

## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

**OVERCALLS :** 4<sup>+</sup> cards 6-16 HCP  
Responses 1/1 2/2 & Cue bid F1  
**Jump fit** BERGEN 4<sup>+</sup> cards

**INT OVERCALLS :** 2<sup>nd</sup> 15-18 HCP / 4<sup>th</sup> 10-13 HCP  
Responses after pass J3 On 1 Major 2x Texas except Stay.  
On 1 Minor 2♣ Stayman 2x Texas

Responses after X J3: Texas(XX→2♣; pass ask XX (baron or pass)

### JUMP OVERCALLS

1♥/♠ P 2♥/♠ 4♣/♦=M'/m; 3♣ 4♣=♦&♥; 3♠/♦ 4♦=♥&♠  
3♥/♠ 4SA=♣&♦; 3♥ 4♥=♠&♣; 3SA(♠,♥) 4♣=♦&♥ | 4♦=♥&♠  
PREEMPTS IN TEXAS ex: 1♦ 2♦→6♥(5 pos.) 2♥→6♠(5 pos.)

### DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS 2 SUITERS 5<sup>+</sup>&5<sup>+</sup>

on 1♣ 2♣(♥&♠) 2♠(♦&♥) 2NT(♦&♠) (Ghestem in Texas)  
on 1♦ 2♣ Natural 2♠(♠&♥) 2NT(♥&♠) (Ghestem in Texas)  
on 1♥/♠ 2♥/♠ (M'&♣) 2NT(♣&♦) 3♣ (M'&♦) (Ghestem)

### VS. Strong/weak NT

2♣=Majors (4<sup>+</sup>&5<sup>+</sup>); 2♦=♥ or ♠(5)6; 2♥/♠=♥ or ♠(5)& 4<sup>+</sup>m  
2NT=(4)5♠&(4)5♦ or a strong 5M & 4<sup>+</sup>m; **X=15<sup>+</sup>HCP**

### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣(or 2♣/♦/NT)

X=♣ or ♦&♥ - n♦=♥ or ♠&♣ - n♥=♠ or ♣&♦ - nNT=♣&♥ or ♦&♠  
(Rainbow)

### VS.2♣/♦/♥ EKREN (4<sup>+</sup>♥&4<sup>+</sup>♠ weak)

X = 14<sup>+</sup>HCP REGULAR HAND / 2NT=14<sup>+</sup>HCP & minors (5<sup>+</sup>&4<sup>+</sup>)

### VS.2♦ MULTI

X=12<sup>+</sup>HCP; 2♥/♠=Short ♥/♠; 2SA=19-21 HCP; **3SA= to play**  
3♣/♦/♥/♠ 6<sup>+</sup> 15<sup>+</sup>H; After Pass X=TO; 2SA=16-18 HCP;  
2♠/3♠/♦/♥ 5<sup>+</sup> 11-14; 3SA= 5♣&5♦; 4m = 5<sup>+</sup>m&5<sup>+</sup>M'

### VS.2♥/♠ WEAK or MUIJDERBERG

X=14<sup>+</sup>HCP x(x)♥/♠; 2SA=16-18HCP; 2♠/3♠/♦/♥ (5)6<sup>+</sup> 14<sup>+</sup>HCP  
Response to X=2NT Lebensohl, Other 8<sup>+</sup>HCP

### OVER OPPONENTS' BICOLOR

1♥/♠ (2SA) : 1<sup>st</sup> CB Strong(fit) ; 2<sup>d</sup> CB Strong(4<sup>st</sup> color)  
3♥/♠ : NF 4♣/♦ : Splinter ; 4<sup>st</sup> color to play  
1♣/♦ (2♦) : X=Punitif à ♥/♠ 2♥/♠ : arrê 2NT/3♣/♦... TEXAS  
3♥/♠ Splinter SA Nat.

### OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

1m (X): Texas except 2♣=4<sup>+</sup>♥ & 5<sup>+</sup>♠ :  
1M (X): Texas, jump fit, 2NT = Fit4-11<sup>+</sup>S, 2(M-1)= Fit3 5-7or 11<sup>+</sup>S

### VS.PREEMTS

X = PENALTY or TAKE OUT OTHER RUBENSOHL

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

### OPENING LEADS STYLE

**4<sup>th</sup> best in NT and 3/5<sup>th</sup> in SUIT Contracts**

Attitude (small = positive) on ace or queen, King asks distribution

### SUBSEQUENT LEADS

Attitude, count in partner suit

### LEADS

| Lead  | Vs. Suit             | Vs. NT   |
|-------|----------------------|--|
| Ace   | AK... or Ax          | AK... or Ax  |
| King  | AK or KQ or K(x) ... | AKJxx or ARV10                                     |
| Queen | KQ or QJ...          | KQ or QJ...  |
| Jack  | (x)JT                | Jx or VX(x)  |
| 10    | (x)T9                | (x)VX or X9x                                       |
| 9     |                      | (x)X9 or 9x  |
| Hi-X  | 3/5 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>1<sup>th</sup> (1-2-3) or 2<sup>d</sup> (4)</b> |
| Lo-X  | 3/5 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>4<sup>th</sup> best</b>                         |

### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Suit 1 Parity                                  | Parity         |                 | Italian    |
| Suit 2   |                |                 |            |
| Suit 3   |                |                 |            |
| NT 1 Parity                                    | Parity         |                 | Italian    |
| NT 2   |                |                 |            |
| NT 3   |                |                 |            |
| Signals (including Trumps): Parity or Attitude |                |                 |            |
| Smith Echo Low = Encouraging                   |                |                 |            |

### DOUBLES

#### TAKEOUT DOUBLES

Responses Standard, 3 suiters  
CUE BID F1; jump 8-10  
1/2/3NT 7-11/11-12/12-15 HCP

#### IN BAL POSITION

Standard, 2 suiters  
CUE BID F1

#### SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

## E B L CONVENTION CARD

### CATEGORY:

NCBO: BELGIUM

PLAYERS: MAHY Alain (BE-71152) ()

MATELART Marc (BE-5729) (500354)

EVENT : ZW DIV1 FBB DIV1 Version 5.02 31/8/22

### SYSTEM SUMMARY

### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE : NATURAL

MAJOR 5<sup>TH</sup> - **Best Minor** - WALSH - INVERTED MINOR  
1NT (14<sup>+</sup>)15-17 HCP - 2♣ FG or SF in ♥/♠ - 2NT 20-21 HCP  
ON 1♥/♠ : INT FORCING 2 OVER 1 : **FG**  
ON 1♦ : 1NT 5-10 HCP 2♣ : 10<sup>+</sup> HCP

### SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE:

#### OPENING :

2♣ : MULTI WEAK in ♦ or FG or SF in ♥ or ♠  
2♦ : MULTI WEAK in ♥ or ♠ or SEMI FORCING in ♠/♦/NT  
2♥ PREEMPT : 3-11 HCP & BOTH MAJORS (4-4 possible)  
2♠/3♠/♦/♥ PREEMP(♠/♦/♥/♠) or FG 5<sup>+</sup>♠/♦/♥/♠ & 5<sup>+</sup>x  
3♠ Long Closed Color

#### INTERVENTION : Natural or in Texas if made with Jump

2 SUITERS : 5<sup>+</sup>&5<sup>+</sup>  
on 1♣ 2♣(♥&♠) 2♠(♦&♥) 2NT(♦&♠) (Ghestem in Texas)  
on 1♦ **2♣ Natural** 2♠(♠&♥) 2NT(♥&♠) (Ghestem in Texas)  
on 1♥/♠ 2♥/♠ (M'&♣) 2NT(♣&♦) 3♣ (M'&♦) (Ghestem)

#### RESPONSE on 1♠/♦:

w/ Jump : 2♦/♥ 2 SUITERS & 8-10 HCP 2♠ PREMPT in ♠/♦  
3♠(on 1♦)/♦/♥ Texas for ♥/♠ (Strong/Weak) 3♠ Texas for 3NT  
2♣ DRURY 2WAY CHECKBACK  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> FORCING RUBENSOHL  
2NT GOOD/BAD 4♣/♦ NAMYATS

### SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

AFTER COMPETITIVE BID IN PREEMPTIVE SITUATION

### IMPORTANT NOTES

COULD PASS WITH SOME 12 HCP HANDS (RARE)

### PSYCHICS: RARE

| OPENING      | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG. DBL THRU |  |   |  |  |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--|---|--|--|
|              |                    |                   |               | DESCRIPTION  | RESPONSES   | SUBSEQUENT ACTION  | COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING  |
| 1♣           |                    | 3                 | 4S            | (10)11-23DH  | NATURAL - 2♦/♥:2 SUIT.8-10 HCP 2♣ F1<br>2♠/3♣ PREEMPT in ♣ - 3♦/♥/♠: TEXAS ♥♠NT   |  | After X or 1♦/♥/♠: TEXAS<br>After 1♠ ... SPTNK/ISA NAT   |
| 1♦           |                    | 3                 | 4S            | (10)11-23DH  | NATURAL - 2♥:2 SUIT.8-10 HCP 2♦ F1<br>2♠/3♣ PREEMPT in ♦ - 3♣/♥/♠: TEXAS ♥♠NT   |  | After X or 1♦/♥/♠: TEXAS<br>After 1♠ ... SPTNK/ISA NAT   |
| 1♥/1♠        |                    | 5                 | 4S            | (10)11-23DH  | 1NT F1 0-19HCP;2♥/♠8-10S; 3/4♥/♠PREEMPT<br>3♣11-12S; 3♦/M'13-15S; 2NT16'S BAL;<br>4x 16'S Splinter; 3NT 15-17 HCP; 2x NAT FG  | 2NT GAME TRY - 3♥/♠ PREEMPT –<br>2/3x Natural GAME TRY   | After X or after 1♠ on 1♥<br>Texas ; 2(M-1)= FIT3 5-7or 11+S<br>JUMP FIT; 2NT FIT4 11+S<br>After pass : 2♣ FIT3 2♦/NT FIT4 |
| INT          |                    |                   |               | (14 <sup>+</sup> )15-17HCP 5Major;6minor;<br>5-4 possible; single also (Rare)                    | 2♣ STAYMAN 3; 2♦/♥/♠/NT TEXAS ♥/♠/♣/♦<br>2♦ also minors weak or 22-(54) FG; 2♠ ask force;<br>3♣ ask 5M?; 3♦ minors FG; 3♥/♠ (13)(54) FG; 3NT                                  | NATURAL; QUEST TRANSFERT;  | RUBENSOHL  |
| 2♣           | XXX                | 0                 |               | Any FG or SF in ♥ or SF in ♠<br>or FG 5 <sup>+</sup> ♥ & 5 <sup>+</sup> ♠ or WEAK in<br>♦        | 2♦ 1 ACE or 5 <sup>+</sup> HCP; 2♥ to play if 2♥ SF NF;<br>2♠ to play if 2♠ SF NF; 3♣ 4 <sup>+</sup> h & 4 <sup>+</sup> s weak F1;<br>2NT minors; 3/4♦/♥/♠/4♣ HHHxxx / AKQxxx | NATURAL ;<br>3♥/♠ (13)(54) FG  | After X XX or 2x 5 <sup>+</sup> HCP<br>After 2x X or 2y 5 <sup>+</sup> HCP   |
| 2♦           | XXX                | 0                 |               | SF in ♣/♦/NT<br>or WEAK in ♥/♠(6c)( 5poss.)<br>or FG 6 <sup>+</sup> ♠ & 5 <sup>+</sup> ♥         | 2♥ NF; 2♠ 3 <sup>+</sup> c ; 2NT F1; 3♣/♦ NAT F1;<br>3♥/♠ PREEMPT; 4♣ ASK MAJOR IN TEXAS<br>4♦ ASK MAJOR ; 3NT/4♥/4♠ TO PLAY  | Over 2NT 3♣/♦ MIN of 2♥/♠ or Natural SF<br>3♥/♠ MAX OF 2♠/♥(FG);3NT SF REG   | After X pass to play<br>XX ask description   |
| 2♥           | (X)                | 4                 |               | WEAK Majors 2 Suiter<br>(4 <sup>+</sup> &4 <sup>+</sup> )  | Pass/2♠ TO PLAY; 2NT/3♣/3♦ F1<br>3♥/♠ PREEMPT; 3NT/4♥/4♠ TO PLAY;   | Over 2NT 3♣ 55;3♦ min 45;3M 5M'4MMaxi<br>Over 3♦ 3♥/♠ Min; 3SA/4♣/♦/♥/♠ Maxi   | After X 2♠/ 3♣/♦ to play<br>After X 2NT to play 3♣ or 3♦   |
| 2♠           | (X)                | 0                 |               | PREEMT in ♣ (7 <sup>+</sup> c)(6 poss.) or<br>STRONG 5 <sup>+</sup> ♠ & 5 <sup>+</sup> ♦/♥ or ♠) | 2NT F1 ; 3♣ asking<br>3♦ /♥/♠ to play if opener is not FG.  |  |  |
| 2NT          |                    |                   |               | 20-21HCP 5major;6minor;<br>5-4 possibles; single also (Rare)                                     | 3♣ MUPPET ; 3♦/♥/♠ TEXAS ; 3NT 5s&4h;<br>4♦ 5s&5h ; 4♥/♠ short ; 4NT QTT; 5♣BWD4  | 4♣ MINOR SUIT ASKING→4♥(4t); →4♠<br>(4k);  |  |
| 3♣           | (X)                | 0                 |               | PREEMT in ♦ (7 <sup>+</sup> c)6 poss.) or<br>STRONG 5 <sup>+</sup> ♦ & 5 <sup>+</sup> ♥/♠/♣      | 3♦ asking→3♥/♠ FG with ♥/♠;<br>3NT/4♣ PREEMPT in ♣  |  | NATURAL  |
| 3♦           | (X)                | 0                 |               | PREEMT in (7 <sup>+</sup> c)6 poss.) or<br>STRONG 5 <sup>+</sup> ♥ & 5 <sup>+</sup> ♣/♦          | 3♥ asking→3♠/3SA FG with ♥&♣/♦;<br>3NT/4♦ PREEMPT in ♦  |  | NATURAL  |
| 3♥           | (X)                | 0                 |               | PREEMT in ♠ (7 <sup>+</sup> c)6 poss.) or<br>STRONG 5 <sup>+</sup> ♠ & 5 <sup>+</sup> ♣/♦        | 3♠ asking   |  |  |
| 3♠           | (X)                | 0                 |               | CLOSED SUIT (7 <sup>+</sup> ) ANY<br>10 <sup>+</sup> H   | 4♣ ask for closed suit 4♦ forcing, other non forcing  |  |  |
| 3NT          |                    | 0                 |               | PREEMPT ♣/♦ bad color  | 4♣ ask for closed suit 4♦ forcing, other non forcing  |  |  |
| 4♣/♦<br>4♥/♠ |                    | 0<br>6            |               | PREEMPT ♥/♠ (6 <sup>+</sup> ) nothing to<br>protect or A/K Def.                                  |   |  |  |
| 4NT          |                    |                   |               | BLACKWOOD  |   | <b>SLAM APPROCH AND CONVENTION</b>   |  |
| 5♣/♦         |                    | 7                 |               | PREEMT   |   | KBWD5 41; 30; 52; 52+Q; 2+v; 2+v+Q;1+v;1+v+Q<br>AFTER INTERVENTION ON KBWD5 : X(X)=41;pass=30;etc...(DOPI ROPI)<br>Cue-bid - X, pass = no control, other = single or K, XX = void or A<br>Raise to 5 of a major ask 2 top honors or the control of a suit. |  |