

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)
 Responses:
 1 NT = 9-12 HP jump fit not constructive
 cue-bid = 1 round force, usually with a fit
 new suit at same level = 1 round F

INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Lve; Responses; Reopening)
 In 2nd hand: 16-18 HP (may be underweight w/long minor)
 resp. - as on INT opening if 1st hand bid a minor suit
 - Texas (transfer bids) if 1st hand bid a major suit
 In 4th hand: 4M-5/6m when opponents have bid 2 suits
 In reopening position 10-12 (13) HP

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
 Ghestern 2-suited
 Other jump overcalls: pre-emptive

In reopening position: natural NF

DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
 Ghestern 2-suited: 1♠-2♠ = extremes 1♦-2♦ = extremes

Jump cue-bid: looking for a stopper

VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
 2nd hand:
 • double showing 5 min and 4 maj
 • 2♣ -> Landy
 • 2♦/2♥ Myyderberg
 • 2♦ 6 cards Maj
 Against weak NT double is penalty oriented

VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
 over standard pre-emts: double is for takeout
 over major weak-2: conventional bids to show distribution

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♠ or 2♠
 2♣ on 1♠ is natural
 double of 1♠ is for takeout
 double of 2♣ suggests defence

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
 Major opening: keeping Bergen answers
 Minor opening: bid at the 1 level = one round force
 Inverted minors

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

Suit	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	odd-even unless honour	parity
NT	same or top of nothing	parity
Subseq	attitude	1

Other: Romanet vs suit: A asks for attitude K asks for count
 also: xxx vs suit

LEADS

Lead	vs. Suit	vs. NT
Ace	Romanet	no honours sequence
King	Romanet	any 3-honour sequence
Queen	normally from QJx	QJx or KQx or AQJ
Jack	normally from J10x	J10x
10	denies the J	denies the J
9	denies the 10	denies the 10 and ++
Hi-Lo	even number of cards	same
Lo-Hi	odd number of cards	same

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

Suit	Partner's Lead	Dealer's Lead	Discarding
Suit 1	italian	parity	italian
	2 parity	Lavinthal	
	3		
NT	1 same	same	same
	2		

Signals (including Trumps):

echoing with 3 trumps when useful for partner
 Smith appeal

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
 Responses: from 8 HP jump with 4 cards double jump with 5 cards
 cue-bid with game hand or when not sure about suit
 In reopening position: double ≥ 8 HP

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

- negative double (Sputnik) up to 4♥
 - opener's fit showing double or redouble with correct opening and
 3 cards in responder's suit

WBF CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: ZWEIFFEL
TEAM & DIVISION: BBC Div I
PLAYERS: Eric Colinet 5393
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SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
 Natural 4-card diamonds 5-card majors 15-17 NT
 2♠ game hand or weak major-2 suiter
 2♦ multi
 2♥/2♠ Myyderberg
 3NT: closed minor
 3X preempt openings natural
 4♠/4♥ preempt in ♠/♥ with side values
 4♥/4♠ preempt defensive

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

- Stayman 2♠ = not forcing and possibly without major suit
- 2♦ on 1♠ opening may be a weak supporting hand
- Bergen answers when fitting 1 major opening
- INT overcall when opponents have bid 2 suits shows a 4M-5/6m distribution in the other 2 suits
- responder new suit over intervention is forcing unless initial pass (except Drury)
- 3rd and 4th suit forcing

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

IMPORTANT NOTES
 trial bid is usually in "need help" suit but doesn't warrant a weak spot

PSYCHICS: 3rd seat openings may be light