| Defensive and Competitive Bidding |
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| Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening) |
| 1 level: light. ( 1 x )-1y-(p)-2x = inv+ with y -support <br> 2 level: sound <br> Cuebids: Good raise with support <br> Responses 1-level: F1, 2-level: constructive. |
| 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening) |
| $\begin{aligned} & 15-18 \text { hcp, } 4^{\text {th }} \text { seat: } 12-15 \text { hcp. } \\ & \text { 1NT = two unbid suits if passed hand and opps have bid } 2 \text { suits } \end{aligned}$ |
| Jump Overcalls |
| WJS, but not vs $1 \star$, vs $1 \&$ we use: $2 \star=$ one M (weak), $2 \vee=5-5 \mathrm{M}$ weak, $2 \mathrm{~A}=5-5 \mathrm{M}$ strong, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ two lowest unbid Leaping michaels. |
| Direct Cue Bids |
| Over 1*: $2 *=$ nat, Over $1 \star: 2 \star=$ both M Over $\mathrm{M}=$ other $\mathrm{M}+$ one minor |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH) |
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| VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids) |
| T/O dbl <br> Leaping Michaels (5+-5+, FG) <br> Cuebid: Ask for stopper or michaels |
| VS. Artificial Strong Openings |
| VS 1\%/2\%: YESLEK |
| Over Opponents' take out double |
| Rdbl: $10+\mathrm{HCP}, 1$-over- $1=\mathrm{F} 1,2$-over- $1=\mathrm{NF}$. $2 \%$ after 1 M $(\mathrm{X})=$ good raise in M . |


| Leads and Signals |  |  |  |  |
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| Opening Leads Style |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | 3rd-5th |  | 3rd-5th |  |
| NT | 3rd-5th |  | 3rd-5th |  |
| Subseq | Attitude when opening new suit |  |  |  |
| Leads |  |  |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit |  | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | AKx/AKxx (x) |  | AK/AKxx(x) |  |
| King | AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/KQTx |  | AK/KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x) |  |
| Queen | AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x) |  | AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x) |  |
| Jack | HJT(x)/JT(x)/Jx |  | HJT(x)/JT(x)/Jx |  |
| 10 | HT9x/T9x/Tx |  | HT9x/T9x/Tx |  |
| 9 | 9x |  | 98xx/9x |  |
| X | Hxxx/xxx(x) |  | Hxxx/xxxx(x) |  |
| Signals in order of priority |  |  |  |  |
|  | Partners lead | Declarer |  | Discardin |
| Suit: | Encrg/discrg | (Count) |  | Encrg/dis |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | (Count) | S/P |  | (Count) |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | S/P |  |  | S/P |
| NT: | Encrg/discrg | Smith Peter |  | Encrg/disc |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | (Count) | (Count) |  | (Count) |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | S/P | S/P |  | S/P |
| Signals (including Trump's): Smith Peter vs NT: Low=likes. Low=odd number or encrg, High=Even number or discrg. Count only when we want to. Signals trump: S/P |  |  |  |  |
| Doubles |  |  |  |  |
| Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening) |  |  |  |  |
| Light style, also reopenings |  |  |  |  |
| Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's |  |  |  |  |
| Support dbl/rdbl, responsive dbl, neg dbl, comp dbl, lightner dbl$1 \mathrm{~m}-(1 \vee)-X=4+\uparrow, 1 \wedge=\max 3 \wedge$ |  |  |  |  |



| $\begin{aligned} & \text { O } \\ & \text { C } \\ & \text { D } \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | \# | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \# } \\ & \dot{\Sigma} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { i } \\ & \text { 8) } \end{aligned}$ | Description | Responses | Subsequent Auction | Passed Hand Bidding |
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| 1* |  | 2 | $4 \vee$ | Could open light if distributional, (11) $12+$ hcp with balanced hands | Transfer responses at one level. $1 \mathrm{NT}=11-12 \mathrm{hcp}$. <br> 2* diamonds (6-9 hcp) or 5-5M (6-9 hcp) <br> $2 \diamond / \downarrow=6+\bullet / \wedge(6-9$ hcp or $13+)$ <br> $2 \boldsymbol{A}=$ inv+ with club support, $2 \mathrm{NT}=9-11 \mathrm{hcp}$, club support. <br> $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ preemptive, $3 * / \vee / \uparrow=$ natural ( $7+$ ), preemptive | ```1*-1* - 1v = 4\vee 11-12 hcp or 3` any hcp 1*-1*-2\vee = 4* 13-14 hcp 1* - 1* - 2NT = 4* 15+ hcp XYZ XYNT``` |  |
| 1 |  | 4 | $4 \vee$ | As above | ```2* nat GF or 5-5M (6-9 hcp) \(2 \bullet / \downarrow=6+\bullet / \wedge(6-9 \mathrm{hcp}\) or \(13+\) ) \(2 \boldsymbol{A}=\) inv+ with diamond support \(3 *=9-11 \mathrm{hcp}\), diamond support \(3 \star=\) preemptive, \(3 \vee / 3 \wedge / 4 \&=\) natural ( \(7+\) ), preemptive``` | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee-1 \vee-2 N T=4 \vee 15+\text { hcp } \\ & \text { XYZ } \\ & \text { XYNT } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1v |  | 5 | $4 \vee$ | As above |  | After 2NT: $3 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}=\mathrm{min}, 3 \star=$ one $\operatorname{singl} / \mathrm{void}, 3 \boldsymbol{}=5422,3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=6322$, $3 \mathrm{NT}=18 / 19,4 \vee=\min 5332$. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee-2 * 3 \text { card support, inv+ } \\ & 1 \vee-2 * \text { 4card support, inv+ } \\ & 1 \vee-2 N T \text { balanced inv } \end{aligned}$ |
| 14 |  | 5 | $4 \vee$ | As above | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \boldsymbol{\sim}=\text { nat } 2 \text {-over- } 1 \text { or }(9) 10-12 \mathrm{hcp} \text { with spade } \\ & \text { support, } 2 \mathrm{NT}=4+\boldsymbol{n} \mathrm{FG}, 3 \boldsymbol{\sim}=\text { minisplinter one minor, } \\ & 3 \leqslant=\text { limit, } 3 \vee=\text { minisplinter, } 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\text { "preempt", } 4 \mathrm{x}=\text { void } \end{aligned}$ |  $3 \mathrm{NT}=18 / 19,4 \boldsymbol{A}=\min 5332$. | 1^-2*3card support, inv+ $1 \uparrow-2 \bullet 4$ card support, inv+ $1 \uparrow-2 N T$ balanced inv |
| 1 NT |  |  | 4v | (14)15-17hcp (5M/6m/5-4/x) |  | $3 *=$ "puppet stayman" after $2 \star$ answer. |  |
| 2* | X |  |  | Strong. 20+ hcp or weaker with playing tricks. | $2 \star=$ waiting bid. Other bid is nat, positive hand. $2 \mathrm{NT}=5+-5+\mathrm{m}$. | Second negative. <br> $2 *-2 \mathrm{M}=4 \mathrm{card}$ and longer <br> $2 \star-2-4 \mathrm{M} / 5 \mathrm{~m}=9 / 10$ playing tricks |  |
| 2 * | X |  |  | 18/19 balanced, denies 5card M | $\begin{aligned} & 2 v=\text { spade or clubs, } 2 \uparrow=\text { transfer to } 2 N T, \\ & 2 N T=5-5 \mathrm{M} \text { slamtry, } 3 \star=5+/ 4+\mathrm{M}, 3 *=4-4 \mathrm{M}, \\ & 3 \vee / \uparrow=4 \text { card other } \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=5-5 \mathrm{M} \text { no slamtry } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| $2 v$ |  | (5)6 |  | 6-10hcp | 2NT ask for singleton, $4 \star$ ask for keycards. New suit is not forcing. |  |  |
| 2^ |  | (5)6 |  | 6-10hcp | 2NT ask for singleton, 4* ask for keycards. New suit is not forcing except $3 v$. |  |  |
| 2 NT |  |  |  | 20-21hcp | Muppet stayman, transfers. <br> $4 *=\vee$ slam int, $4 *=\wedge$ slam int <br> $4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=\boldsymbol{\&}$ slam int, $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\stackrel{\text { slam int }}{ }$ | Slam Conventions |  |
| 3 x |  | 6 |  | Preemptive | $4 \approx$ after $3 \star / \vee / \wedge$ and $4 \star$ after $3 \star$ opening $=$ ask for keycards | RKCB (1430), 0314 when clubs. Exclusion RKCB (0314), DOPI/ROPI. 5 NT in unclear situation: pick a slam. <br> Splinters <br> Cuebids <br> After BW answer: The suit over ask for trump Q <br> After BW answer: 6 x ask for 3rd round control |  |
| 3NT |  |  |  | 1st/2nd seat: running m | $4 \& / 5 \&=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 4 \star=$ ask for short suit 4NT = ask for length |  |  |
| 4*, |  |  |  | Running $\uparrow / \uparrow$ | 4NT = ask for length |  |  |
| 4 『 , ^ |  | 6 |  | Natural. To play |  |  |  |
| 4NT | X |  |  | Ask for specific aces | $\begin{aligned} & 5 *=\text { none, } 5 * / \wedge=\text { that specific ace, } 5 N T=\text { ace of clubs, } \\ & 6 *=\text { red or black, } 6=\text { minor or major, } 6 \vee=c+h \text { or } d+s \end{aligned}$ |  |  |

