opening	tick if artificial	min. no. of cards	neg. dbl thru	Georges KELDERMANS	Eric GILBERT / Alexandre THYS	BELGIUM	2019/2020
				description	responses	subsequent auction	passed hand bidding
1♣		2	4♠	11-21 HCP	T-WALSH (also after DBL) – CACHALOT after intervention: DBL = next higher suit and 1♥ or 1♠ = transfers to ♠ and NT resp.	modified ROUDI, "double deux" 1m/1x/2NT/3♣ = relay 3rd/4th suit forcing	
1♦		3	4♠	11-21 HCP	natural – CACHALOT		
1♥ 1♠		5	4♠	11-21 HCP	1NT = F1 – 2♥/♠ = 8-10 HCP BERGEN raises / 2NT FG with support *rencontre* if passed hand or after intervention 2NT F1 with support	2♣/♦: maybe only 3 (or 2) cards	1NT = non forcing DRURY (2♣/♦) *rencontre* 2NT F1 with support
1NT			4♠	15-17 balanced sometimes 5M	2♣ NF STAYMAN (3 steps) 2♦/♥/♠/NT = transfer 3x = natural, FG, slam try 4♣ 5-5+ m two-suiter / 4♦ = 5-5+ M	SMOLEN RUBENSOHL after intervention take-out double	
2♣	√	0		22-23 balanced **or** 8 playing tricks in a suit	2♦ = relay, other natural		
2♦	√	0		Forcing to game (FG)	2♥ = relay any other suit: good 5 (M) or 6 (m)		
2M		5/6		WEAK: 5 or 6 cards	2NT = relay new suit = F1 exc. 2♠ on 2♥	3♣ 5c min / 3♦ 5c max / 3♥ 6c min / 3♠ 6c max	
2NT				20-21 balanced, 5M possible	3♣ ROMEX / 3♠ both minors 3♦/♥ transfer to ♥/♠	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
3m		6		PREEMPT		4NT = Roman Keycard BW : 5♣ = 0 or 3 Kc, 5♦ = 1 or 4 Kc, 5♥ = 2 Kc, 5♠ = 2 Kc + trump Q, 5NT = 2 Kc + 1 void, 6x = 1 Kc + x void 5 unbid suit: exclusion Blackwood; responses 0 – 1 – 2 – 3 WERELDCONVENTIE (over weak 2 in M): 4m = m + other M (5+-5+)	
3M		6		PREEMPT			
3NT	√			gambling			
4m		7		PREEMPT			
4M		7		PREEMPT			
4NT	√			5+-5+ minor 2-suiter			

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 level; Reopening)

General style: 4+ cards 5+ HCP

Responses: unassuming cue-bid (11+ with support OR asking for stopper to play in NT)

Jump bid in new suit: encouraging raise

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

2nd seat: 15-18 balanced

4th seat (reopening): 1NT (10-14) balanced and 2NT (17-19) balanced

(1x)-P-(2x)-2NT = 5-5+ (2 lowest unbid suits)

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Natural PREEMPT (6+ c, 6-10)

2NT = 2 lowest remaining suits 5+-5+

DIRECT and JUMPS CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)

DIRECT CUE = 5-5+ 2-suiter (both majors on a minor; on major: other M and a minor)

JUMP CUE asks for stopper

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

vs STR 1NT: **DONT** DBL = one-suiter 5+ cards (2♣ = relay); 2♣ = 4+♣- 4+x (2♦ = NF relay and 2NT STR relay); 2♦ = 4+♦+4+M(s) (2♥ = NF relay and 2NT STR relay); 2♥ = 4+♥+4+♠ (2NT STR relay); 2♠ NAT and WK; 2NT = m's; 3m/M: STR and NAT;

vs weak 1NT: DBL = penalty; 2♣/♦/♥ = 4+4+ higher suit(s)

2NT strong 2-suiter

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

Take-out DBL up to 4♥

NAT NT

Over weak 2M: 4m = 5-5+ minor + other M (WERELDCONVENTIE)

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Pass first with 13+ HCP hands

NAT and aggressive immediate overcalls

WEAK JUMP OVERCALLS

RAINBOW

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

CAPPELLETTI on 1 or 2M opening or intervention

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3rd/5th	3rd/5th
NT	4th best	4th best
Subseq	attitude	attitude

Other: K lead asks for count

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx(+)	AK(+); Ax(+)
King	AK(+); KQ(+); Kx	AKQ/J(+); KQJ/10(+)
Queen	QJ(+); Qx	AQJ(+); QJ10/9(+)
Jack	J10(+); Jx	A/KJ10(+); J109/8(+)
10	109(+); K109(+); 10x	109(+); A/K/Q109/8(+)
9	9x	9x
Hi-x	xx; xxxx; Hxxx	xxx; xxxx; xxxxx
Lo-x	xxx; Hxx; xxxxx; Hxxxx	Hxx; Hxxx; Hxxxx; Hxxxxx

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

		Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1	CT or Lo = ENCRG	CT	Lo = ENCRG
	2	CT on K lead	Smith's call	
NT	1	CT or Lo = ENCRG	CT	Lo = ENCRG
	2	CT on K lead		

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Response; Reopening)

classical T/O DBL; CUE F1

RESP DBL / support DBL

Reopening T/O DBL (8+)

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SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

NEG DBL thru 3/4♠

COMPETITIVE DOUBLES

CATEGORY: **D**

NCBO: BELGIUM EVENT: ALL

PLAYERS: E. GILBERT/A. THYS Georges KELDERMANS

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Natural

5-card Majors, best minor

2 over 1 response: FG over 1M

Frequent non-PEN DBL

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

Weak 2 Major openings (5 or 6 cards)

DONT on 1NT opening

CAPPELLETTI

RAINBOW on artificial strong openings: one-suiter in the suit above the suit bid OR two-suiter with the two next higher suits – NT at lowest level = not touching two-suiter

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCE

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

PSYCHICS: rare