

---

**BROWN STICKER OVERCALL ANNOUNCEMENT FORM**

---

**This form is to be completed and sent, by email, to [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk) in accordance with the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the event**

**Names:** Martin BRADY David DUNNE

**Country** Ireland

**Event** Camrose Trophy

**After opponents opening bid of**  
1C

**Showing**

Natural (we play the same way over artificial 1C and 1D, but this agreement is not Brown Sticker over such bids)

**Our overall of** 2D

**At** All vulnerabilities

**Shows:** Multiple meanings: either (i) 3-10 HCP with 6 cards in an unspecified major  
Or (ii) 17-20 HCP with length in clubs  
Or (iii) 20-22 HCP balanced

**Applies:** In *direct seat only* over a 1C opening, regardless of vulnerability

**Detailed Description:**

The 2D overcall is nearly identical in scope and meaning to our Multi 2D opening bid. It only applies in direct seat over a 1C opening. After 1C-Pass-Pass-?, we revert to “standard” methods.

The hand types shown are almost identical to the hand types that a 2D opening bid would show, with some minor modifications to point ranges. A GF hand with both minors is also excluded from the 2D overcall. Follow-ups, both in a free auction and in competition, are treated as if overcaller had opened a Multi 2D as dealer.

---

**Responses and Rebids When Responder Passes**

---

**With what hands will advancer pass the overcall?**

In practice, almost never, in case overcaller has a strong version.

**Meanings of other advances and follow ups:**

2H/S pass/correct

2NT asking, usually INV+, but occasionally with intent to barrage in overcaller’s major

3any natural F1R

Game bids natural to play in advancer’s suit

---

**Responses after opponent's DBL**

Pass 5+ diamonds, suggesting contract, mild lead-director  
Rdbl 15+HCP with potential penalty interest  
Otherwise system on

**Responses after opponent's bid:**

Dbl takeout asking overcaller to reveal hand type  
2S Nat to play opposite assumed suit  
2NT INV+ enquiry  
3minor nat NF  
3 their suit cue asking more info  
3 other major natural opposite partner's assumed suit  
Cue forcing asks for more info

**Rebids after opener DBLs the overcall (1X)-2Y-(P)-P-(DBL)-?**

Extremely improbable sequence: for this to happen, advancer must have knowingly violated system, and overcaller must therefore judge whether to reveal hand or to let advancer find his own way out of trouble.

**Rebids after opener DBLs advancer's bid:**

Full system on as if opener had passed.

**Rebids after opener's suit rebid:**

As in sequences starting with a Multi 2D opening. Overcaller will normally pass with the weak versions and double or bid naturally with the strong versions. Double may show 20-22 bal, or may show 17-20 with clubs: we do not go past 3NT with the stronger hands.

## Proposed Defence

The best defence depends in part on what hand types may be shown by your 1C opening. The following is based on defences to the Multi and to weak jump overcalls generally, and assumes a natural 1C opening in 4 card major methods. In general, we recommend that you assume the 2D shows one of the weaker hands, which will be the case about 95%+ of the time.

### (i) Simpler defence

Dbl Values (9+HCP), no clear natural bid  
2Maj Natural 8+HCP F1R  
2NT Natural balanced NF stops both majors  
3minor Natural F1R  
3Maj Natural single-suited GF  
3NT To play, stops both majors

If responder passes and advancer bids 2H/S pass/correct, opener can pass with weaker hands, or alternatively:

Suit bid Natural, clarifies hand type  
2NT 19-20 BAL stops both majors  
Dbl Values, shortage in the strain bid by advancer  
Pass Either no extra shape/strength, or hoping for a re-opening Dble from partner

.....  
The following (ii) is the style of defence David and Martin would play, where the 1C opening is very likely to be a balanced hand in the 12-14 range. This defence may be particularly suitable for pairs playing a short club e.g. in 5cMajor methods.

### (ii) Lebensohl-style defence

Defend as if opener had bid 1NT showing a balanced 12-14, and overcaller had bid 2D Cappalletti style showing an unspecified single suiter, i.e. responder bids as follows:

Dbl Values, no clear natural bid, possibly preparing a penalty double (can penalize at least one major)  
2H/S Natural, to play  
2NT Lebensohl-style relay to 3C. Your own lebensohl rules apply here.  
3any Natural forcing to game  
3NT To play, stops both majors

Responder may pass to allow overcaller to reveal his suit, then on the next round responder's bids mean:

2S (if available) natural NF to play  
2NT Lebensohl-style relay to 3C (now you know our suit, so you have a cue bid)  
3any Natural, forcing to game opposite a 12-14  
Cue 4 cards other major (your Lebensohl agreements would apply here, e.g. SANS or FANS)  
3NT To play (your Lebensohl agreements would apply here, e.g. SANS or FANS)

If opener does not have the 12-14 balanced hand, opener must either act again on their own initiative (bid or raise on their own initiative), or break the Lebensohl relay to 3C.

