DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)

1 level < 18 HCP

Normally 5 card suit, cue response usually 3 card raise 9+hcp, 2NT NAT over minor

2NT response over M if a Jump 4 card raise 9+,

Jump cue mixed raise 7-9, fit jumps over M

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)

Immediate = 15/18 systems on: Tx to their suit = shortage

Protective = 11/16, then 2♣ = enquiry: responses: 2♦ = 11/12, 2♥ /♠ /NT = 13/14 NAT, 3any= 15/16`, 3 of their suit = stayman

Sandwich 1NT = 16/18 systems off, 3M = GF

Cue (asks for M) then 3M invitational

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak in principle except 4th seat

2NT lower 2 suits (5+/5+)

1x - 3 - 3 = 0 or 1 - 2 = 0 Higher 2 suits (5 + 1)

Reopen:

DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

Direct cue = extremes (5+/5+)

Jump cue = asks stopper

Except 1♣ - 3♣ = NAT over short club (2+)

1X-P-1Y - 2X = other two suits 5+/5+. 2Y = NAT

1♣-P-1♦ (TX) X = TO of ♥, 1 = ♥ NAT 2♥ = NAT , 2♦ NAT

VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)

DBL= Penalty

2♣ = both Majors (4+/4+)

2♦ =1 Major: 2NT= Enquiry (3♣/♦ Min ♥/♠, 3♥/♠ Good)

2 M = 2 Major = 5+M/4+minor

2NT = Minors

By PH: X = MM or mm. 2 = NAT

VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

DBL = T/O: 2NT=15/18

Cue = Strong T/O or stop ask in M

Leaping/Non-Leaping Michaels

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣

X = both Majors

1NT = both Minors

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Transfer responses after X of our 1M opening

Bergen by non-passed, Fit Jumps by passed else: system on .

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit		3rd/5th from H, xXx, Xxx if
	3rd/5th from H	supported
NT	4th (2nd from bad suit)	4th (2nd from bad suit
Subseq	Low rev attitude	

Other: K for Rev Count/UB: A/Q for Rev ATT

A from AK

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	A or AK or AKx(x)	A or AK or AKx(x)
King	AKx()x or KQ or Kx	AKx or KQ asks CT or UB
Queen	KQ(x), QJ(x)	KQ(x), QJ(x)
Jack	J10x, KJ10x, Jx	J10x: (H)J10x
10	10x: 109x H109x	10x:1098(x) (H)109:(x)
9	9x, H98x, (H)98x	9x (H)98x:
Hi-X	Xx, xXx(xx)	Xx, xXx(xx)
Lo-X	HxX(x) HxxxX	Hxx X(x)

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's	Discarding
	Lead		
1	Rev count ex AQ	Rev count	Low ENC / rev count
Suit 2	SP	SP	
3	Low ENC		
1	Rev count ex AQ	Rev Smith	Low ENC / rev count
NT 2	SP	Rev CT	
3	Low ENC	SP	

Signals (including Trumps):

UDCA, SP (including trumps), Rev Smith by both as needed Signals only when helpful to defence

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

T/0 to 4♥ inclusive

Support DBL/RDBL= 3 of responder's suit (2-level)

Lead directing

Lightner

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

DOPI: DBL = 0; Pass = 1 1st step = 2 no Q, 2nd step = 2+Q DBL asks unusual lead

EBL CONVENTION CARD ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

CATEGORY: Green NCBO: Ireland

PLAYERS: Joan Kenny & Jeannie Fitzgerald

EVENT Women

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

5-card Majors, 2/1 GF (except 2C = 3 card supp INV+ or NAT GF)

1NT=15/17 (may include 5M, 6m)

1♣ = 2+♣, NF (when 4432)

Inverted minors, does not deny 4M, on over X, usually GF, INV by passed hand

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

2♦ = multi:23-24 BAL weak M 8 playing tricks in any suit/

2♥ = ♥ + minor: 6/10 HCP 5+/ 5+

2♠ = ♠ + another: 6/10 HCP 5+/ 5+

Third hand openings can be light

1♣ - 1M (may skip ♦ suit if not GF)

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

After GF response (2/1, Jacoby)

After inverted minor

After 2♣ opening

IMPORTANT NOTES

Lebensohl:

Fast arrival No Stop, after interference over our 1NT Over partners X of opponents 2 level pre-empt opening Cheapest of 2NT or 4th suit may be weak after partners reverse. All other bids are F

When Partner overcalls 1NT and opps support.

Eg 1X-1NT-2X-2NT = Lebensohl

Good / Bad 2NT: by Opener After RHO overcalls at 2-level shows a desire to compete to the 3 level. Other bids show extra

Fit Jumps: on over our over-call or by a passed hand after partner opens I M. Shows good 5+ card suit with 2 top honours

PSYCHICS: very rare

	OPENING	ARTIfICIAL	CARDS	NEG X TO	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 *			2	4 🔻	NAT or 4432, 4333 11-22 HCP	1NT=6/10, 2♣=12+, 2NT = NAT INV 2 ◆/▼/♠ <= 8HCP 6-card suit, 3/4M = to play	1♣- 2♣ 4♣ = RKCB 0314 1♣- 2♠: 2♦ (<4♣), 2M= NAT, 3x =stop	1♣- 2♣ by passed= INV
1 •	N	١	4	4 🔻	11-22 HCP	1NT=6/10, 2♦=12+, 3♣ = limit raise in ♦ 2 ♥/♠ <= 8HCP 6 card suit, 3/4M = to play	1♦ - 2♦, 4♦ RKCB 0314	1♦ - 2♦ by passed = INV
1♥	N	7	5	4 🔻	11-22 HCP	1NT = semi F, 2♣= ART 3 card INV+ or NAT GF, 2NT=GF, 2♠ = weak 6♠, 3♣=10/11, 3♦= 7/9: (4+♥) 3♠/4♣/4♦ = SPL	1♥ - 2♣, 2♦= ART GF, 2M = not accept 1♥ - 2NT, 3♣=Min. 3♦=Non-min no SPL 3♥/♠=SPL ♠/♦,3NT=SPL OM, 4♣/♦ = void 4♥=void OM	Rev 2-way Drury:2♣/◆: 9+HCP 3/4♥s
1 🖍	N	N	5	4 🔻	11-22 HCP	1NT = semi F, 2♣= ART 3 card INV+ or NAT GF; 2NT=GF, 3♣=10/11HCP, 3♦= 7/9: (4+♠), 3♥= SPL, 4♥=void	1♠-2NT, 3♣=min, 3 ♦=non -min no SPL 3♥/♠=SPL ♠/♦, 3NT=SPL M, 4♠/♦ = void 4♥=void M	Rev 2-way Drury:2♣/♦: 9+HCP 3/4♠s
1NT					15-17 HCP may have 5M, 6m	2♣=Non-Prom Stay: 2♣=▼TFR 2♥ =♠TFR: 2♠ = ♠TFR, 2NT = ◆TFR 3♣/ ◆ = NF/GF minors 5+/5+ 3♥/♠ = Singleton (13)(45) 4♣/◆ = ♥/♠, 4♥/♠= ♣/◆	SMOLEN: 1NT- 2♣, 2♦ - 3♥ (4♥ 5♠) over 2♣ 3M = 5M max, 2NT = 5M non max Accept m TFR with support super-accept M TFR with 4, 3M=min, 2NT=non min	
2*	Y	Yes	0		25+ BAL or any GF	2♦ = 4+HCP, 2 ♥<4 HCP, 2NT=5+♥ 8+HCP	Jump by Opener sets suit	
2 •	Y	Yes	0		Weak M,8 PT any, BAL 23/24	2/3/4♥ = P/C, 2♠ = INV in ♥ , 2NT = INQ, 3♠/♦ F1	2NT: 3♣=MAX wk M, 3♦/♥ = ♥/♠, 3♠ = 8 PT minor, 4M = 8 PT NAT. with GF ♥ bid 2NT	
2♥			5		5+♥ & 5+m 6-10 HCP	2NT= INQ, 3/4/5♣ = P/C other new suit F1		
2♠			5		5+♠ & 5+other 6-10 HCP	2NT= INQ, 3♣/♦ = INV in ♥/♠, 3♥ F1		
2NT					20-22 BAL/Semi-BAL	3♣ = suits upwards 3♦/♥ = TFR: 3♣ = relay, 3NT=5♣+4♥ 4 ♣/4♦ =♥/♠ TFR (spare bid=cue):4♥/♠ = ♣/♦ (similar over o/c or rebid showing 23+)	2NT-3♣, 3M - 4♣/♦ = cue 3m - 4m = 0314 RKCB 3M - 40M = 1430 RKCB 2NT-3♣-3NT 4♣/♦ = NAT ST, 4 ♥/♠ 5/4 m SPL ST 4NT = 5/5 m ST	
3♣			6		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♦ asks for keys	Over 4 - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3♦			6		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♣ asks for keys	Over 4♣ - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3♥			7		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♣ asks for keys	Over 4♣ - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3♠			7		PRE	New suit = F1 except 4♣ asks for keys	Over 4♣ - 0, 1, 1+Q, 2, 2+Q	
3NT					Solid Minor	4♦ shortage ask 3NT-4♣/5♣/ 5♦ = P/C	Over 4♦ 4♥/♠ = short, 5m = NAT short Om , 4NT no shortage	
4 .			7		PRE			
4♦			7		PRE			
4♥			7		PRE			
4♠			7		PRE			
4NT					Specific Ace ask	5♣= none, 5any = that Ace, 5NT = 2 , 6♣ = A	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5 .			7		PRE		RKCB = 1430, Exclusion / Minorwood RKCB=0314	
5♦			7		PRE		DOPI, ROPI.	
5♥					NAT	6♥ = A/K, 7♥= AK	CUE: 1st & 2nd equally below game	
5♠					NAT	6♠ = A/K, 7♠ = AK		
5NT					Both minors			
6♣								