

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS
Natural usually 5+cards , 6-17
2m overcall is constructive
New suit is non-forcing but enc/ at the 3-level forcing
2nt is a 4-card fit inv+
Cue is 3-cards inv+ / 3+cards if 2nt not available
Jump cue to the 3-level is a mixed raise
INT OVERCALL
Immediate 15-18. Responses as over opening
Reopening range (10)11-16. 2c range and majors enquiry, transfers
JUMP OVERCALLS
Always weak over one bids but vul will have playing strength
2nt two lower ranking remaining suits, wide range
2d over 1c 5+5+ MM
Over weak twos Leaping Michaels (bid minor + OM) is not forcing, v weak 2 - jump overcall 12-16 nat
Reopen: 2NT nat 20-22
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS
Cuebid over weak 2Ms, Michaels (cue is OM + m constructive. Jump cue looks for stop
Michaels over 1M and some other auctions
1c/d – 2d = majors 5+5+
1c (2+ cards) 2c = 5/4 MM 10-15 also applies in 4th after 1c - p - 1d and after 1c-p-1nt-
VS. NT
Dbl of 1nt for penalty
Dbl of 1nt from passed hand 4M 5+m over any strength.
2c = majors
2d = 1 major, multi style then p/c or relays
2M = 5M with 4+minor
VS.PRE-EMPTS
Dbl = take out Cue = 2 suits
3nt natural
Over multi 2d - dbl 13-15 bal or strong and bids natural
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
Disruptive, over 1c dbl majors, 1nt minors , weak jumps, UNT.
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
After 1h or 1s redble transfer to 1nt. 1NT/2c/(2d) transfers. 2M-1 is weak or inv+ raise of M. Fit jump after 1M. 2NT 8-10 raise. Higher art.

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd and 4 th , Hxx High from 2 cards	Low from odd / high from even (only when not supported in any way, not d)	
NT	Same	As above	
Subseq	Same/ attitude	As above/ attitude	
Other: lead 2 nd highest from poor suits/ low usually promises honour			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Asks attitude / AKxx	Same	
King	Asks count AKx KQx	Same	
Queen	QJx KQ10 asks unblock of J	Same	
Jack	HJ10 J10X denies Q	Same	
10	H109 or 109 (xxx). or 10x	Same	
9	9x H98 (xx)	Same	
Hi-X	Sx xSxx(x)	Same except unsupported partner suit	
Lo-X	Hxx	Same except unsupported partner suit	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	H = Even	H = Even	Low even enc/ odd may be suit preference
Suit 2	L = ENC	H = suit pre	Often do not signal or std remainder count
3	H = suit pref	Often do not signal or std remainder count	
1	H = Even	H = Even	As suit
NT 2	L = ENC	H = suit pref	same
3	H = suit pref	Often do not signal or std remainder count	same
Signals high/ low even. Low encouraging on Ace lead In trump suit can show suit preference			
First discard – low even most enc. Odd is discouraging and may be suit pref			
Attitude signal on A or in clear situations. SP on shortage lead			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES			
Take out dble – aggressive with right shape .Reopening may be weak			
Over 1c(short) dble is 12-14 bal or standard t/o			
Card showing, support and responsive dble			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDBLS			
Dbl at 4 or 5 level by next hand where we have game values - want to bid on			
Pass of opponents low level rdb is penalty (1d-p-dbl-rdb-p)			
Dbl of 3-level cue of our suit or partners bid suit can be don't lead it			
Rdbl rescues suit contracts and express doubt about our 3NT contract			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY STRONG CLUB
NCBO: IRELAND
PLAYERS: Nick FitzGibbon Adam Mesbur
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Precision style
1c strong 17+ 5M 1NT 14-16
Opening bids can be 10 (rarely 9) with shape
1d a) natural 10-16 may have club canapé if 4/5. Unbalanced unless 6+ diamonds/ occasionally 5422. 4/1S 1/4H 3d 5c possible with weak clubs
b) (11-13) any balanced 2+diamonds includes 5m422
1nt (14-16) may hold 5M or 6m or very occasional singleton
Often upgrade / downgrade – especially 1nt and 1c
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
2d 4414 4405 4315/3415 short D 10-16
1D – 1H – 1NT may have 4S
3nt 1 st 2 nd pre in minor/ 3 rd /4 th Gambling –may be strong
4c, 4d openings 1st and 2nd - Strong 4h/s opening
Pass after overcall of our 1C is weak or penalty
Many penalty dbles after our 1c opening
If our 1nt is doubled for penalties – rdb is puppet to 2c any 1 suit/ 2-suit is that suit and the one immediately above.
If our 1M opening is doubled we play transfers
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
After positive response to 1c
Competitive auctions where we have forced to game or opponents sacrificing- next to bid pass defend, dbl bid on
Many others
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: very rare by opener / rare by responder / occasional false cuebids
Last train rarely

		Min cards	Neg Dbls thru	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		0	3s	17+ or equivalent	1d <7 unbal / <8 bal 1h/s/2c/d natural 5+cards 7+hcp, 1nt 8+ bal/ 2M 6-cards 4-6	After 1d – 2H rebid is 21/22 bal or GF unbal 2S is (4441) or bal 26+ 3c/d is 5+H/S with 5+another GF After 1M, 3c is 444 with 1 in the M.	1nt is 8-10 (11)
1♦		2	4h	Bal 2+d (any 11-13 balanced includes 5m422) 11-16 4441 or 5+d unbalanced or 4+d/5c or 5+d/4c or 4M1M3d5c not suitable for 2c opening	2m is GF nat, 2H both minors inv, 2S both minors GF 3c/d natural invitational 8-12 good suit	Natural most suit rebids promise diamonds After 1d-1h-1nt 2d any GF, 2NT and higher transfers	Natural
1♥		5	4d	5+ 9-16 open 5/5 9pts and 5/4 10 pts and 6+ 10 pts	1S nat. 1nt semi forcing 6-12 . 2c artificial GF –no support or 5+S. 2d = 3-card H raise 10+, 2nt = 4+ H raise GF, 3C = 4+H raise 11-12, 3d = 4+H raise (8)9-10, 3H pre, 3S any void, 3nt 4m spl in S/c/d	Opener passes 1nt with 17-20 jp bal 1H-1S-2NT is 3card support, 14-16 After 2d, 2H is minimum, 2S is FG art, 2NT/ 3m short suit try in S/m After 2NT response 3c asks range/shape	2c 3+ H 9-11 Then 2M is min 2nt = 8-10 4card support unbal 3m jump -fit 5+cards with 4+H
1♠		5	4h	5+ 9-16 open 5/5 9pts and 5/4 10 pts and 6+ 10 pts	As after 1H except 2d = 5+hearts invitational or better 2H = 3 card spade raise 10+	As after 1H except 1S 2d 2nt is 3+H fg., 1S 2H 2nt is fg any. 3h/ 3nt any void, 10-13/ 14+. 4c/d/H spl	As after 1h
INT			3s	14-16 any 5 suit/ 6m possible/ occasionally 5422 or singleton honour	2c Stayman (asks for M) – does not promise a major/ maybe weak 2d/h/s/NT all transfers 3c 5/4 minors unbalanced F 3d/H 3-suiters with shortage in H/S 4c d for H S.	After Stayman or transfer to a Major - transfers to minors from responder on second round	Same
2♣		5	4h	5c with 4M or 6+clubs 10-16	2d relay, 2M fl, 4M spl	After relay 2M natural 3d/H/S shortage	
2♦		0		4414 or 4405m or 43/3415 short diamond 10-16 (may open 1nt with 15/16 and single honour)	2NT ask 3d relay inv 3h/3s natural 4c transfer d, gf 4d nat inv		
2♥		5/6		Normally 6 maybe 5 nv. Up to 10	2nt relay		
2♠		5/6		Normally 6 maybe 5 nv. Up to 10	2nt relay		
2NT				19-20 balanced	may have 5m/ rarely 6 minor Stayman transfers 3S is a minors slam try 4-any slam try two suits above (eg 4c ST in hearts)		
3♣		6		Can be very weak at fav	3d asks better M. New suit forcing		
3♦		6		Can be very weak at fav	New suit forcing		
3♥		(6)7			New suit forcing		
3♠		(6)7			New suit forcing		
3NT	Yes			1 st and 2 nd seat Pre in minor 3 rd and 4 th Gambling	4c p/c, 4d ST		
4♣	Yes	0		Good H 7-8.5 tricks in 1 st /2 nd /4 th 3 rd natural pre	4d is a very good hand for hearts		
4♦	Yes	0		As above for S	4h is a very good hand for spades		
4♥		(6)7/8		Pre			
4♠		(6)7/8		Pre			
4NT	Yes			(8.5) 9 tricks in a minor	5c p/c, 5d p/c, 5H KC in openers minor		
5♣		7+		Pre		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦		7+		Pre		RKCB – asking for aces, king of trumps and queen of trumps. with void showing, Exclusion RKCB, all 1430	
5♥		7+		Inv		In pre/competitive auctions dbl often encouraging to bid on/ last train	
5♠		7+		Inv		Generally cuebid 1 st or 2 nd round controls at cheapest level/ some sequences can show shortage	