

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVER+CALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
Natural 8 +
2 level usually 12+ likely 6-cards
4 th natural but 2 level could be weaker than direct
Aggressive and conventional defence to strong 1c opening
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd seat 15-18
4 th seat 16-18
4 th seat protective 11-16
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
2nt Two suited overcalls –variable strength
Reopen: 2nt in 4 th seat 20-22 balanced
Single suit jump overcalls always weak
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Cuebid is 2 suiter –Michaels
Jump cuebids looking for stopper
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
DBL penalty 2 nd seat
DBL 4 th seat 5m/4M v strong nt : v weak nt (up to max 16) penalty
2c for majors usually min 5/4
2d single suited major “multi”
2M = 5M plus minor
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Dbl always t/o : over 2d or 3d cuebid = both majors / 4c = clubs +M
Over 2M cuebid asks stopper / 4m = minor plus other M
V 3's - cue 4h = S+m ; cue 4S = big 2 suiter ; 4nt Blackwood
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
V 1C dbl = majors ; 1nt pointed or rounded ; 2c blacks ; 2d reds
2h/s weak ; 2nt minors
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Rdb = 10+
Bids natural not forcing

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th /mud /2 nd highest	4 th /mud/ 2 nd highest	
NT	4 th /mud /2 nd highest	4 th /mud /2 nd highest	
Subseq	4 th /mud /2 nd highest	4 th /mud /2 nd highest	
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AK asks attitude	AK asks attitude	
King	AK KQ asks count	AK KQ asks count	
Queen	QJ	QJ	
Jack	J10 AJ10 KJ10	J10 AJ10 KJ10	
10	H109 (not J109)	H109 (not J109)	
9	109 or shortage	109 or shortage	
Hi-X	2 or weak suit	2 or weak suit	
Lo-X	More than 2 with honour	More than 2 with honour	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Count	Count	Count/attitude
Suit 2	Attitude	Suit pref	Suit pref / attitude
3	Suit pref		
1	Count	Smith high = like lead	Count/attitude
NT 2	Attitude	Count	Suit pref/ attitude
3			
Signals (including Trumps): high/low even in trumps odd			
Smith v nt / discards from long suits suit pref or count			
Non standard card is suit preference			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Standard			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Support dbls after 1d or 1h opening and 1M response			
No value dbls at high levels			
Lead directing			
Rdb in cuebid situation = ace or void			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Open
NCBO: Ireland
PLAYERS: Adam Mesbur & Nick FitzGibbon
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Strong Club 1c = 17+
Control showing responses except after intervention
5- card major aggressive openings
Weak 2 majors
2nt = spades and minor weak
Canape only with exactly 4d-5c
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
1c 17+
2c 5C + 4M or 6C 11-16
2d 4414 or 4405 short diamonds 11-16
2h/s weak 6-card suit 4-10
2nt spades and minor pre-emptive
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Many sequences after strong 1c opening
When we bid vul game
IMPORTANT NOTES
Lebensohl
Penalty dbls often after 1C / depends on sequence
PSYCHICS: rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	Yes	0	4S	17+	1d 0-6 pts ; 1h 7+ less than 3 controls ; 1s 3 controls ; 1nt 11-13 bal ; 2c 4 controls;2d 5 controls 2h –weak 2s 14+ bal 2nt 4441 GF 3-suit 1-loser suit	After 1d, 1nt 17-19 bal, 2nt 20-21 bal After 1h/s 1nt 17+ bal	Natural responses
1♦	Yes	2	4S	Natural 10-16 or 11-13 balanced	Natural; 2c/2d 11+; 3c/d strong force	Natural	Same
1♥♠		5	4S	5+ natural 10-16 5/4 or 6-card with 10+pts	1nt semi forcing upto 12 pts – opener passes with 11-13 bal 2c artificial GF	After 2c , 2d is minimum everything else GF	2c drury with 3+ support; then 2d min with 4M and 2M min with 5M+ 2nt 8-10 with 4-card support jump fits
INT			3S	14-16 bal maybe 5-suit (includes major)	Transfers ; 3c-3s 2 suiters; 4c baron; 4d/h transfer slam try; 4s strong with 5m		
2♣		5	4S	5 clubs with 4 major 11-16 6+ clubs maybe 2 nd suit 11-16	2d relay; 2nt transfer to 3c; 3c constructive		
2♦	Yes	0		4414 or 4405 short D 11-16	3d relay / all other suits or no-trumps natural		
2♥		6 (5)		Weak 4-9 (10) normally 6 cards 3 rd hand maybe 5 cards	2nt asking		
2♠		6 (5)		Weak 4-10 normally 6 cards 3 rd hand maybe 5 cards	2nt asking		
2NT	Yes			5S with 5m weak	3d inviting in spades; 4d general slam try		
3♣		6/7		Natural weak			
3♦		6/7		Natural weak			
3♥		7		Natural weak maybe 6 3 rd			
3♠		7		Natural weak maybe 6 3 rd			
3NT	Yes			Minor pre-empt			
4♣	Yes	0		7+ hearts with good hand			
4♦	Yes	0		7+ spades with good hand			
4♥		7		7+ hearts			
4♠		7		7+ spades			
4NT	Yes			Blackwood			
5♣		7		Natural			
5♦		7		Natural			
5♥		7		Natural – invitational			
5♠		7		Natural – invitational			
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						RCKB / Exclusion CKB / cuebids / GSF /	

Notes

After 1c

1c-dbl pass 0-4

1c-overcall Rdb 7-10 balanced
generally transfer responses – either 3-6 with 6-cards or GF
2s = 11+ balanced

1c-1d-1M 2c 5-6 no fit
2nt 5-6 4-card fit

1c-1d-1S 2d 4-6 5+hearts
2h 3-card fit 5-6 (after 1h – 2d is 3-card fit 5-6)

1c-1d-2h 22+ balanced or any single suit GF

1c-1d-2s 20+ 4441 or GF minors

After 1d

1d-1M/1nt-2c 5m/4m either suit longer

1d-1M-2nt 6d-4c 14-16

1d-1h-2s 6d/3h 14-16

after 1h (similar after 1s opening except 2d = hearts, 2h = positive 3-card support)

1nt 6-12 semi forcing i.e. pass with 11-13 Bal only

2♣ Artificial GF, not 3 or 4 card ♥ support, not 4 + ♠ over unless longer m

2♦ 3-card ♥ support 10-12 or 13+ GF 3 card support

2♥ 5-9 3-card ♥ support

2♠ 4-9 6 card suit

2nt 13 + GF with 4-card support, may have singleton but not void

3♣ 10-12 4-card support

3♦ 7-9 4-card support

3♥ Pre-emptive, 3-6

3♠ any void, Assume 10-13 (stronger if bids again after signoff), 3nt asks void... 4h shows spade void

3nt singleton ♠, 10-13, 4-card support

4♣ singleton, 10-13 4-card support

4♦ singleton, 10-13 4-card support

4♥ pre-emptive

4♠/5♣/5♦ ERKB

after 1nt

1nt 2♣ Stayman does not promise 4-card major

2♦/♥ transfer

2♠ transfer to clubs

2nt transfer to diamonds

3♣ 1/3 or 3/1 plus 5/4 minors, 5/5 minors or 5/4 minors 22 strong

3♦ 4♠ with short heart 4144 4135/53 4045/54

3♥ 4♥ with short spade 4144 4135/53 4045/54

3♠ 5♠/5♥ GF

4♣ baron /at least values for 4nt / always balanced no 5-card suit

4♦/♥ transfer / slam try

4♠ 5-card minor at least values for 4nt includes 5m4M22

DOBI DOUBLE (over strong 1nt opening)

Applies v 15-17 or stronger 1nt in 4th seat only

4-card major and 5-card+ minor can be very light or good hand with 5/5 (14+ with good suits) or long major suit with 8 ½ tricks (direct 2M is limited)

After Dobi double

2♣ to play partners minor

2♦ asks for major

2M natural, good 6 cards suit

Defence to strong 1C

Non-vulnerable we bid fairly randomly and try to disrupt opponents rather than find a sensible sacrifice etc.

Against 1♣ (or 2♣) we have reasonable shape when vul.

Responses by partner of the initial bidder are randomish until doubled.

When strong ♣ hand rebids 1NT defence is as if 1NT opened

1♦ = hearts

Double = spades

1♥/♠/NT = 2 suits same colour, rank, other. Normally 5-4 can be 4-4 at favourable vul.

2 level bids are weak in suit bid or weak in suit above

After strong 1♦ opening or 1♦ response (or 2♦ response after 2♣ opening) then double = hearts or spades and the rest are as above (a level higher after 2♣ opening)