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| COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
| **OVERCALLS** (Style, Responses, 2/1, in bal position) |
| Sound suit (8-17H) |
| ***Responses*** : Cue=ask val of ovcall / Jump shift=nat+support |
|  1NT=9-12H/2NT<jump>=13-14H/New Suit=F1 excp 2 ov 1 |
| ***In Bal*** : Suit w/o jump=id Ovcall /1NT=9-13H /2NT=17-19H |
| X=3suiter 7+H or str or 14-16H bal/Jump suit=id open 4th Seat |
| **1NT OVERCALLS** (2nd, 4th, responses, in bal position) |
| 1NT = 15+-18H (9-13H in bal position) |
| 2NT = 2-suiter (2 lowest) if overcall / 17-19H in bal pos |
| ***Responses*** |
| Aft min opening: same as aft 1NT opening (or 2NT if natural) |
| Aft Maj opening : all Trf (imposs trf=Stayman)/id aft 2NT nat |
| **JUMP OVERCALLS** (style, responses, unusual NT, in bal) |
| Suit = pre-emptive, including (1♣)-2♦  |
| 2NT = 2-suiter (2 lowest) //// Responses : Common sense |
| Cue2 min = 2majors, cue 3 min =♠+other min,, cue maj=♣+othermaj , 1M 3 ♣ = ♦+other maj |
| ***In bal pos*** = natural id opening in 4th seat and cue =2 suit Mm |
| **CUE-BID OVERCALLS** (style, responses, in bal position) |
| ***W/o jump*** = 2-suiter (OM + m on M / Maj on m, incl 2♣) |
| ***Jump*** = ask for stopper // then common sense |
| ***In bal*** : w/o jump = 2-suiters (1m)-2m = 2-suiter Maj |
|  (1M)-2M=2-suiter OM+m // then common sense |
| **OVERCALLS OVER 1NT** (Strong/weak, in bal, responses) |
| ***Vs strg N*** : X = penalty |
| 2♦ 1-suit M(resp multi) /2NT=♣/♦ /2♣=♥/♠ /2♥/♠=M+m |
| In bal : id //Aft 2NT opening=id 1NT at corresponding level |
| ***Vs weak NT:*** X 14+H bal/2♣=♥/♠/Trf in 2nd-4th/2NT=♣/♦ |
|  X more flexible in bal //(1NT)-P-(2X<St/Trf>)-X=14+H bal |
| **OVERCALLS ON PREEMPTS** (X, cue-bid, jumps, NT) |
| X take out (2NT mini cue vs weak 2: 8+H or 10+H if in bal) |
| (2M)-4m=m+OM-id aft(1/2M)-(3M)et(3M)//(2M)-3M=ask  |
| stopp or ♣/♦//(3m)-4om=om+M/(3m)-4m=♥+♠/Oth positive |
| *Vs 2♦Multi*:2♥/♠=nat 4+c if short OM/X=14+ bal/2NT=16-19 |
| **OVER OPPONENTS 2-SUITERS** |
| Dep seq F1-NF:Cue= supp/stop/4th suit /2NT=GF/4thsuit=nat nf, cue eco fit + , cue high 4th gf |
| **OVER STRONG ARTIFICIAL OPENINGS** |
| *Vs 1♣ strg*: X=2 majors/1/NT=min 2-suiter |
| **AFTER OPPONENTS TAKE OUT DOUBLE** |
| 1M-(X):3/4M prempt//New NF excp 1 ov 1/2NT GF |
|  3♣/♦=Bergen/4X+3♥aft 1♠ nat+sup/1♥(X) 2♠ wk |
| LEADS AND SIGNALS |
| LEAD CONVENTIONS |
|  | Lead | In partner's suit |
| Suit | Count (3rd / 5th) | Count (3rd / 5th) |
| NT | Count (3rd / 5th) | Count (3rd / 5th) |
| Subsequent | Count / Low enc | Count (3rd / 5th) |
| Other : Head of sequence (excepted in case of opportunity) |
| Rusinow in suit contracts (down to 98xx) |
| OPENING LEADS |
| Card | Suit | NT |
| Ace | AKx(..) or opportunity | AKx(x) or opportun. |
| King | AKx(..) possibly Rx  | KQJ(..) / KQ10(..) |
| Queen | KQ(..) possibly Qx  | QJ(..) poss KQ(…) |
| Jack | QJ(…) possibly Jx  | (A/K)J10(..)/J10(..) |
| 10 | J10(…) possibly 10x  | Head of sequence |
| 9 | 109(…) possibly 9x  | Count |
| High | 3rd / 5th /// x**x**xx | Count |
| Low  | 3rd / 5th /// x**x**xx | Count |
| SIGNALS BY ORDER OF PRIORITY |
|  | On partner's lead | Suit played by the declarer | Discard |
| Suit :1st | Low encour | Count | 1st italian |
| 2nd | Count | Preference | Count |
| 3rd | Preference |  |  |
| NT : 1st | Enc (A/Q)  | Count | 1st italian |
| 2nd | Count (K) | Smith(low enc) | Count |
| 3rd | Unblock (K) | Preference |  |
| Other: Smith/signal in trump= possible preference |
| MISCELLANEOUS |
| P-1m-2♥/♠=nat + support/Jump aft P+Op M=nat+supp  |
| P-1M-2NT-3♣=ask short/P-1♥-2NT-3♦=not GF if short in ♠ |
| P-(P)-1M-(2X)-3Y=supp 3M /// 1♠-1NT-2♣-2♦=5c in ♥ 8+H |
| 1M-2X-2M-2NT=relay F1 // (1/2X)-1/2NT-(3X)-X=take-out |
| Aft 3rd suit forcing at 2♥: 3♣ = 4 cards ♥ |
| **TAKE-OUT DOUBLE** |
| Classic / Resp Cue min = 8+H 2 M4 or opening values |
| In bal = 7+H 3-suiter or Strong/1X-(P)-1NT-(P)-(3/4Y)-X=str |
| SPECIAL OR ARTIFICIAL DOUBLES / REDOUBLES |
| Supporting X et XX aft 1♥/♠/ |
| Game try Doubles (compet /gen if no space/balanced if space) |
| Lightner Doubles / SOS Redoubles /  |
| 1X-(P)-2Y-(2Z)-X=take-out/1m-1M-3M-3M+1 relay |
| XX=10+ no supp in M/1m-(X):2NT supp(strg or wk)/3m invit |
| CONVENTION CARD**TEAMS****BBC4 (SAISON 2020-2021)*****DIVISION 1*****Hervé HUNTZ (3743)-Caroline VANDENBOSSCHE (3741)** |
| **SYSTEM SUMMARY** |
| GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND STYLE (H = HCP) |
| 5-card Majors / 4-card ♦ |
| 1♥/♠ - 1NT = Forcing 1 round / 2 over 1 GF aft Maj Opening |
|  1♦ - 2♣ = Forcing 1 round (F1) |
| //2NT=20-21H (5c Maj poss) |
| 2♥ =K2 5♥ 3+♠ and single-in minor / 2♦ = weak♥or semi forcing / 2♣ = weak♦ or Game Force |
| 2♠= weak ♠ |
| 3♣/♦/♥/♠ = pre-emptive |
| 3NT = pre-empt in a minor |
| **SPECIAL CONVENTIONS THAT MAY IMPLY A DEFENCE SCHEME** |
| 1NT=15-17H  |
| 2♣ = game force or weak ♦ |
| 2♦= Weak ♥ or semi forcing (4th seat=strong) |
| 2♥ =Weak K2 5♥3+♠and single-in minor (4th seat=6c Nat 11-14H) |
| 2♠= weak ♠/(4th seat=6c 11-14H) |
| 3♣/♦/♥/♠= pre-emptive (4th seat =7c 11-14H) |
| 4♣/♦= offensive pre-empt in ♥/♠ 7-8 tricks (4th seat =nat) |
| 4♥/♠ =deffensive pre-empt in ♥/♠ 6-7 tricks (4th seat =nat) |
| 4NT = blackwood special |
| important NOTes NOT INDICATED ELSEWHERE |
| Game Try bids ///Poss P for pen |
| 2NT Good bad (on opp Maj support + aft 1X-(2M)-P-P) |
| Rubensohl aft Ovcall : 2NT to 3♥=Trf (id aft P) |
|  Support Trf = 3 cards // Cue-bid Trf = 4 cards |
|  No Rubensohl after Suit opening and specified 2-suiter bid |
| After 1♣/♦-(1NT): 2♣=for Maj /2♦/♥/♠=Transfer (max 8H) |
| After 1♥/♠-(1NT) : 2♣/♦/♥/♠ = Transfer (max 8H) |
| Aft 4th suit forc: repet or under=unlimited/ P aft X = no stop |
| **PSYCHICS** : **Seldom** |

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| DESCRIPTION OF OPENINGS  |
| Opening | Tick ifi artificial | Min nmbr of cards |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | IF PASSED PARTNER(and modification after overcall) |
| 1♣ |  | 2 | Take out X up to 4♥ | 10-23H (poss 7-8 aft P) | inv m sup/1NT8-10/2♦♥♠ strong 3♦♥♠ splinter | 2♣2♦ double 2, 3rd and 4th forcing, 2nt moderateur | Cue=invit/Jump=nat+sup (+Rub),X / P |
| 1♦ |  | 4 | Take out X up to 4♥ | 10-23H (poss 7-8 aft P) | Inv m supp/1NT6-10/2♦♥♠ strong  | Double 2 / 3th + 4th suit forcing | Same as after 1♣ opening |
|  |  | 3♦♥♠ splinter | 2NT moder // 1♦-2♣-2♦ minimum | P-1♦-2♣ non forcing |
| 1♥/♠ |  | 5 | Take out X up to 4♦ | 10-23H (poss 7-8 aft P) | 1NT F1 / 2M 8-10 3c / 2NT supp GF | Aft 2/1GF: min/max exc 2M + 3NT | Cue=invitational supp or more |
|  |  | 3♣/♦ Bergen/2 ov 1 GF/3NT splinter | Double 2 / 4th suit forcing | 2♣/♦/NT Drury (weak repetition) |
|  |  |  |  |  | Dble jump =splinter+supp//3M=preempt | Aft 2NT : descr shortness by zone  | Rubensohl aft Ov Jump=nat + supp |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1♥/♠ - 1NT – 2NT = Game forcing | If no space :id resp void, rel for sign |  |
| 1NT | **X** |  |  | 15-17H balanced Vul | 2♣ stayman (4 responses) // | 1NT-2♣-2♦/♥-2 ♥2♠ 5xxx invit | if X Stay:P no stop/si X Trf XX sup |
|  |   | 2♦/♥/♠ 3♣ Trf /2NT nat NF/ | No rect Trf=sup 4c M/HCP+3c if m | Rubensohl / id aft Ovcall of 1NT  |
|  |  | 4♣ 2 suiter min /4♦ 2 suiter Maj  | Smolen | Same if (X)artif/ Aft (X)pen:P=XX |
|  |  | 1NT-2♥-2♠-3♥ = 55xx slam try | Aft Trf min : description shortness | /2X DONT/2♠ 4x(6x)/XX Suit 5+ |
| 2♣ | **X** | 0 |  | Game Force or weak D | 2♦ p/c, 2nt relay,3♣♦ weeak | After2nt level3 weak♦other strong | If Overcall : common sense |
| 2♦ | **X** | 0 | EitherOr | Weak 2 ♥ | 2-3♥ p/c / 2nt relay, 4♦ trf | Aft 2NT : 3♣ = weak 2/ oth =strong | Aft (X): P to play / XX str/ |
|  | Various strong hands  | 3♣ ask hcp, other nat rf |  | Aft 2♦ 4th seat : common sense  |
| 2♥ | **X** | 5 |  | K2, 5♥3+♠and single/void in minor | 2nt relay, 3♦invit maj,3♣ p/c,4♣♦ splinter fit ♥ | Aft 2NT: descr  | Aft (X): P OK / XX strg / oth NF |
| 2♠ |  | 6 |  | Weak 2 | 2NT F1/3♠ preemp/4♠ tp | Aft 2NT: descr strength and shape | Aft (X): XX strg/2NT ask m/ 3m tp |
| 2NT |  |  |  | 20-21H balanced | 3♣ Puppet / 3♦-♥ Trf / 3♠ = 54xx | Rectif Trf = 2 cards (+ descr (52)xx) | If X of Puppet : P = no stopper |
|  | possibly 5 cards in Maj | 3NT 45xx NF /4♣♦♥♠double trsfr | 4♣ ask for min  | Aft (3X): X t/o /if (X) pen id 1NT |
| 3♣ |  | (6)7 |  | Pre-empt, positive 1&2 se | New suit F1/ exc3♦ask maj ,4♦ Bwood  | Common sense  | After (X): XX strong |
| 3♦ |  | (6)7 |  | Pre-empt, positive 1&2 Se | New suit F1 exc 4♣ Bwood | Common sense  | After (X): XX strong |
| 3♥/3♠ |  | (6)7 |  | Pre-empt | 4♦ cue/ 4♥/♠ t p /4♣Bwood | Common sense  | Common sense |
| 3NT | **X** |  |  | Pre-empt min autonome | 4♣ P/C / 4♦ ask single/ 5♣ p/c | Common sense | Common sense |
| 4♣/4♦ | **X** | 0 | Double Trf | Pre-empt in ♥/♠ 7-8trks | 4♥/♠ t p/ Suit +1 ask ctlr/ | Common sense /  | Common sense |
| 4♥/4♠ |  | 7+ |  | Pre-empt in ♥/♠ 6-7trks | Pass or ask ctlr level sup  | Common sense /  | Common sense |
| 4NT | **X** |  |  | blacwood | Special responses | Common sense | Common sense |
| 5♣/5♦ |  | 8+ |  | Pre-empt / To play | Common sense | Common sense | Common sense |
| **SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS** |
| Splinter bids / CAB (level of 5) after partner's pre-empt (gradual responses) / Control bids (1st -2nd round) |
|  Pass after double of a control bid = no control / Redouble = 1st round control / Other = 2nd round control //// Special Blackwood after partner's pre-empt (5 responses /3 Key cards + trump Q) |
| Blackwood (sometimes Kickback) 5 Aces (relay asking for trump Q / gradual responses / lowest bid in trump suit denies Q / other bid shows Q (or equivalent) + possible side values / Kings) |
|  5NT Response to Blackwood:= 2 Aces + useful void (with trump Q or equivalent) /// If double supp : Blackwood 6 Aces (4th level response shows both Queens) |
| If Overcall or X on 4NT Blackwood and no space left for response: Pass = 41 / Dble or Rdble = 30 /// 5NT GSF /// X Lightner // Blackwood for Kings : natural responses |
| Exclusion Blackwood : if unusual jump in a suit (double or triple / responses 4 Aces) //// After quantitative 4NT: description of holdings in minors |