

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
<b>OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>
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
<b>INT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>
In 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand : 16-18 HP (may be underweight w/long minor)
resp. - as on INT opening if 1 <sup>st</sup> hand bid a minor suit
- Texas (transfer bids) if 1 <sup>st</sup> hand bid a major suit
In 4 <sup>th</sup> hand : 4M-5/6m when opponents have bid 2 suits
In reopening position 10-12 (13) HP
<b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>
Ghestem 2-suiters
Other jump overcalls : pre-emptive
In reopening position : natural NF
<b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>
Ghestem 2-suiters
2♣ over 1♣ natural
Jump cue-bid : looking for a stopper
<b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> hand :
▪ double showing ♣ or Landy
▪ 2♣ --> 2♥ Texas
▪ 2♠ Muiderberg
4 <sup>th</sup> hand : suit is natural double optional
Against weak NT double is penalty oriented
<b>VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>
over standard preempts : double is for takeout
over major weak-2 : conventional bids to show distribution
over multi 2♦ : bidding short major for takeout
<b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣</b>
2♣ on 1♣ is natural
double of 1♣ is for takeout
double of 2♣ suggests defence
<b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>
major openings : keeping Bergen answers
minor opening : bid at the 1 level = one round force
2NT weak fit 3-level fit constructive

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	<i>Lead</i>	<i>In Partner's Suit</i>	
Suit	odd-even unless honour	parity	
NT	same or top of nothing	parity	
Subseq	attitude		
Other: Romanet vs suit : A asks for attitude K asks for count			
also : xxxx vs suit			
<b>LEADS</b>			
Lead	<i>Vs. Suit</i>	<i>Vs. NT</i>	
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	Kantar	
9	denies the 10	Kantar	
Hi-Lo	even number of cards	same	
Lo-Hi	odd number of cards	same	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>			
	<i>Partner's Lead</i>	<i>Declarer's Lead</i>	<i>Discarding</i>
Suit 1	italian	parity	italian
2	parity	Lavinthal	
3			
NT 1	same	same	same
2			
<b>Signals (including Trumps):</b>			
echoing with 3 trumps when useful for partner			
<b>DOUBLES</b>			
<b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>			
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			
<b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>			
negative double (Sputnik) up to 4♥			
opener's fit showing double or redouble with correct opening and			
3 cards in responder's suit			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
<b>CATEGORY: BELGIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b>
last update : 08/17
<b>TEAM &amp; DIVISION</b> Phénix III II A
<b>PLAYERS:</b> J. CHABOTIER 511
G. JAMIN 1308
<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>
Natural 4-card diamonds 5-card majors 15-17 NT
2♣ game hand
2♦ multi
2♥ weak major-2 suiter
2♠ Muiderberg
3X openings are transfer bids
Walsh
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>
▪ inverted minors support
▪ Stayman 2♣ not forcing and possibly without major suit
▪ 2♦ on 1Maj opening may be a weak supporting hand
▪ extended Bergen answers when fitting 1 major opening
▪ 1NT overcall when opponents have bid 2 suits shows a
4M-5/6m distribution in the other 2 suits (polish NT)
▪ responder new suit over intervention is forcing
unless initial pass
▪ 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> suit forcing
<b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>
trial bid is usually in "need help" suit but doesn't
warrant a weak spot
<b>PSYCHICS:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat openings may be light

OPENING	MIN. No. OF CARDS	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	Modifications over competition and with passed partner
PASS					Drury (repetition of suit is weak)	
1♣	2		2 cards only if 4-4-3-2	Walsh - 2♣ fair supporting hand no major	3-step Roudi - 3 <sup>rd</sup> suit forcing	1♣ (1♦) x : 4 cards in ♥
1♦	4		Natural	natural - 2♦ fair supporting hand no major	3-step Roudi - 3 <sup>rd</sup> suit forcing	1♣/♦ (1♥) x : 4 cards in ♠
				on 1♣/♦ : any 1-step jump is forcing to game		
1♥/♠	5		natural	with 3 cards support :	on a single raise 2NT by opener	responding over intervention
				▪ 2♦ either natural, or weak fit < 8 HP	is a trial bid	2NT natural
				▪ 2♥/♠ 8-10 HP 2♠/3♥ (inverted !) 11-12 HP F1		cue-bid = fit F1
				▪ 2NT game raise w/flat hand 3NT balanced 13-14 HP		
				with 4 cards support :	on 2 NT answer :	passed partner : 3♣/♦ good
				▪ double raise : distributional preemptive	• bidding a control with ≥ 15 HP	suit and support for opener
				▪ 3♣/♦ : artificial limit raise max/min	• otherwise showing distribution	over takeout double :
				▪ 2 NT : game forcing raise (Bergen)		no change in answers
1 NT			balanced 15-17 HP	non forcing Stayman	after Stayman: further relays asking	Lebensohl
			usually no 5-card major	2♦ --> 2SA transfer bids (Texas)	for opener's distribution	
				4♦ : 5/5 major	new suit after Texas is a trial bid	
2♣		x	• balanced ≥ 24 HP	2♦ negative or relay	responder must keep bidding	
			• any game hand	suit : natural HHxxx and ≥ 2 italian controls	up to game level	
2♦		x	• weak 6-card major	2♥ no ambition facing a weak-two 2♠ some ♥ fit NF	responding to 2NT :	3 <sup>rd</sup> seat : possible weak 2♦
			• strong 1-suiter	3♥ shut-out with double M fit	▪ 3♣/♦ min weak-two	opening with a 5-card major
			• balanced 22-23	2NT relay minor suit natural 1 round force	▪ 3♥/♠ max weak-two in ♠/♥ !	
2♥	5/4		weak major 2-suiter 8-11 HP	2NT relay 3♣/♦ NF	responding to 2NT :	
					▪ 3♣ < 10 HP ▪ others : distribution	
2♠	5/4		5♠ + ≥4 min ≤ 10 HP	2NT relay 3♣ NF 3♦ game try	responding to 2NT when maximum :	
				3♥ 1 round force	3♥/3♠ with ♣/♦ as 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit	
2NT			balanced 20-21 HP	3♣ Puppet Stayman (Jacoby) 3NT : 5/4 cards ♠/♥		
			possible 5-card major	3♦/♥/♠ and 4♣ are transfer bids		
3♣/♦/♥	(7)	x	transfer to ♦/♥/♠		<b>SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS</b>	
			either shutout with 1-suiter		splinter bids	
			or fair unbalanced 2-suiter	new suit by opener natural & invitational	italian style cue-bidding	
3♠	(7)	x	solid minor no outside values	4♣ not forcing 4♦ forcing	Roman key cards Blackwood Joséphine	
3NT	(7)	x	transfer to ♣		over NT openings : quantitative 4/5 NT	
4♣/♦	(7)	x	transfer to ♥/♠		DOPI	