+HCP or compensating values	1 ◆=0-8HCP; 1 ▼=8+HCP 5+S or 14+HCP bal; 1 ♠=8+HCP 5+H; 1NT=9-13 HCP bal; 2 ♠=8+HCP 5+D; 2 ◆=8+HCP 5+C; 2 ▼=8+HCP 45/54 minors; 2 ♠=8-11HCP 4441 any single; 2NT=12+HCP 4441 any single, 3 ♣=Solid 6-card suit, 3 ◆=Solid 7-card suit	Relays after positive answers 1 ♣ - 1 ◆ → 1 ▼=20+HCP Transfer bids after opponent's interference.	
1 •	Х	1	4♥	11-16 HCP	1 ▼= 4+S or FG Relay; 1 ▲= 6+HCP, 4+H; 2 ♣= 10+HCP, 4+C; 2 ◆=10+HCP, 4+D; 2 ▼=6-10HCP, 4S 5+H; 2 ♣= 6+ invitational; 3 ◆= 7D, invitational. 3 ♣= 7-10HCP, 5+C 5+D; 3 ▼/3 ♠=Single and 3 card other major, FG.	May continue with relays after 1 ◆ -1 ♥ 1 ♥ = Natural Transfer bids after opponent's interference.	
1♥		5 (4)	4◆	9-15 HCP NV vs. V 11-15 HCP other vul. (may have 4 in 3.rd seat)	1NT=FG Relay; 2♣=Any invitational; 2♠=Invitational 5S 5+C; 2NT=4-card support, any single, 6-9/10-12 HCP; 3♣=7-10 HCP 5+C 5+D; 3♠=Invitational 5S 5+D; 3♠=7-9 HCP, no singleton.	May continue with relays after 1 v-1NT 1 v - 2 s → 2 v = Waiting bid	2. = Invitational w/support 3x = Minisplinter
1 🛧		5 (4)	4 •	9-15 HCP NV vs. V 11-15 HCP 5+cards (may have 4 in 3rd seat)	1NT= FG Relay; 2♣= Any invitational; 2♦=F1; 2♥=NF; 2NT= 4-card support, any single, 6-9/10-12 HCP; 3♣= Invitational 5H 5+C; 3♦= Invitational 5H 5+D; 3♠= 7-9 HCP, no singleton.	May continue with relays after 1 ♣ -1NT 1 ♣ - 2 ♣ → 2 ◆ = Waiting bid	2♣ = Invitational w/support 3x = Minisplinter
1NT		-	4•	9-12 HCP in 1 st and 2 nd pos favorable. Usually no 5M.	2♣=Stayman, weak or invitational; 2♦= FG relay; 2♥/2♠ to play; 2NT= Both minors; 3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠= Good 6-card, slam interest; 4♣/4♦=Preemptive;	Relays after 1NT-2 Transfer bids after opponent's interference.	
1NT		-	4•	14-16 HCP Can have 5M or 6m	2♣=Stayman; 2♦/2♥=Transfers; 2♠=6+C or single minor; 2NT= 6+D or strong with both minors; 3♣= Single major; 3♦=Asks for 5-card major; 4♣/4♦=Transfer H/S;	May continue with relays after 1NT-2♣ Transfer bids after opponent's interference.	
2*		6 (5)	4 •	9-15 HCP NV vs. V 11-15 HCP other vuln.	2 ←=F1; 2 ▼/2 ♠=NF, 5+Cards.	May continue with relays after 2♣-2♦	
2•	Х	0	4 •	Multi: 2-10 HCP, always 5H or 5S Strength depending on vul.	2♥/3♥/4♥=Pass/correct. 2♠=Own suit. 2NT= Artificial F1.		
2♥	Х	4		NV vs. V: 2-8 HCP 4+H 4+S	3♣=Artificial F1; 3♥/3♠=Preemptive.		
		6		Other vul: Weak two	2NT=Single?; 3♣=Asks suit quality and strength; 3♥=Pre-emptive.		
2♠		6		Weak two	2NT=Single?; 3.=Asks suit quality and strength; 3.=Pre-emptive.		
2NT	Х	-		9-12 HCP, 5H 5+m	3 ◆=Relay;	Slam Conventions	
3♣/3♦		6		Preemptive Undisciplined in 3 rd position	Opposite minor =KCB	Relays and asking bids. 4 → = Stop signal in relay sequences. Cue bids: 1 st and 2 nd round controls up the line. Cue bids after relay sequences show at least a minimum number of controls. 3NT after relay sequences show a low number of controls. 3NT=Key Card Blackwood in some positions when major suit is agreed as trump. Last train. CRO. Splinter. Roman Key Card Blackwood (0-3, 1-4). Exclusion BW 5NT	
3♥, 3♠		6		Preemptive Undisciplined in 3 rd position	4m = Cue-bid		
3NT		-		Solid major	4♣ = Slam try, asks for singleton.		
4 *	_	7		Preemptive	4 ◆ = Slam try.		
4 •	1	7		Preemptive	5♣ = Slam try.		
4♥, 4♠		6		To play	4♠=To play; 4NT=KCB		
4NT				Asks for specific aces	5♣=0 Aces, 5♦/5♥/5♠/5NT=Ace ♣/♦/♥/♠, 6♣/6♦/6♥=2 Aces		