DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

1 Level – 7-17 (can be lower with shape) HCP 5+ cards (rarely 4), New suit by advancer at a) 1 level – 8+ HCP, 4+ card, after this cue sows inv+ hand with no 4 card supp and, 2 level supp shows min .with 4, jump supp is inv with 4, jump cue is strongest invite with 4 b) 2 Level – Constructive non-forcing -10-14/15 HCP,

5+ (usually 6+) New suit after 2 level overcalls — One round forcing. Single Jumps are fit showing, double jumps are spl, if only one jump is available then spl.

Cue = 9+ with fit or any GF w/ or w/o fit. Jump cue shows 4+ cards, 6-9 HCP, jump raise is pre-emptive. If two cue bids are available, cheaper one is LROB w/3 card or any GF and the higher one is LROB w/4+ support,

2NT by passed hand after 1 level O/C is LROB with 4+ support

2 Level O/C – 10-17 HCP with 5+ cards (usually 6)

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

2nd live = 15-18 HCP, Usually have stopper in opponents suit.

Responses = Same as 1nt opening.

4th live = On minor 11-14, On Major 11-16, May not have stopper.

Responses = 2C is range ask, rest same as 1nt opening.

bid 2NT then 3C would be stayman

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

WEAK except in sandwich Vul position – that will be constructive – shows 6+1 suit,13-16 HCP. Leaping Michaels (5-5 + Game Inv),

Over 2 level weak jump O/C, 2NT is enq same response as after opening weak 2

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

Direct cue bid = Michaels.

Jump Cue (1x - 3x) =Solid long minor, invites 3nt.

Against prec 1D, jump cue bid is constructive – shows 6+ suit 13-16

HCP. Against art C jump cue is pre-emptive

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

Vs Strong NT = DONT, Extended DON'T till 4 level

2NT on strong 1NT= Single suiter pre-emptive. After that all bids are natural, except 3C/D (p/c) and 4C (please bid your suit)

Vs. Wk NT: X penalty and subsequent doubles are T/O, 2C – one suit, 2D - Majors

2M – that M & a m, 2NT - both m, 3m - don't, 3M - constructive pre-emp Vs Strong 2NT: X shows both M, everything else is natural

Balancing = Same methods as stated above

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

Doubles = Takeout. Lebenshol from advancer after 2 level T/O X

(2D) 3D = M's, 4C = C+H, 4D = C+S, (2M) 3M = m's, 4m = Bm + OM

(2M) 4NT = m's w/less HCP. (3m) 4Bm = M's, 4Om = m+1M, (3m) 4NT =

Om+M slam inv (3M) 4m = Bm + OM, (3M) 4M = OM +m slam inv,

(3M) 4NT = m's, After (3m) 3NT, 4C M's, 4D/H = Trf, 4S = slam inv in other m

After (3M) 3NT trfs, trf to BM shows m's

Over 1C-P-4C, 3C-P-4C and 4c opening 4d shows both majors 5-5 +

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 14 or 24

Over 1C Dbl = Majors.1nt = Minors, same after 1C-P-1D

Over strong $2C \times Majors$, 2nt = Minors, same after 2C-P-2D

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Redouble = 10 + HCP, usually no fit. Jump raises show 6-9 with 5+ supp
After m opening, NJ raise shows 4+ card 6-10 HCP, jump in Om shows LROB
2M bids (after 1m opening) are same as it was w/o X, [15.1] & [16.1]

If available (no conventional bid): single jumps are Fit showing, double jumps are spl, game bids are to play, after 1 Major double: Transfer Responses, 2NT is 4card LROB. After X on our weak bids, XX shows a single suit, and any new suit bid Is lead direction w/ supp in in opener's suit

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE Lead In Partner's Suit Suit 3rd from even, lowest from odd 3rd from even, lowest from odd NT 2nd or 4th 2nd or 4th Subseq Same or Attitude. Same or Attitude.

Other: Vs NT Ace lead asks for Count or UB, King lead asks for Attitude, Queen lead

asks for Unblock or Attitude. However, if the partner of the leader has shown 4 or more cards, then A/K/Q leads are same as they would be against a suit contract. attitude shifts – high from 10 or lower, 3/5 or 4th (depending on suit/NT contract), from J or higher. If partner showed a suit and a) leader has supported that, then attitude lead against trump and NT, b) if leader has not supported the suit, then 3/5 against suit and NT

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AK (+), Ax	Asks UB/CT, AKJT (+)
King	KQ (+), AK, Kx	Asks for attitude
Queen	Qx, QJ (+)	Asks UB of J or Att, KQT9
10	HT9, T9(+), Tx	HT9,T9x, 10x
9	9x	98(+), 9x(x)
Hi-X	Xx, doubleton	Xx, denies H
Lo-X	Shows odd numbers	Promises at least 10

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	
1	ATT (Low = Enc)	COUNT (Hi = Odd)	ATT (Low= Enc)	
Suit 2	COUNT (Hi = Odd)	S/P (STD)	COUNT (Hi = Odd)	
3	S/P (STD)		S/P (STD)	
1	ATT (Low = Enc)	Reverse Smith	Smith (High=Enc)	
NT 2	COUNT (Hi = Odd)	COUNT (Hi = Odd)	S/P = STD	
3		S/P(STD)	COUNT (Hi = Odd)	

Signals (including Trumps): Smith Echo vs NT, Low-High shows interest from both sides. Smith will continue until the signal is complete, so in discarding as well

Against NT Attitude if dummy wins with A or K, Count if Q or Lower.

If A led in suit contract, and a) dummy comes with doubleton, then encouragement shows overruffing potential. b) dummy comes with singleton; the card will be SPS.

If a singleton is led, we will assume that partner knows it and will treat his card as SPS.

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Strength of immediate hand at one level = (10)11+,2 level 13+,3 level 14+
Tends to have 3+ cards in other suits unless very strong (18+), T/O X till 4S
(1m) X, 2Bm is either GF or both M 8+ HCP, (1X) X 3M (double jump) is 5 card 10-11
Cue bid by doubler after advancer's non jump response shows good hand w/o 4 card fit, simple raise shows 4 w/ 16-17 HCP, jump raise is 4 w/ 18-19 HCP, jump cue is strongest raise w/ 4 card, Balancing X: can be weaker but methods are same as above but. [20]

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Negative double upto 3D, Cards dbl 3D onwards, Responsive dbl, Extended Responsive X Snapdragon dbl. Supp Dbl up to 2H, 2S onwards extras. Rosencranz Dbl/Rdbl; Spl X for lower suit lead – in case of 4th suit spl, X asks to lead that Suit.

(1NT) (3NT) X is for short M lead, after bid & supp, X on that suit asks not to lead If 1m bidder doubles a 3NT contract then he asks for that suit lead, if 1M opener doubles a 3NT contract then he asks for other lead. A 3NT X by leaders' P after bidding a suit asks not to lead that suit. After a silent auction, 3NT X asks to lead dummy's 2nd suit/dummy's suit. Cue bid X by opener a) against a silent responder is T/O b) against a non-silent responder shows 5+ card in own suit. After we find a fit, doubles are GT or competitive, depending on the auction. All Xs are Bid on (showing Sac intention) by a clear-cut IF we have bid and supp in a competitive auction and they make a fit Pre-emptor. Showing bid. X savs. I have the 4th suit.

W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: GREEN

NCBO: INDIA

PLAYERS: RAJESHWAR TEWARI -SUMIT MUKHERJEE

EVENT: ALL

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

5 Card Majors (Semi-F 1NT), m opening 3+, 1D shows generally 4 unless 4432 Walsh responses over 1C. Most Jump shift responses are ART. Many fit bids. Nat weak 2 Bids depending on Vul and pos (2nd seat Sound). Wide Range Overcalls. Frequent WJO. Frequent use of non-penalty dbls.

1nt Opening (14)15-17 HCP (Possible 5/6 Major or Singleton)
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

1C-2D = MR (7-9 5+ Clubs).1D-3C = Same; 1m-2H=5S and 4+H 5-9 HCP[5]; 1m-2S=5S and 4+ H 10-11 HCP. 1M-3D = LR, 10-11 HCP 4+ Supp.1H-3C = 6-9 HCP, 4+ Supp. 1H-2S = Unspecified spl (7-10 or14+HCP).1m 2H bid can be very weak (2+ HCP at fav) if 5-5 or more dist.1S-3C = 1 m short (7-10 or 14+ HCP)[9]. Trf: after 1M- DBL, 1/2/3S O/C[15.2]&[16.2], after 1S - (2H),

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

1)When game force is established.

2)When responder showed an Inv+ hand w/o supp partner's suit, 4 level onwards passes are F

after 2 level jump O/C. G/B 2NT almost in all competitive auctions

3) When responder showed an Inv+ hand w/ supp in partner's suit, 5 level Declarer's Lead

4) Passes are forcing from 2C

5) Passes are F up to 2S once we have made a strength showing XX or a penalty X, ex – 1D (X) XX (2H) P, 1C (1NT) X (2S) P etc.

6) After we T/O X a weak M opening & LHO Jumps to 5M, advancers P is F 7) We T/O X a weak m opening & passed LHO Jumps to 5m, advancers P is F

IMPORTANT NOTES

2 level Sandwich overcalls Can be weaker.3rd seat openings can be very Weak. PSYCHICS: Rare 3rd seat Major opening can be 4 cards.

When we are in search for 3NT, then cue of their suit asks for stopper if they Have bid one suit, if they have bid two then it shows stopper.

All voluntary 4m bids are F

Pre-empts and O/C pre-empts can be destructive in NV 1st and 3rd seat

Slam Xs at sacrificing situations: immediate = Don't bid, Balancing = 1 trick

2C is the only bid to show M's after various 1NT (not after their1NT opening)
After 1Y (1NT) or 1Y (P) P (1NT), X shows shortness in OM if Y is a m,

Otherwise shows 4card OM

After one of us showed a M suit, 4 level NJ bid of that M from either side is always to play (COC), even if we already have a m fit

Various 4NT bids in competition: The order of Priority is 1) To show slam inv in P's suit 2) Choice of game 3) RKC

Frequent COC bids below 3NT level, if we are going to break 3NT, then we have to do that at first opportunity, anything below 3NT is primarily COC

After a fit, cue bid gets lesser priority compared to last train, attitude etc.

Jump 4NT bids will still be Quantitative even after finding a 8+ card m fit

When we make cue bid in their suit to search for a stopper for 3NT contract

And they double that, our XX shows half stopper in that suit

Artificial reverse and relay bids: 1m 1X 2level cheapest revers is Art and 2NT Relay after that. 1H 1NT 2S, 1S 1NT 3C and 1H 1S 3C are Art reverses and Immediate bids are relay asks.

The first step after inverted m bid is Art and the next step is relay by responder Jump 5NT bids are usually COC unless jump was against P's pre-emption Various Lebensohl situations from advancer and responder. Two known scramble situations: 1NT P (2M) X 2NT and (1M) X (2M) P X 2NT

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 🌲		3	4S	(10)11-21,4423, or	1C-1D = 3+ Cards 0+ HCP, 1H-1S 4+ card 0+ HCP,	Walsh approach. Two way CB. Jump 3D after 1M response shows 4 card supp	1C-(1X)-3C/1C-(X)-3C = Mixed Raise.
				much better suit	1NT/2NT= 8-10/11-12, 2C = Inverted (10+). 2D =	BAL 18-19. Cheapest reverses are Art, showing either reverse in that suit or long	Trf on 1S/2H/2S/3S O/C, 2C is M's on 1NT
				compared to D	Mixed.2M =Reverse Flannery, 3D/S/4C = Spl,4C = RKC,	C. 1C 2C 2D ART [1], asking responder to bid 2H, 1C-2M-2NT = ENQ,1C 2NT	O/C, 1C(2C) X or 1C(2NT) X shows 10+
					4M= To play, 4NT = Quan	3X = short. After 1C 1X 2NT Retransfer [4.1],[4.2]&[4.3]	HCP, BAL hand, Subseq Xs are penalty
1 ♦		3	4S	(10)11-21,4432 or	1H/1S =Nat 4+ card 0+ HCP, 1NT/2NT = 6-10/11-12. 2M	Two-way CB. 1D-1S-3H - 4 card supp BAL 18-19. Cheapest reverse is ART,	SAME AS ABOVE
				4+Diamonds	- Reverse Flannery.3C = Mixed. 3D – Wk, 3H/S/4C = Spl,	shows either reverse in that suit or long D. 1D-2D-2H Is ART, 1D-2M-2NT =	
					4D - RKC, 4M= To play, 4NT = Quan	ENQ, 1D 2NT 3H/S – short. Retransfer [4.1],[4.2]&[4.3] after 1D 1M 2NT	
1♥		5	4S	(10)11-21, can be 4 in	2H= 8-10, 3 card, 2NT= Bal GF, 2S = any short either 7-10	1H-2H-3S/4C/4D= Void Spl. 1H-2H-2S- some short, 1H-2H-2NT = HSGT in S	Passed hand: Two way Drury. Drury exists
				3 rd seat	or 14+ 3D= LR, 1h-3C = 6-9, 4 card supp	1H -2H- 3m is HSGT, 1H 3D/H 3S – some short, [8] 1H 1NT 2S – ART, 1H 1S	After cut also. Trf on 1/2/3S O/C. After
					1NT= Semi-F, 3S/3NT/4C = S/D/C spl 11-13 HCP	3C is ART, H+C or only H. 1H 1NT 2NT is 18-19 and then re transfer	1H (2H) – X Bal 10+, 2S LR, 2NT/3C/D trf
1 🛦		5	4H	(10)11-21, can be 4 in	2S= 8-10, 3 card, 2NT= Bal GF, 1S-3C any m short 7-10	1S-2S-3X= HSGT.1S-2S-4C/4D/4H= Void Spl. 1S-2S-2NT- some short,[8]	Passed hand : Two way Drury Drury exists
				3 rd seat	Or 14+ 3D= Limit. 3H = short H either 7-10 or 14+3NT=H	1H-2H-2NT = HSGT in S. 1S 3D/S 3NT – some short, 1S 1NT 3C is ART[10]	After cut also. Trf after 1S (2H)
73.77			20	(101515 6) 1	Spl, 11-13.4C/4D= 11-13 Spl.	Either only S or S+C or S+H. 1S 1NT 2NT is 18-19 and then re transfer	1S (2S) – X Bal 10+, 2NT/3C/D/H are trf
INT			3S	(14)15-17, Singleton or	2C Stayman, 4 Way Transfers. 3C/3D= Inv/GF with 5-5+	1NT-2D-2H-2S= 5-4 Minors GF+ or 5-5 Majors INV.	Rubensohl after intervention,
				6 Card M/m possible.	m's. 3H/3S= Short with 4 card OM. 4C/D – H/S, Smolen 1NT 2D bid is either H or both M inv or both m GF	1NT 2C 2H 2S or 1NT 2C 2S 3C – Dist. ENQ. Suit bid by m trf shows liking 1Nt 2C 2H/S 3D/H sets the M, 1NT 2C 2H/S 3C/D – ART, shows M+m	(2NT Forces 3C). 1NT (2M) 3S shows m's 4C/4D are trf till 2NT cut, trf after 3S cut
2.	ART			22+ Or Game in hand.	2C-2D= Waiting.2C-2H/2S = 6+ cards with 2 of	Kokish Relays. 2C 2D 2M 2NT can be with 3 supp, 2C 2D 2M 2NT 3X 3M	After 2 Level Intervention Pass = 0-4,higher
2.	AKI			22+ Or Game in nand.	2C-2D= Waiting. $2C-2H/2S=0+$ cards with 2 of AKQ` $3H/3S=$ long C/D Suit.	Shows 2+ weak 6 card S has to be introduced after 2C 2D 2H, late 3S wont be S	Level Pass = 5+, leaping Michel by both side
2.4		5		At Vul/2 nd seat Sound	2D-2H/2S/3C = One round forcing.4H/S – To Play	After 2D-2NT, 3C=Any Short or 4 card C,3D = Min, 3H/3S = OM 4 card,	XX shows a single suit, new non jump suit
2♦		3		1st/3rd NV=destructive	2D-2H/2S/3C = One round forcing.4H/S = 10 Play 2D-2NT = Asking., jump new suit bids are asking in that	3NT = Bal good, After 3C, shortness relay is 3D, 3H relay is for 4 card C	Is lead directional raise. FJ, Game bids Nat
				1803 INV -destructive	2D-2N1 = Asking., Jump new suit blus are asking in that	2D 2M 2N shows doubleton supp in the M	On cut, X is Resp at two level, otherwise Pen
2♥		5		At Vul/2nd seat Sound	2S/3C/3D = One round forcing. 2NT relay, 3H = courtesy	After 2H-2NT,3C= Any short,3D=Any minor4 card,3H=Min,3S=4 Spade,3NT=	XX shows a single suit, new non jump suit
2▼		3		1st/3 rd NV=destructive	Raise. Jump bids are asking in that suit	Bal good., 2H – 2S -2NT shows doubleton S. After suit bid, rebid/supp are NF	Is lead directional raise. FJ, Game bids Nat
2 🏚		5		At Vul/2 nd seat Sound	3C/3D/3H = One round forcing. 2NT relay, 3S = courtesy	After 2S-2NT,3C= Any short,3D=Any minor4 card,3S=Min,3H=4 H,3NT=	XX shows a single suit, new non jump suit
Z 🖚		3		1st/3 rd NV=destructive	Raise. Jump bids are asking in that suit	Bal good., After suit bid by responder, rebid/supp are NF	Is lead directional raise. FJ, Game bids Nat
2NT				(19)20-21 Bal/Semi	3C= Stayman,3D/3H= H/S Trf. 3S=Puppet to 3NT	2NT-3C-3H/3S = 4/5 M .2NT 3H 3S 4H = 5-5 slam inv. 2NT 3C 3D 3H 3NT4H	Passed hand: Same
2111				Bal, shortness possible.	3NT/4C/4D/4H = C/D/H/S Trf, 4S = Both m non slam inv	= 5-5 just game. 2NT-3D-3H-3S shows 4H and 5m. 2NT 2C 3NT = both M	2NT (3Y) X is stayman
				Bui, shortness possible.	3D trf can be with 4H and 5m	2NT 2C 3NT 4C slam Inv. 2NT 3S 3NT 4C/D/H/S = 5C-4D/5D-4C/1255.2155	Trf after 2NT (3S)
3 .		6		pre-emptive, 6+Cards	3D/3H/3S= Natural Forcing. 4D/4M are asking bids	If responder joins openers suit after biding a new suit, that is NF, 4C = Courtesy	X penalty after they cut, Game bids are nat
3♦		6		pre-emptive, 6+Cards	3H/3S= Natural Forcing. 4C/4M are asking bids	If responder joins openers suit after biding a new suit, that is NF. 4D = Courtesy	X penalty after they cut, Game bids are nat
3♥		6		pre-emptive, 6+Cards	3S=Nat Forcing,4C/4D/4S=Ask for control in that suit	3H 5NT (trump ask) $-6C - AQ/A$, $6D - KQ/K$, $6H - Q$ or J, $6S = AK$	X penalty after they cut, Game bids are nat
		6		* *	4C/4D=Asks for control in that suit. 5NT= trump ask		1 7
3 A	ADT			pre-emptive, 6+Cards	*	3S 5NT (trump ask) – 6C – AQ/A, 6D – KQ/K, 6S = Q or J,	X penalty after they cut, Game bids are nat
3NT	ART	7		Solid 7-8 Card Minor.	4C= Pass/Correct,4D=Ask for Shortness.4M – To play	3NT 4D 4H/S – H/S short, 4NT – no short, 5m – Om short	X penalty after they cut
<u> </u>		-			,4NT= Asking to bid 6 w/ 8 card, $5C = P/C$		
4.		7		pre-emptive 7+ cards	4D/4H/4S Natural.		
4♦		7		pre-emptive 7+ cards	4H/4S=Natural		
4♥		7		pre-emptive 7+ cards	4S/5C/5D to play, 5H slam inv		
4 🛦		7		pre-emptive 7+ cards	5C/D/H to play, 5S slam inv		
4NT				Specific Ace Asking	5C=No Aces,5D/5H/5S=That Ace,5NT=C Aces		
5*		8		Pre-emptive		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦		8		pre-emptive		RKCB = 1430,2/2 With Trump Q, 5NT=Even with Void, 6X= Odd with Void, Aft	
5♥		8		pre-emptive		6C is available, then it is for extra. EKCB = Same as RKCB by steps. DOPI after they cut below our suit, DEPO after they cut	
5♠		8		pre-emptive		Above our suite. If we somehow cross 4NT after agreeing a suit, 5NT would be RI	KC
						After getting response of 4NT, 5NT is K ask bid King Ask responses = Specific.	
						Direct ask after RKC response – asks for Q of that suit – bidding the trump suit shows no Q, any other bid below the trump suit is	
						Shows a doubleton, with the Q, we will bid 7	