

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS
Simple overcalls: 8-15 Aggressive when NV Reopening sometimes with 4 card suit
1NT OVERCALL
2 nd : 15-17 (rarely good 14, poor 18) System on 4 th : Protective (System off)
JUMP OVERCALLS
Jump overcalls are weak in all suits Unusual NT is majors over 1m and minors over 1M except in pass out when (1any) – P – (P) – 2NT shows 18-19
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS
Direct: Michaels (1m-2m: Other m with one M 5-5) (1M-2M: Other M with one m 5-5) Jump asks partner to bid 3NT with stopper in opener's suit
VS NT
X = C or D&H or ≥19 2C = D or H&S 2D = H or S&C 2H = S or Minors 2S = C&H or D&S 2NT = 15-18 3any = weak
VS PREEMPTS
X for takeout, simple bid to play, jump shows extra strength Cue bids promise at least 2 suits or very strong NT to play
VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
CRASH against strong 1C and Acol 2C X = red or black 1D = majors or minors 1NT = pointed or rounded
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
We open 1C: xx shows 5-7 with clubs We open 1D/1H/1S XX usually shows 4 card major and denies 5 card major

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd and 4 th	Same	
NT	2 nd and 4 th	Same	
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx, AKxx, AKQ	Same	
King	AK or KQJ, KQT	Same	
Queen	QJT, QJ9	QJT, QJ9, AQJ, AQJx	
Jack	JT(9), KJT	JT(9), KJT, AJT	
10	T9(8), QT9, KT9	T9(8), QT9, KT9, AT9	
9	9x	9x	
Hi-x	Doubleton	Same	
Lo-x	3 or 4 to an honour	Same	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1 count 2 attitude 3 Suit preference	Count Suit preference	Suit preference
NT	1 count 2 attitude 3 Suit preference	Count Suit preference	Suit preference
Signals (including Trumps): suit preference (more in theory than practice!) Natural count, natural attitude, suit preference Hi low in trumps promises 3 trumps or suit preference			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES			
Standard Takeout, opening values 11+, support for unbid suits, 4 th seat may be light, 16+ with strong suit Jump response shows 9-11 Reopening: 9+ with 4+ cards in unbid suits Most dbls at low level are takeout or negative			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDBLS			
Lead directing doubles Competitive doubles Trump support doubles			

WBF CONVENTION CARD
CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND
REDMOND David MLR 1385 /// 34895
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE Precision Club ≥16 Responses largely natural. 1D denies 5 card major, 11-15, ≥2 diamonds. Canapé responses with minimum values. 5 card majors, 11-15 1NT 13-15 We open most 11 point hands We frequently open light in third position
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
Opening 1C ≥16 points, any shape Opening 1D may only have 2 diamonds Opening 2D 11-15 with 4414, 4405, 3415, 4315 Twerbs – overcalling 1NT Drury
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Helvic 1NT – (x) – P DOPI instances
IMPORTANT NOTES
We often open 3C and 3D with 6 May open 1NT with 6 card minor Transfers from 2NT – 3H after (a) overcall of 2D, 2H or 2S over our 1NT (b) we overcall 1NT and there is a raise (1H) - 1NT – (2H) (c) 1C – (P) – 1D – (1H) 1NT – (2H) (d) we X their weak two (not MULTI)
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OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	✓	0	3S	≥16, any shape	1D ≤ 7 and no 6 card suit or ≥ 8 with any 4-4-4-1 1H, 1S, 2C, 2D ≥ 8 and 5 card 1NT 8-10 or 14-15 with two 4 card suits	After positive response and fit, fast arrival with minimum. Otherwise slow arrival or asking bids	
1♦	✓	2	3S	11 – 15, no 5 card major	Natural. 2C and 2D are natural enquiries 1NT up to 11 or poor 12	Rebids after 2C or 2D are artificial	
1♥ 1♠		5	3S 3H	11 – 15, always 5 May include a longer minor	Bergen raises 1H: 2S 3 with 11-13 // 3C 4 with 11-13 3D slam try with 3 trumps // 3H <11 with 4 trumps 2C artificial: both minors 11-13 NF 2D artificial: long minor 11-13 OR GF OR invitational 2NT: trump support, enquiry and GF	Natural Artificial responses	Drury 2C
INT				13 – 15, may be 22(54) May have 6 card minor	Stayman & transfers 2S is strength & shape enquiry 2NT weak takeout in minor or various stronger hands 3C/3D Slam try 3H/3S shortage in bid M, slam interest 4C/4D minorwood	2S enquiry: responses can show minimum or max with various hand types	
2♣		5	3S	If only 5, then 4 card major and shortage in other major	2D enquiry 2H/S to play 2NT transfer to 3C	Mainly natural Some artificial rebids to 2D enquiry	
2♦	✓	1	No	Shortage in diamonds No 5 card major Typically 4414	2H, 2S, 3C to play 2NT enquiry	Artificial rebids to 2NT enquiry	
2♥ 2♠		6	No	Weak May be 5 card in third seat	2NT enquiry – Ogust style 3C 6-8 poor suit 3D 6-8 good suit 3H 8-10 poor suit 3S 8-10 good suit 3NT, suit headed by AKQ Direct raise is not invitational	New suit after 2NT enquiry is control asking bid	
2NT			3S	21-23 May contain 5 card major	5 card Stayman Transfers 3S is pick a minor	3NT chooses C // 4C chooses D	
3♣		6	No	Pre-emptive	4D is slam try trump asking bid		
3♦3♥3♠		7	No	Pre-emptive	4C is slam try trump asking bid		
3NT			No	1 st & 2 nd seat – solid minor 3 rd & 4 th seat - unpredictable	4C = Pass or correct 4D = enquiry	After 4D: 4H = H shortage, 4S = S shortage 4NT = no shortage, 5m = short in other m	
4♣ / 4♦		8	No	Pre-emptive			
4♥ / 4♠		6	No	1 st & 2 nd seat: Pre-emptive 3 rd & 4 th seat unpredictable, may have second suit			

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

1. TWERBS after (1NT)

X: C or (D & H) or very strong >18

2C: D or (H & S)

2D: H or (S & C)

2H: S or (minors)

2S: (C & H) or (D & S)

2NT: 15-18

2. Opening 2D bid showing 4=4=1=4 or similar

(e.g. 4=3=1=5) with ≤ 15