# Defensive and Competitive Bidding

## Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

- 1-level Light overcalls,
- 2- level Sound overcalls

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

15 - 18 HCP, system on

# Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; U nusual NT)

Pre acc to vul, Leaping Michaels 4m,

NT=to lowest unbid

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

1M-2M = Other M + m

1 **♦ ♥ ♦** - 3 **♦ ♥ ♦** = Asks for stopper

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

Dbl = Same range +, 2♣= Both Major, 2♦ = ♥ or ♠

2♥ / ♠ = nat, opening values, 2NT= Both minor or GF any 2-suiter.

If passed/4th seat DONT

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

Take out doble

Cue-bid = asks for stopper

Jump in m = That minor + other major (GF)

Over 3M= That minor + other major (GF)

## VS. Artificial Strong Openings

VS. strong 1♣ (Yeslek)

Doble= both Majors,  $1 \leftarrow = \forall$  or 4+4,  $1 \lor = 4$  or 4+4,

 $1 \triangleq = \$$  or  $\blacklozenge + \blacktriangledown$ ,  $1NT = \$ + \blacktriangledown$  or  $\blacklozenge + \spadesuit$ 

Yeslek applies for overcalls up to 4♦

VS. strong 2♣: Yeslek, dbl = both majors

# Over Opponents' take out double

Of 1M: Transfers

1M - (DBL) - 3M-2=Limit

Of 1 m: System on, xx = Strong

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	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>				
Subseq	Sometimes lead 4th					
Leads						

Leads						
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT				
Ace	AK/AKx/AKxx(x)	AK/AKx/AKxx(x)				
King	KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)	KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)				
Queen	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)				
Jack	HJT(x)/JT(x)	HJT(x)/JT(x)				
10	HT9x/AQT(x)/T9x	HT9x/AQT(x)/T9x				
9	H9x/9xx/T9	H9x/9xx/T9				
Х	Hxxx/HT9x/xxxx(x)	Hxxx/HT9x/xxxx(x)				

#### Signals in order of priority Discarding Partners lead Declarer Suit: Encrg/Discrg Encrg/Discrg Count Count Count 3rd Suit Suit Suit preference preference preference NT: Encrg/Discrg Encrg/Discrg Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Count Count Count **3**rd Suit Suit Suit preference preference preference

*Signals (including Trump's)*: Hi-low = Discrg/Even number Low-Hi = Encrg/Odd number

Smith vs NT (Hi=positive)

### **Doubles**

# Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light style also reopenings, most dbls for take-out

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

Neg, Responsive, Support Dbl to 2♥, Competative Dbl



# General Approach and Style

Natural 5-5-4-2, 2/1= GF

8-12 1NT no vul (1 and 2 seat) / 15-17

Transfer after opening 1.

Transfer after opps opening 1.

# Special bids that may require defence

1♣ - 1♠ = 6-9nt OR ◆

1NT no vul = 8-12

2♦ both M

# Special forcing pass sequences

## Important notes that don't fit

After opponets overcall:

1♣ / • -(1 • )-1♠ = Denies 4♠ unless strong with • + ♠

1 - / - (1 - ) - dbl = 4 + A

## **Psychics**

Can occur

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Opening	Art	Min. #	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1*		2	9-22 2+ <b>.</b> May have 4 •	$1 ◆ = 4 + \checkmark$ , $1 \checkmark = 4 + ♠$ , 1 ♠ = No 4 M unless GF ◆ + M 1NT = 11-12, $2 \clubsuit = \text{Inverted GF}$ , $2 \checkmark / 2 \spadesuit = \text{weak}$ . 2 NT = stronger than 3NT $3 \clubsuit = \text{weak pree}$ , $2 ♦ = \text{good pree in } \clubsuit$	Accepts TRF with 3 card support XYZ	TRF ON 1 LEVEL
1♦		5(4)	9-22 5(4)+◆	2♦= inverted GF, 2♥/2♠=WJS 2NT = stronger than 3NT 3♣=good pree in ♦, 3♦ = weak pree	XYZ	
1♥		5	9-22 5+♥	2♠ = minisplinter ♣/ ◆, 2NT = GF ♥ support 3♣ = limit ♥, 3 ♦ = single♠, 3♥ = pree	1♥ - 2N, 3♥ = min, 3nt = min bal	1 <b>v</b> -2 <b>*</b> /♦ = 8-11,3 + <b>v</b> and values in suit, 1 <b>v</b> -3 <b>*</b> = limit 4 + <b>v</b>
1♠		5	9-22 5+♠	2NT = GF $\stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}$ support, $3\stackrel{\blacktriangle}{\bullet}$ = minisplinter $\stackrel{\clubsuit}{\bullet}/ \stackrel{\blacklozenge}{\bullet}, 3 \stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$ = limit $\stackrel{\clubsuit}{\bullet}$ , $3\stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$ = single $\stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$ , $3\stackrel{\blacktriangledown}{\bullet}$ = pree	Simular as for 1♥	As 1♥
1 NT			8-12 no vul 15- 17 vul May have 5cM Ore 7cm	VS weakNT:2♣=weak stayman/invite, 2♠=GF, 2♥/♠ = to play, 2NT = invite VS StrongNT: Stayman/Transfer 3♣ = splinter minor 3♠ = ask 5-card major 3♥/♠ = splinter	1NT - 2♣, 2♠/♥/♠ -3♣ = ASKING 1nt-2♥, 2♠ superaccept. 1nt-2♠3, ♣=superaccept	1Nt-2♣, 2♦2♠ = 5+♠
2*	Х		3-4 loosers or strong NT	2	After NT -3 $\clubsuit$ = puppet Stayman 3 $\spadesuit$ / $\blacktriangledown$ = Transfer 3 $\spadesuit$ = 4+/4+ in minors 4 $\clubsuit$ / $\spadesuit$ / $\spadesuit$ = Slam try with $\blacktriangledown$ / $\spadesuit$ / $\spadesuit$ / $\spadesuit$	
2♦	Х		Both M 5(4) +4, 7-10 hcp	3.4 - Forcing		
2♥		4	6 card, 8-11 hcp	2NT - Asks for Singleton		
2♠		6	6 card, 8-11 hcp	2NT= Asks for Singleton		
2 NT	Х		22-24 hcp	3♣ =puppet Stayman 3♦/♥ = Transfer 3♠ = 4+/4+ in minors 4♣/♦/♥/♠ =Slam try with ♥/♠/♣/♦	Slam Conventions	
3x		6	PRE, ACC TO VUL	$3 - 3 = Asking \rightarrow 3 = min, 3 = xtra, 6, 3N = xtra, 7$ $3 / M: 4 = slamtry \rightarrow 4 = min, 4 = max, 6, 4 = max 7$	0314 RKCB	
3NT	Х		Running minor, no sidetricks	4♣ = P/C 4♦=slamtry 4♥, 4n=rkc ♠	Exclusion RKCB, DOPI/ROPI	
4x		6	PRE, ACC TO VUL		5NT is frequently pick a slam	
4NT		6	Asks for specific aces	$5 = 0$ Aces $5NT = 2$ Aces $5 \neq /5 \neq /6 = T$ hat Ace	Splinter bids, Cue bids (Italian style) lots of last train cue-bids	