DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening) 1-level overcall $=8$-15 AHP, $5+$ card suit
2-level overcall $=10-15$ AHP, $5+$ card suit

| 1NT OVERCALL (2 ${ }^{\text {nd } / 4} 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening) |
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| $1 \mathrm{NT} 2^{\text {nd }}=15-18$ AHP, system on |
| 1 NT reopening $\left(4^{\text {th }}\right)=$ 12-14 AHP, subsequent natural bidding |
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| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| Jump overcall in suit $=5-10$ AHP, $6+$ cards in suit |
| Jump overcall of 2 NT = bicolor lowest unbid suits |
| Jump overcall of $3 \mathrm{C}=$ bicolor highest unbid suits |
| Reopen: same as direct jump overcall |
| DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| Cue bid = bicolor lowest and highest unbid suits |
| Jump cue asks for stopper |
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| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH) |
| Multi-Landy: |
| $2 \mathrm{C}=$ bicolor majors |
| $2 \mathrm{D}=$ unicolor unknown suit |
| $2 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=7-14 \mathrm{AHP}, 5 \mathrm{card} \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}$, max 3 card S/H |
| $2 \mathrm{ZT}=$ bicolor minors |
| VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| Suit = Opening with 5+ cards; DBL = negative, or 19+ AHP |
| $2 \mathrm{NT}=16-18$ AHP with stop, subsequent Niemeyer convention |
| Jump $=7+$ tricks in hand; 4C/4D $=$ World convention |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1* or 2* |
| DBL = 16+ AHP; natural overcalls; weak jump overcalls |
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| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| Bid in partner's suit is weak (max 8 AHP) |
| Other bids remain unchanged |


| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | $2^{\text {nd }}$ from bad 3+ suit $/ 4^{\text {th }}$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ from bad 3+ suit $/ 4^{\text {th }}$ |
| NT | $2^{\text {nd }}$ from bad 3+ suit $/ 4^{\text {th }}$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ from bad 3+ suit $/ 4^{\text {th }}$ |
| Subseq | $2^{\text {nd }}$ from bad 3+ suit $/ 4^{\text {th }}$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ from bad $3+$ suit $/ 4^{\text {th }}$ |
| Ond |  |  |

Other: In partner's suit: possibly $3^{\text {rd }}$ of 3 card with A, K or Q

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| LEADS | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Lead | Ace from 2- card | AKJxx, AK10xx or AKJ10 |
| Ace | Pe |  |


| Ace | Ace from 2- card | AK |
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| King | Promises A, or 2- card | Pro |
| Queen | Promises K, or 2-card | Pro |
| Jack | Promises Q, or 2- card | Pro | Promises A, or 2- card Prises K, or 2- card


| 10 | Promises J, or 2- card | In |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 9 | Promises J or 10, or 2-card |  | Internal sequence


| 9 | Promises J or 10, or 2- card | Pro |
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| Hi-X | $2^{\text {nd }}$ |  |


| Hi-X | $2^{\text {nd }}$ or $4^{\text {th }}$, or $2-$ card | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lo-X | $2^{\text {nd }}$ or $4^{\text {th }}$, or $2-$ card | 2 | mises J or 10, or 2- card

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Low encouraging |  |  |
| Suit 2 | Obvious switch |  |  |
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| NT 2 | Oow encouraging |  |  |
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| Signals (including Trumps): |  |  |  |
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## DOUBLES

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

DBL $=13-15$ AHP for take-out, or $16+$ AHP with arbitrary distribution Negative DBL on $1 \mathrm{X}-(1 \mathrm{Y})-$ DBL $=4$ card other major(s), or $12+$ AHP Support DBL on $1 \mathrm{X}-$ (pass) $-1 \mathrm{Y}-(1 \mathrm{Z})-$ DBL $=3$ card support Y

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Leading DBL on artificial bid
Negative DBL on 1X - (1Y) - DBL $=4$ card other major(s), or 12+ AHP Support DBL on $1 \mathrm{X}-$ (pass) $-1 \mathrm{Y}-(1 \mathrm{Z})-\mathrm{DBL}=3$ card support Y

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SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Majors of 5 cards
Diamonds of 4 cards
$1 \mathrm{NT}=15-17$ AHP
$2 \mathrm{C}=8$-11 AHP, $4 / 4+$ majors, or strong hands
$2 \mathrm{D}=8-11 \mathrm{AHP}, 6+$ major, or strong hands
$2 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=8-11 \mathrm{AHP}, 5$ card H/S, max 3 card S/H
2 NT $=20-21$ AHP, up till (5431) distribution
3 C or higher = pre-empt in transfer, or strong two-suiter
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
$2 \mathrm{C}=8$-11 AHP, 44+ majors, or strong hands
$2 \mathrm{D}=8$-11 AHP, $6+$ major, or strong hands
$2 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=8$-11 AHP, 5 card H/S, max 3 card S/H
3 C or higher = pre-empt in transfer, or strong two-suiter
$3 \mathrm{NT}=$ Gambling: 7= card C/D with AKQ

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| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
| None |
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| IMPORTANT NOTES |
| AHP = HCP + sum of length of two longest suits -8 |
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| PSYCHICS: None |


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|  |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| 1* |  | 2 | 3 S | 12-20 AHP, $2+$ cards C | T-Walsh, Inverted minors | Response to T-Walsh | Unchanged |
| 1* |  | 4 | 3 S | 12-20 AHP, 4+ cards D | Natural, Inverted minors | Natural | Unchanged |
| 1 V |  | 5 | 3 S | 12-20 AHP, 5+ cards H | $2 \mathrm{M}=6-9 \mathrm{DP}, 3+\mathrm{c}$ M, $3 \mathrm{M}=0-5 \mathrm{DP}, 4+\mathrm{c} \mathrm{M}$ <br> $1 \mathrm{~S} / 1 \mathrm{NT} / 2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathrm{H}=$ natural <br> $2 \mathrm{C}=10+\mathrm{AHP}, 4+$ card C , or $10-15 \mathrm{DP}, 3+$ card M <br> $2 \mathrm{NT}=16+\mathrm{DP}, 3+$ card M , no void <br> $3 \mathrm{C}=12+\mathrm{DP}, 3+$ card M , void in unknown suit <br> $3 \mathrm{D}=8$-11 DP, $3+$ card M , void in unknown suit | $2 \mathrm{M}=12-13 \mathrm{AHP}, 5+\operatorname{card} \mathrm{M}$ <br> After $1 \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{~S}: 1 \mathrm{NT}=12-14 \mathrm{AHP}, 5$ card M After 1M-2X: $2 \mathrm{NT}=14-17 \mathrm{AHP}, 5$ card M After 1M-2X: $3 \mathrm{M}=14-17 \mathrm{AHP}, 6+$ card M $3 \mathrm{NT}=18-19 \mathrm{AHP}, 5 \mathrm{card} \mathrm{M}$ $4 \mathrm{M}=18$-19 AHP, $6+$ card M | Unchanged |
| 1* |  | 5 | 3 S | 12-20 AHP, $5+$ cards S |  |  |  |
| INT | X | 2 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15-17 AHP } \\ & 5 \text { card major possible } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Stayman, Jacoby transfer | Natural | Unchanged |
| 2* | X |  |  | 8-11 AHP, 4/4+ majors, or 22+ AHP, NT distribution, or $21+$ AHP, strong 2 -suiter, or 16-19 AHP, (4441) or (5440) | 2D = relay <br> $2 \mathrm{H}=$ to play with weak opening | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{H}=8-11 \mathrm{AHP}, 44+\text { majors } \\ & 2 \mathrm{~S}=16-19 \mathrm{AHP},(4441) \text { or }(5440) \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=22-24 \mathrm{AHP}, \text { up till }(5431) \\ & 3 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{D} / \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=21+\mathrm{AHP}, \text { strong } 2 \text { suiter } \end{aligned}$ | Unchanged |
| 2 * | X |  |  | 8-11 AHP, 6+ card major, or $21+$ AHP, 6+card unknown suit or 20+ AHP, (4441) or (5440) | $2 \mathrm{H}=$ to play with weak H opening $2 \mathrm{~S}=$ to play with weak S opening $2 \mathrm{NT}=14+\mathrm{AHP}$, asking suit/strength | ```After 2 NT: 3C/D \(=8-9 \mathrm{AHP}, 6+\operatorname{card} \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}\) \(3 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=10-11 \mathrm{AHP}, 6+\mathrm{card} \mathrm{S} / \mathrm{H}\)``` | Unchanged |
| 2v | X | 5 |  | 8-11 AHP, 5c H, max 3 card S | $3 \mathrm{D}=$ relay, $14+\mathrm{AHP}$, asking strength/distribution | ```After 3 D: \(3 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=8-9 \mathrm{AHP}\) \(3 \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{H}=10-11 \mathrm{AHP}, 5 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}+3 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{S} / \mathrm{H}\) \(3 \mathrm{NT}=10-11 \mathrm{AHP}, 5 \mathrm{c}\) H/S \(+2-\mathrm{c}\) S/H``` | Unchanged |
| 2^ | X | 5 |  | 8-11 AHP, 5c S, max 3 card H | $3 \mathrm{D}=$ relay, $14+\mathrm{AHP}$, asking strength/distribution |  |  |
| 2NT | X | 1 |  | 20-21 AHP, up till (5431) | Puppet Stayman, Jacoby transfer | Refuse Jacoby transfer with 1 card in suit | Unchanged |
| 3\% | X |  |  | PRE 7+cards D, or strong two suiter with $4+\mathrm{C}+6+\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}$ | $3 \mathrm{D}=$ to play with weak D opening |  | Unchanged |
| 3 - | X |  |  | PRE 7+cards H, or strong two suiter with $4+\mathrm{D}+6+\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}$ | $3 \mathrm{H}=$ to play with weak H opening |  | Unchanged |
| $3 \times$ | X |  |  | PRE 7+cards S, or strong two suiter with $4+\mathrm{H}+6+\mathrm{S}$ | $3 \mathrm{~S}=$ to play with weak S opening |  | Unchanged |
| 3 n | X |  |  | PRE 7+ cards C | $4 \mathrm{C}=$ to play with weak C opening |  | Unchanged |
| 3NT | X | 7 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gambling: 7+cards C/D with } \\ & \text { AKQ } \end{aligned}$ | Pass with stop in 3 other suits; otherwise 4C |  | Unchanged |
| $4 \times$ |  | 8 |  | PRE 8+ cards C |  |  | Unchanged |
| $4 *$ |  | 8 |  | PRE 8+ cards D |  |  | Unchanged |
| 4 |  | 8 |  | PRE 8+ cards H |  |  | Unchanged |
| $4 \wedge$ |  | 8 |  | PRE 8+ cards S |  |  | Unchanged |
| 4NT |  |  |  | Not used |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ suit forcing; Control bidding; Roman-Keycard Blackwood; Exclusion Blackwood; DOPI/ROPI; World convention with $55+$ cards and $16+$ AHP |  |

