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 = 4 card raise 9+, Nat over a minor Jump cue mixed raise 7-9

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♣ or 1♣ - 2♦ = Higher 2 suits (5+/5+)

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= 4M/5+ minor, Penalty over weak NT.

2♣ = both Majors (4+/4+)

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

2 M = 5 + M/4 + minor

2NT = Minors or any strong 2-suiter

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

VS. PRE-EMPTS (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: 4m=5/5 in bid minor and OM over M suit pre-empts, Over minor, 4 other m=5/5 in bid minor and a Major,cue=5/5 Majors). When 4m is bid=constructive Forcing)

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

X = both Maiors

1NT = both Minors

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Non-passed hand: Transfer responses after X of our 1M opening up to 2M-1, else system on Passed Hand: 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	•	
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Other: K for Rev Count/UB: A/Q for Rev ATT

A from AK

LEADS

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

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, small encourages 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 & Teresa Rigney

EVENT; Seniors

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

5-card Majors, 2/1 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:22-23 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 partner's 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

PSYCHICS: very rare

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1.		2	4 🔻	NAT or 4432, 4333 11-22 HCP	1NT=6/11, 2•=12+, 2NT<=8HCP, 3♣ = 9/11 2 ♦/♥/♠ <= 8HCP 6-card suit, 3/4M = to play	1♣- 2♣ 4♣ = RKCB 0314 1■ - 2■:2X=stopper,3X= spl	1♣- 2♣ by passed= INV
1 •	N	4	4 🔻	11-22 HCP	1NT=6/11, 2•= 12+, 3minor =9/11, 2NT<=8 etc 2 ♥/• <= 8HCP 6 card suit, 3/4M = to play	1♦ - 2♦, 4♦ RKCB 0314 All as above	1♦ - 2♦ by passed = INV
1♥	N	5	4 🔻	11-22 HCP	1NT = semi F, 2X=NAT GF, 2♠ = weak with 6♠ 2NT=GF, 3♠=10/11 , 3♠= 7/9: (4+♥) 3♠/4♠/4♠ = SPL	After 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	5	4 🔻	11-22 HCP	1NT = semi F, 2X= 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			3 4	15-17 HCP may have 5M, 6m	2♣=Non-Prom Stayman: 2♣=♥TFR 2♥=♠TFR: 2♠ = ♠TFR, 2NT = ◆TFR 3♠/ ♦ = Natural, slam interest 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*	Yes	0		24+ BAL or any GF	2♦ = 4+HCP, 2 ▼<4 HCP, 2NT=5+▼ 8+HCP	Jump by Opener sets suit	
2 •	Yes	0		Weak M,8 PT any, BAL 22/23	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				20-21 BAL/Semi-BAL	3♣ = Puppet Stayman, 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 - 4oM = 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 A				NAT	6♠ = A/K, 7♠ = AK		
5NT				Both minors			
6 .							