| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening) |
| Responses: |
| $1 \mathrm{NT}=9-12 \mathrm{HP}$ |
| jump fit not constructive |
| cue-bid = 1 round force, usually with a fit |
| new suit at same level $=1$ round F |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| In $2^{\text {nd }}$ hand : $16-18 \mathrm{HP}$ (may be underweight w/long minor) |
| resp. - as on 1NT opening if $1^{\text {st }}$ hand bid a minor suit |
| - Texas (transfer bids) if $1^{\text {st }}$ hand bid a major suit |
| In $4^{\text {th }}$ hand : 4M-5/6m when opponents have bid 2 suits |
| In reopening position 10-12 (13) HP |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| Ghestem 2-suiters |
| Other jump overcalls : pre-emptive |
| In reopening position : natural NF |
| DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| Ghestem 2-suiters |
| 2\% over 1\% natural |
| Jump cue-bid : looking for a stopper |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH) |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ hand : |
| - double showing or Landy |
| - 2* --> 2v Texas - 2 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Muiderberg |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ hand : |
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| Against weak NT double is penalty oriented |
| VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| over standard preempts : double is for takeout |
| over major weak-2 : conventional bids to show distribution |
| over multi $2 *$ : bidding short major for takeout |
| 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 |
| 2NT weak fit 3-level fit constructive |



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| 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 $-3^{\text {rd }}$ suit forcing | 1* (1*) x : 4 cards in $\vee$ |
| 1 | 4 |  | Natural | natural - 2 fair supporting hand no major | 3 -step Roudi $-3^{\text {rd }}$ suit forcing | 1*/ (1v) x : 4 cards in $\uparrow$ |
|  |  |  |  | on 1 : any 1-step jump is forcing to game |  |  |
| $1 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{n}$ | 5 |  | natural | with 3 cards support : | on a single raise 2NT by opener | responding over intervention |
|  |  |  |  | - 2 - either natural, or weak fit $<8 \mathrm{HP}$ | is a trial bid | 2NT natural |
|  |  |  |  | - 2 ¢ / 8 -10 HP $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 3$ ¢ (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 $/$ fair |
|  |  |  |  | - double raise : distributional preemptive | - bidding a control with $\geq 15 \mathrm{HP}$ | suit and support for opener |
|  |  |  |  | - $3 \mathrm{~m} /$ : 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 |
|  |  |  | possible 5-card major | 2 --> 2SA transfer bids (Texas) | for opener's distribution |  |
|  |  |  |  | 3* minor 2-suiter NF 4*:5/5 major | new suit after Texas is a trial bid |  |
| 2* |  | x | - balanced $\geq 24 \mathrm{HP}$ | $2 *$ negative or relay | responder must go on bidding |  |
|  |  |  | - any game hand | suit : natural HHxxx and $\geq 2$ italian controls | up to game level |  |
| 2 |  | x | - weak 6-card major | $2 \vee$ no ambition facing a weak-two 2 some $\vee$ fit NF | responding to 2NT : | $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat : possible weak 2 |
|  |  |  | - strong 1-suiter | $3 \vee$ shut-out with double M fit | -3*/ min weak-two | opening with a 5-card major |
|  |  |  | - balanced 22-23 | 2NT relay minor suit natural |  |  |
| $2 v$ | 5/4 |  | weak major 2-suiter 8-11 HP | 2NT relay 3/ NF | responding to 2NT : |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | - 3 \& $<10 \mathrm{HP} \cdot$ others : distribution |  |
| 2A | 5/4 |  | $5 \mathrm{t}+\geq 4 \mathrm{~min} \leq 11 \mathrm{HP}$ | 2NT relay 3* NF 3 game try | responding to 2NT when maximum : |  |
|  |  |  |  | $3 \vee 1$ round force | $3 \mathrm{~m} / 3$ with $\uparrow /$ as $2^{\text {nd }}$ suit |  |
| 2NT |  |  | balanced 20-21 HP | 3* Puppet Stayman (Jacoby) 3NT : 5/4 cards $\uparrow / \downarrow$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | possible 5-card major | $3</ \vee / 4$ and $4 *$ are transfer bids |  |  |
| 3*/*/ | (7) | x | transfer to $\uparrow / \mathrm{Q} / \mathrm{Q}$ | new suit by opener natural \& invitational (3SA for | SLAM APPROACH A | ND CONVENTIONS |
|  |  |  | either shutout with 1-suiter |  | splinter bids |  |
|  |  |  | or fair unbalanced 2-suiter |  | italian style cue-bidding |  |
| 34 | (7) | x | solid minor no outside values | 4* not forcing 4* forcing | Roman key cards Blackwood Josép | hine |
| 3NT | (7) | x | transfer to |  | over NT openings : quantitative 4/5 NT |  |
| 4\%/* | (7) | x | transfer to $\mathrm{V} / \uparrow$ |  | DOPI |  |

