# **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

## Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

1-level: light

2-level: Sound

Responses; 1-level F1 if next hand pass, 2-level constructive, double jumps are Splinter, Cue-bid is at least a good raise, Jump in opener suit is Mixedraise with 4+support, 2NT is natural, but 4+support and INV+ in competition. Jumps in new suit at 2/3-level is natural GF.

#### 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

15-18 HCP 2nd and 12-16 HCP 4th seat. After 2nd seat overcall: Same responses as after opening 1NT. After 4th seat overcall: 2♣ asks for range.

After sandwich 1 NT followed by penalty double: pass is neutral.

#### Jump Overcalls (Style: Responses: Unusual NT)

1-Suit: Light jump overcalls, but not bad red vs. green

2-Suit: 2 NT = 2 lowest suits (5+/5+) weak/strong

Reopen; 11-13 HCP, 6+card suit

 $(1 \heartsuit)$  - p -  $(2 \heartsuit)$  - 2NT = Minors

(1♠) - p - (2♠) - 2NT = 5-5+ in  $\forall$ + minor

#### Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Over 1m: 2 • = Both majors (so 2 ♣ is always natural)

Over 1M = Other Major + 5+ in a minor

Jump cue-bid = Ask for stopper, except  $(1 \clubsuit) - 3 \clubsuit = 5.5$  in  $\spadesuit + \bullet$ 

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

Vs Strong NT:

DBL = Strength/Penalty, 2♣ = Both majors, 2◆ = ♥ or ♠, 2♥ = ♥ and a minor (normally longer), often  $4\Psi$  and 5m+,  $2\Phi = \Phi$  and a minor (normally longer), often 4♠ and 5m+, 2NT = Both minors OR GF with any 2-suiter Vs Weak NT:

DBL = Strength/Penalty, 2♣ = Both majors, 2◆ = ♥ or ♠, max 11 HCP, 2♥ = ♥ and 12+ HCP, 2♠ = ♠ and 12+ HCP, 2NT = Both minors OR GF with any 2-suiter

Vs BAL over Strong NT or as a passed hand vs all 1NT:

DBL = One m or both M,  $2 \triangleq = 4 + \text{higher}$ ,  $2 \triangleq 4 + \text{higher}$ ,  $2 \triangleq 4 + \text{higher}$ 

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

Take-out DBL

Over  $3m = 4 \implies \text{shows mm} + 5M$ , GF,  $4 \implies \text{Both M}$ 

Over 3M = 4m shows that m + 5 in other M, GF, 4M = Both minor and approxim. 10,5 tricks, 4NT = Both minor and approxim. 9-10 tricks

#### VS. Artificial Strong Openings

Vs strong 1♣; YESLEK at ALL levels

Vs strong 2♣; Db l= M+m, 2NT = Both m, 3♣ = Both M

Vs strong 2 +; Dbl = M+m, 2NT = Both m, 3 + = Both M

### Over Opponents' take-out double

Rdbl: 9+HCP.

**Of 1 m:** Fit jump in M, jump in the other minor shows 9+ HCP with proper fit for opener. TRF over 1♣.

Of 1 M: Transfers from 1NT, Mini-Splinter

Of 2 M: Transfers from 2NT

## **Leads and Signals**

## **Opening Leads Style**

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
NT	Attitude (Possible 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> )	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
Subseq	Attitude	

### Leads

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT					
Ace	AKx(x)	AK(x)					
King	AK/KQ(x)	KQ(x), $AKQ(x)$ , $AKJ10(x)$					
Queen	QJx	QJ(x),HQJx(x),KQ109(x)					
Jack	JT(x), KJ10(x)	HJT(x)/JT(x)					
10	HT9x//T9x	HT9x//T9x					
9	9x	9x, A98(x), Q98(x), J98(x)					
X	Even number	xx, xxx, xxxx(x)					

## Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding
Suit:	Energ/Diserg	Count	Encrg/Discrg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Count	S/P	Count
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P		S/P
NT:	Energ/Diserg	Smith	Encrg/Discrg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Count	Count	Count
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S/P	S/P	S/P

Signals (including Trumps): Hi-Low = Discrg/Even number. Smith (NT); Hi-Low likes the lead from both. S/P in trumps (could be STD count when ruffing)

## **Doubles**

## Takeout Doubles (Style: Responses: Reopening)

Light style, also reopenings

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

Negative, Responsive, Support DBL to 2♥, Competitive

**1**♠-(1 • )-DBL shows 4+♥, 1m-(1♥)-DBL shows 4+♠, 1m-(1♠)- DBL suggests 4+♥



# System





# System:

# **GREEN**

NCBO/team: Norway Open

Event:

**Players** 

EC 2012 Dublin



Frode C. Nybo

**Boye Brogeland** 

# System Summary

## General Approach and Style

Natural, 5c M. Transfer responses to 1♣

Light openings, extremely light 3rd hand openings

Light pre-empts green vs red. 1NT opening: (14)15-17 HCP (may have 5M/6m/single/5422) 2-over-1 responses: GF except rebid of the minor

#### Special bids that may require defence

2♦: 2-7 HCP 6c M (may be 5 green vs red). 2♥ and 2 ♠: Good weak 2, 8-11 HCP, 6 c.  $(1 \bullet)$ -3  $\bullet$  and (1M)-3M = Ask for stopper

 $1 \clubsuit - 2 \spadesuit = 6 + \heartsuit$ , 3-9 HCP or GF max one loser suit,  $1 \clubsuit - 2 \heartsuit = 6 + \spadesuit$ , 3-9 HCP or GF max one loser suit. 1♣ - 2♠ = 5-5+ m. 3-9 HCP or GF

## Special forcing pass sequences

## Important notes that don't fit

1♣ - (1♦) - 1♥= 4+♠

1♣ - (1•) - 1♠ = Denies 4+ M

1♣ - (1♥) - 1 ♠ = Denies 4+ ♠

1♣ - (1◆) - 2♣ = 4-4 in M, 6+ HCP

 $1 \clubsuit$  - (1 •) - 2 • = 6+♥ INV+, but inverted if passed originally

 $1 \clubsuit$  - (1 ♦) - 2 ♥ = 6+ ♠ INV+, but fit-jump if passed originally

1m - (1♥) - 2♥ = 6+♠ INV+, but fit-jump if passed originally

 $1m - (1 \checkmark) - 2 \checkmark = Both minors, at least INV, but NAT if passed originally$ 

1m - (14) - 2 = Both minors, at least INV, but NAT if passed originally

SWITCH bids (when at least 2 suits available at 2-level)

Xy-NT/xyz.  $2 = \text{sign off in } \bullet \text{ or INV, } 2 \bullet = \text{GF (NAT if passed originally)}$ Nilslands slinklingar when 1NT opening is doubled.

## **Psychics**

Can occur

Opening	Art	Min. #	Neg. D.	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1*		2	4	11+ HCP if BAL, 2+♣. May have 2♣ or 3♣ and 4♦.	1 ◆ = 4 + ♥, 1 ♥ = 4 + ♠, 1 ♠ = No M unless GF, 2 ♠ = INVERTED m, 5 + ♠, 2 ◆ = 6 ♥, 3 - 9 or GF max one loser suit, 2 ♥ = 6 ♠, 3 - 9 or GF max one loser suit, 2 ♠ = Both m, 3 - 9 or GF, 1NT = 11 - 12, 2 NT = 13 - 15 OR 19 - 20 w/33(34), 3 ♠ = 5 - 9 18 - 19, 3x = void w/6 + ♠, 3NT = 16 - 18, 33(34), 4 ♠ / 4 ◆ = PRE, 4M = To play	Accepts TRF if 3c (may or may not bid 2NT with 18-19NT and 3c support). Jumps w/4-card and ok 12-14. [Note 1] 1♣-2♣: 2◆=GF var. hands, 2M=Nat, GF, 2NT=11-14 and 2 or 3♣, 3♣=11-12 and 4+♣, no shortage, 3x=shortage. [Note 5]	TRF at the 1-level  1 - 2 - 2 - Natural, max 9 hcp 5 + 2  1 - 2 - 2 - 11 hcp with 5 + 2  1 - 2 M = Fit jump; 5 M + 4 + 2, 6 - 10 hcp
1♦		4	<b>4♠</b>	11+ HCP if BAL, 4+◆. Could be 4-4 in the minors.	INVERTED m, 2M=Good 6c GF, 2NT=11-12, 3♣=4+◆, 6-9 HCP, 3◆=PRE, NOT INV vs 18-19NT, 3x=void, 3NT=13-15 with 3334	Similar as for 1♣, but no TRF.	1 • - 2 • = Natural, max 9 hcp 4 + • 1 • - 3 • = 9 - 11 hcp with 4 + • 1 • - 2 M = Fit jump, 5 M + 4 + • , 6 - 10 hcp
1♥		5	4	11+ HCP if BAL, 5+♥	1NT =6-12 hcp NF, 2♣♦=GF except rebid, 2♠=Short in a m., INV, 2NT=4+♥GF, 3♠=BAL INV with SUPP, 3♦=Short in♠, INV, 3♥=PRE, 3♠=Single 10-12, 3NT=Void♠, 4m=Void	[Note 2] 1 ♥-2NT-3x=NAT, not MIN. 1 ♥-2NT-3x-3 ♥=Ask for singleton, 3NT=Ask for cue [Note 3] [Note 4]	1♥-2♠/2♠=3card/4card raise 1♥-2NT/3m= NAT, INV
1.		5	4♡	11+ HCP if BAL, 5+♠	2m=GF except rebid,.2 $\heartsuit$ =GF, 2NT=GF with 4+ $\spadesuit$ , 3 $\clubsuit$ = Short in a m., INV, 3 $\spadesuit$ =BAL INV with SUPP, 3 $\heartsuit$ =Short in $\heartsuit$ , INV, 3 $\spadesuit$ =PRE, 3NT= Single 10-12, 4m/4 $\heartsuit$ =Void	Similar as for $1♥$	Similar as for 1♡
1 NT			<b>4♠</b>	15-17 HCP (Good 14) May have 5M, 6m, 5422 and singleton [Note 6]	2♣ =STAY, 2♦ /2 $\heartsuit$ =TRF, 2♠ =mSTAY, 2NT=Bad doubleton, GF, 3x=Singleton GF, 4♣ /4♦ =TRF to 4 $\heartsuit$ /4♠ =15-16 with 2344/3244	1NT-2♣ -2♦ -2♥-Pick a M, normally pass with equal length. 2x-3♣ =New asking bid 1NT-2NT-3♣ =Ask for which weak doubleton (respond one below for M and two below for m).	
2*	v			Strong, HCP 22+ OR Tricks 8,5+	2•=Weak OR waiting, 2M=5+ card and 6+ HCP, GF, 2NT=6+ with 5-5 in the minors, 3m=5+ card and 6+ HCP, GF, 3M=Shortage 1444, 3NT=EKDxxx unspecified suit	2♣-2♦-2M=F1, 3m=GF, 3 $\heartsuit$ =4 $\heartsuit$ and 5+♦, 3 $\clubsuit$ = 4 $\clubsuit$ and 5+♦. After 2M (F1)-3 $\clubsuit$ =2 <sup>nd</sup> negative, we can stop in 3M	
2♦	v			2-7 HCP 6c M (may 5 gr.vs red) 4 <sup>th</sup> Seat 11-13, 6◆	2♡/2♠=Pass or correct, 2NT=Ask, 3♠/3♠=To play except if fit by opener, 3♡=Pass or correct, 3♠=Slam try for ♠, 4♠=ask for TRF (bid one below your suit), 4M=NAT, to play [Note 7]	2♦-2NT-3♣=Any MAX, 3♦= MIN ♡, 3♡=MIN ♠ 2♦-2NT-3♣-3♦=Asking: 3♡=Shows♠, 3♠=Shows♡	
2♥		6		Good weak 2. 8-11 HCP, 6♥ (4 <sup>th</sup> seat 11-13)	2♠ =F1, 2NT=Ask for shortage/strength, 3m=GF, 3♥=PRE (can be raised with 6-4), 3♠ =NAT INV, 4♣ =Poor man's BW, 4♠=Splinter, 4♠ =To play, 4NT=4 ace BW [Note 8]	2♡-2NT-3♣=Any 6-4, 3♦=Shortage in a m, 3♠=Shortage 3♡/3NT=MIN/MAX without shortage. 4♠/4♦/4♡=void in ♠/♦/♠	
2♠		6		Good weak 2. 8-11 HCP, 6♠ (4 <sup>th</sup> seat 11-13)	2NT=Ask for shortage/strength, 3x= NAT GF, 3♠= PRE (can be raised with 6-4), 4♠=Poor man's BW 4♠=Splinter, 4♡=To play, 4NT=4 ace BW [Note 8]		
2 NT			<b>4♠</b>	20-21 HCP (19) May have 5M, 6m, 5422, single	$3 \triangleq$ = PuppetSTAY, $3 ♦ / 3 \heartsuit$ = TRF, $3 \triangleq$ = 4+4+ in m 2NT- $4 \triangleq / 4 ♦ / 4 \diamondsuit / 4 \triangleq$ = slam try with $\heartsuit / 4 \triangleq / 4 \diamondsuit / $	Slam Conventions	
3x		6		PRE, ACC to VUL	3♣-3♦ asks for 3♥, 3m-3M=GF, but competitive afterDBL, 3♦-4♣= Poor man's BW, 3M-4♣= Poor man's BW, 3M- 4♦=Cue, 4M=To play	1430 KEYCARD BW over ♦ /♡/♠, and 0314 KEYCARD BW over ♣ and Exclusion BW. DOPI/ROPI/DEPO.	
3NT	V			Solid minor, gambling	4♣=Pass or correct, 4♦=Ask for control, 4M=Natural	5NT is frequently pick a slam Splinter bids	
4♣,♦	V			8-9 tricks with good ♥/♠ (NAT PRE in 3 <sup>rd</sup> hand)	4♣-4♦=slam try with ♥, 4♦-4♥=slam try with ♠	Cuebids (Italian style), a lot of last train cuebids Lightner DBL	
4♥,♠		6		PRE, ACC to VUL	4♠=To play, 5m=Cuebid, 4NT=KEYCARD BW (1430)		
4NT	V			Asks specific Aces	5♣=0 Aces, 5 • ¥♠ and 6♣=That Ace, 5NT= 2 Aces		