DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS

constructive style
if doubled, transfers as of 1NT

VS 2m natural

3m = Majors
4♣: om+♡
4♢: om+♠

1NT OVERCALL

15-18
system on
trf cuebid (to major) is weak takeout
after initial PASSshows 4M5+m (not in reopen)
4th hand 10-15 (2♣relay)

JUMP OVERCALLS

weak (after X: trf as of 2NT)
→2NT forcing asks distr, cue inv+ with fit
Reopen: 9-11

DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS

michaels
asking stopper

VS. NT

X= strong, first following Xtakeout
after PASS: 5+m4M
2♣= majors (idem after 1m (1NT))
2♢= 1major (idem after 1m (1NT))
2M = M+minor (idem after 1m (1NT))
2NT= minors (idem after 1m (1NT))

VS. PREEMPTS

leaping michaels
cue: both minors
vs 3m: 4♣:om+M→4♢ask M
4♢Majors
vs 3♣DBL then 3♢ask longest M

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

X majors, NT minors

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

on 1M opening or overcall
or 2M jump overcall
1NTthrough 2M-1 TRF

VS TRF PREEMPTS at 3 level

X: takeout
cue: good minor suit
4m : leaping michaels
PASSthen X: pen

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	1/3/5	1/3/5
Notrump	attitude	1/3/5
Subsequent	2/4 thru declarer	
Other:		

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx Ax	AKx
King	AK Kx KQ	KQ10xx AKJ10
Queen	QJx	KQx QJ.
Jack	JT.	KQJx
10	KJT Tx T9	idem
9	HT9 9x 98	idem
Hi-X	even	bad suit
Lo-X	odd	good suit

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	low enc	rev count	italian
2 Suit	low even	lavinthal	rev count
3	lavinthal		
1	idem	idem	idem
2 NT			
3			
Signals:			
rev smith			

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES

MISCELLANEOUS DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

support
competitive
rosenkrantz XX
action Xfrom raised preempter
lightner
Woolsey defense vs (1♠) P (2♠) P (P):
X then 2NT shows ♢
2NT ♢+ other

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

M5D4
trf responses to 1♣
Many gadgets

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

trf responses to 1♣
4♣and 4♢are solid ♡resp ♠suits after 1m opening
2♣weak with diamonds or strong
2♢weak ♡or strong
1♣(1♢) 2♢flannery
2♡shows 5♡and 3-4 ♠

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please don't smoke
any Xon accepted insufficient bid is penalty
system on after 1♣(1♢)
1m (1♡) 1♠denies spades
trf after 1m opening and 2NTrebid
1♣- 1♢/ 1♡- 3♢bal 18-19 4card fit → 3♠suggests 3NT
2NTin competition is often not natural
fit/scrambling/weak/6-4 shape, but NOT good/bad

PSYCHICS: occasional, no discussed sequence

OPEN	ART	MIN CRDS	NEG. DBL	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	7♡	11+	1♢:4+♡,1♡:4+♠,1♠:♢or BAL	accept:3c or 4 unbal	after (1M) 2M: 2m forcing
					2/3♣inverted, 2X nat invite	2♢,2NTbal, other: short;short to 2NT	after (1♡) : 2♡weak or strong ♠
				may be weaker in 3rd	3X weak 4♣:solid♡, 4♢:solid♠	(invite) 2NT GF relay	1NT after pass 10-11 → rev Amselman
1♢		4	7♡	4-4m: usually 1♢	2♣GF,2/3♢inverted,2M invite	2-way chkbck / any 111	after 2♣: trf
				may be weaker in 3rd	3♣invite	2NT /111 to play 3♣or 3suiter	3♠denies ♠on 3♡overcall
1♡		5	7♢	11+	1♠nat, 1NT nat, 5-12, not forcing	Gazilli, trf on 1♠overcall	revdrury
				may be weaker in 3rd	2♢GF, 2♠2NT:GF fit	3♣min, shortness, 3♢min bal, 3♡15+, 3♠strong and shortness, 4♡void ♢	relay asks shortness or strength, breaking relay shows shortness
1♠		5	7♢	11+	2/1 GF	2NT bal 11-14 or 18-19	rev drury
				may be weaker in 3rd	3♣wide range bergen, 3♢: ♡,3NT4333		trf on 2suited overcall
1NT			7♢	15-17(5M poss)	2♣stym poss weak,3 trf,2♠inv or ♣	smolen	Rubensohl/overcall
				good 14 poss	3♣ask 5M,3♢inv1M,3M 4OM333	3♢no 5M to which 3M is short	TRF on 3♣overcall, switch on 3♢
				5422 or 4441 (single honor) poss	4M-1 transfer, 4♣majors		1NT(3m) 3♡(:5+♠) (p) 3♠shows 4♡
2♣	√			w6♢(5card exceptional) 22-23/26+bal	2NTinv+rel	3♣min,other: max shrtstep	
				SF1M,GF♣♡♠	2M invite, nf,2♢usual	2♡Kokish	XXshows half fit + good hand
				→3♣:6♣4X,3♢:1suit	3M:5M 5♣,3NT:minors	allows partner to decide on 3 level
2♢	√			weak 6♡/ GF minors	2♡to play	3♡GF minors	
				BAL24-25♢,GF♠	3m invite, 2NTinv+	3♣:♡min or unbal 3♢:min ♠	
2♡	√	5		5♡3-4♠5-10HP	2NTGF, 3♣both min	3♣not 4♠not 5m, 3♢: 4S,3NT35(32)	
					3♢inv some fit		
2♠		5		weak 5+	3♢TRF, 3♡inv fit		
					2NT GF	diff resp vul/nonvul	
2NT			7♢	20-21(5Mposs)	3♣muppet,4♣ORKC 4X TRF	3♡no4M→3NT:5♠4♡	
					3♠minors, trf(2NT3♢3♠5-2)	accept trf: fit or 4♠2♡	
3♣		6			3♢asking 3cM,4♢ORKC ♣	3♡denies, 3♠shows 3♡, 3NTboth	
3♢		6			4♣ORKC,4NTask good suit		
3♡		6			5♡asks for good suit		
3♠		6					
3NT	√	7		gambling	4♣pass/correct 4♢slam try	lowest cue	
4♣		6		natural or solid ♡	4♢slam try	4♡no void, 4♠4NT: clubs min/max	
4♢		6		natural or solid ♠			
4♡		6			5♡asks for good suit		
4♠		6					
4NT	√			minors			
5♣		7					

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
splinters	*After 1♣1X 2NTTRF style
	2♣after 1-1-1 includes variety of hands
RKC 4130	esp after 1♣1♠1NT.
DOPI/ROPI	*In situations where 3NTis no option
EXCL RKC 3041	M GF fit is established
DEPO/REPO	3NTis nonserious with ♠fit
OptionalRKC (first step shows min) in limited nb of sequences	3♠is nonserious with ♡fit
1st resp max	3NTshows ♠cue with ♡fit
After reverse: non-moderating 2NT if 4th suit if available	* Lebensohl after Xof wk 2
otherwise moderating 2NT	*DONT after (1x) PASS(1NT) PASS(PASS)