DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

Aggressive with a wide range, may be as strong as bad 18HCP May be a good 4 card suit

Raises Natural; not forcing; may be pre-emptive New suit; natural and forcing unless passed hand Jump Cue is mixed raise – LOTT, shapely rather than HCP Forcing raise goes via cue

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

15-18 with Stayman, Puppet Stayman &

transfer responses, ◆>♥, ♥>♠, ♦>♣ or Range probe, 2NT >◆
Re-opening 1NT = 10-14, no stopper promised. Same responses

2NT Overcall – System on as per 2NT opening but no super accepts [1x]-P-[1Y]-1NT=other 2 suits 5+/4+ either way weakish

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Natural and pre-emptive

2NT = 5/5 Minors over 1M or 2 lower over 1m, unlimited

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

Direct cue of minor = \sqrt{A} , 5/5, unlimited

Direct cue of major = other major/minor, 5/5; unlimited

Jump cue (if opener's suit = 3+) = stopper ask

Cue after opponents bid 2 suits at one level - in 4th seat, either cue is natural

Cue after t/o X = Inv+, contract undetermined, maybe both \checkmark /

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

Over weak NT (<16) - X = 15+; Over strong NT - X = 4M/5+m

 $2 \clubsuit = \checkmark / \spadesuit 5 + / 4 + \text{ either way; } 2 ♦ = \text{ single suited } \checkmark \text{ or } \spadesuit$

 $2 \checkmark / \spadesuit = 5M/4 + m$; $2NT = \$/ \spadesuit$ usually 5/5

 $3 . / \bullet = \text{semi-pre-emptive}$ as can't show single suited minor

VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

 $3 \bigstar$ thru $4 \blacktriangledown$ - X = T/O. $4 \bigstar$ - X = Good hand; 4NT = T/O >4 \Lambda . X = Penalty

3NT to play then $4 \triangleq Baron$, $4 \blacklozenge / \blacktriangledown = transfer$,

 $4 \spadesuit$ = tfr to other minor or both minors if M pre-empt. 4NT=INV

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

X=2 suits same Colour, 1 ♦=2 same Rank, 1NT=2 same Shape

[1♣]-P-[1♦]- X=Colour, 1NT=Rank, 2♣=Shape

Same defence but one level higher over 2♣ opening.

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

XX = 10 + HCP and denies primary support, subsequent X = T/out

1M-(X) - ? = Ignore X, system on by non-passed hand 1m - (X) - 2m/3m = Ignore X, system on by non-passed hand

LEADS	AND	SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	Overlead, 3rd from even, low	same
	from odd, top of doubletons	
	Overlead, 4 th , 2 nd from 4	same
	small, Top of 3 small	
Subsequent	Reverse attitude	Reverse attitude

Other: Ace asks for attitude; King for count

LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	Asks for attitude	Asks for attitude
King	Asks for count	Asks for count or unblock
Queen	Asks for attitude	Asks for attitude or unblock J
Jack	Top of sequence or shortage	Top of sequence or shortage
10	Top of sequence or shortage	Top of sequence or shortage
9	Doubleton, singleton, 3 rd	No interest in suit
Hi-X	Xx, 3 rd	No interest in suit
Lo-X	3rd from even, low from odd	4 th from honour

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Reverse attitude	Reverse count	Reverse attitude
Suit 2	Reverse count	Reverse count	Reverse count
3	Reverse count	Reverse count	Reverse count
1	Reverse attitude	Reverse count	Reverse attitude
NT 2	Reverse count	Reverse count	Reverse count
3	Reverse count	Reverse count	Reverse count

Signals (including Trumps):

Reverse attitude NT/Suit. Suit preference where obvious

Hi-Lo in trumps = Reverse count with ruffing interest or Suit preference

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Opening values, less with classic shape opposite passed hand

If opponents bid over our T/O X; X =take out; cue shows 5+ in that suit

X followed by cue = Game interest and forcing

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

XX of their X of our bid suit (e.g., lead directional) = 1^{st} round control

X of a cue of our bid suit shows strength or asks for different lead

1NT - (X) - XX = any single suited hand; partner to bid 2 * is; now responder will pass or correct. Other is suit bid plus one higher.

Support X and XX to 2 or our Major

 $XX ext{ of } X ext{ of a TRF bid} = ext{ offer to play}$

W B F CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: GREEN

NCBO: AUSTRALIA – MIXED TEAMS

PLAYERS: STEPHEN FISCHER - PELE RANKIN

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Two-Over-One Game Force; Semi-Forcing 1NT (5-11)

1♣/♦ 3+ 11+ HCP 1 ▼/♠ 5+ 11+ HCP

1NT Opening:15-17 (5-card Major or 6-card minor possible)

2NT Opening: 20-21; 2♣ = 22+ HCP Balanced or FG any

 $2 \bullet = \text{weak } + \bullet$, may be 4/4 non-vul, 5/4 vul

 $2 \checkmark /2 = 6$ card suit, 5-(10), 4th seat 9-13

Carding: UDCA

Keycard response: 1430

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

1m-2m = FG. Opener bids range 11-13, 14-16, 17+. Then step=shortage ask. Bypass 2NT with shtge. Other own shtge

1M – 2NT Jacoby. Opener bids range 11-13, 14-16, 17+. Then step = shortage ask, other own shortage LMH

Shortage responses are None, Low, Middle, High

Defence to 1NT: X Strong NT =4M/5+m;

X Weak NT=15+, 2 = both majors, 2 = single suited M,

 $2 \vee /2 = 5 + M/4 + m$, 2NT = 4/4 + 5/5

1M – Jump shift = Natural, invitational

1M - 2♣ = Inv in M; Clubs FG; Bal FG

Drury over $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ seat M openings. Opener 2M = No game int

Good/Bad 2NT over X of 2M and over 2 ♦ /2 ♥ /2 ♠ in comp

Over interference of our 1NT opening – Lebensohl and take

out doubles. Values X over artificial interference

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

RCKB interference: P0X1 Pass 0/3 X 1/4

RCKB high level interference: POXE Pass Odd X Even

IMPORTANT NOTES

RKCB for spades. Kickback for other suits.

PSYCHICS: very rare

STETIES. Very rais

	A r t	M i n	Neg X thru	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1 4 1 •		3	4♥	3+ Card suit, 11+ HCP. When 4/4, usually open 1D	INT=6-10 no 4 card major; 2m = 4+ 12+ jump shift other m=INV, 5+support 2M=INV 6 card suit; 2NT=10-12 Bal; 3m= 5+ 6-9 3M = SPL; 3NT = 13-15 natural 4m = Pre-emptive; 4M = To play.	After 1m – 2m, 2m+1=11-13; 2m+2=14-16; 2m+3=17+; Step now=shortage ask with none, low, middle or high; Other is own shortage apart from 3m/2NT=NF if 11-13 4♦ RCKB for ♣ and 4♥ RCKB for ◆	1m - 2m=max pass. 1m - jump shift other m=more distributional
1 ∨ 1 ♠		5	4♥	5 Card suit, 11+ HCP	1NT=6-11 semi-forcing; $2M=3+5-9$; $2 = 3+$ support, INV OR GF \clubsuit s OR GF balanced 2x = 5+, GF 2NT=4+ GF; $3M=4+<6$ HCP; $4M=T0$ play $1 \lor -3NT= \lor SPL$; $1 \spadesuit -3NT= \lor SPL$; $1 \lor -3 \spadesuit /4 \clubsuit = SPL$, $1 \lor -4 \spadesuit = Void, 1 \spadesuit -4 \spadesuit / \bullet = SPL$ (SPL=10-12) $1 \lor -4 \spadesuit$, $1 \spadesuit -4 \lor \& 1M-5 \spadesuit / \bullet = T0$ play $1 \lor -2 \spadesuit$, $1 \spadesuit -3 \lor a$ and $1M-3 \spadesuit /3 \bullet = 6+$ Invitational	1M – 2M; Step=Game try; Other=Naturalish, slam try After 1M – 2NT, 3♣=11-13; 3♣=14-16; 3♥ =17+; Step now=shortage ask with none, low, middle or high; Other is own shortage. 4♣=RCKB for ♥s and 4NT=RKCB for ♣s	Opposite 3 rd & 4 th seat Major opening, 2* by responder = Drury : 1M-2*= 3+ card support, 9-11. 2M by opener = minimum. Further new suit by responder is shortage.
INT				15-17, may contain any 5 card major or 6 card minor	2♣ = Stayman; 2 • / • /NT = Transfers; 2♠ = Clubs or range probe; 3 any=systemic; 4♣/4 • = Transfer to 4 • /4♠; 4NT = Invite	Super-accepts – Major - 2NT = 4+max; 3M = 4+min. Minor – 3m = Any 3 to A or K OR 4 any	Same
2.	X	0		GF or 22+ balanced	2♦ = ART relay; 2♥/2♠/3♣/♦ = 5+ at least 2 of top 4 2NT=5♠/5♦ GF	2NT = 24+ Bal, then puppet Stayman Via 2♣-2♦-2▼-2 = 22-23 Bal	Same
2♦	X	0		Less than opening hand, ♥+♠ May be 4/4 NV, at least 5/4 or 4/5 Vul	Major = to play; 2NT = range/shape ask; 3♣ = Nat NF; 3♠ = Nat, inv to 3NT; 4M=To play	After 2NT enquiry 3C=min, 3 ◆= 5/5; others max shape-showing	Same
2♥		6		Less than opening hand	2	After 2NT = Enquiry $3 \checkmark = \min$, no shortage; $3 \checkmark / 3 \land = \text{shortage}$; $3 \land / 3 \land = \text{shortage}$; $3 \land / 3 \land = \text{shortage}$	Same
2 🏟		6		Less than opening hand	2NT = Shortage ask; $3 4/3 4/3 = F1$; $3 4 = to play$; $4M$ =To play	After 2NT = Enquiry 3♠=min, no shortage; 3♣/3♦/3♥=shortage; 3NT=max, no shortage	Same
2NT				20-21 balanced	3♣ Puppet Stayman – Responses are 3♣=at least 1 4 card major now 4♣=4♥/4♠ slam interest; 4♠=4♥/4♠ game only. 3♥=<4 either M; 3♠ = 5♠; 3NT = 5♥; 3♠/3♥=TRF; 3♠ = minor suit stayman. Slam interest TRFs:4♠/♦ to ♥/♠, 4♥/4♠ to ♣/♦; 5♣/5♠=To play, weak. 4NT=Inv	After 3♦ TRF - 3♥=2♥s, 3♠=3♥s, 3NT=4+♥s After 3♥ TRF - 3♠=2♠s, 3NT=3♠s; 4♣=4+♠s May re-transfer, cue or KC	Same
3 * • • •		(6)7		Usually 7 card suits	4 of cheapest minor = RKCB; 3♣ - 4♦ = RKCB		
3NT	X	7		AKQxxxx ♣/♦, no outside A or K	4♣ pass or correct, 4♦ bid your suit including 5♦		3 rd /4 th seat opening may have extras
4 ♣ ♦		7		Pre-emptive	4M = To play; 4NT = RKCB	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING Cues 1 st or 2 nd . RKCB/Kickback response 1430 After RKCB response 1430, step is Q ask and step+1 asks for lowest I (steps not including trump suit)	
4 ♥ ♠		6		To play	4♠ over 4♥ = RKCB; 4NT over 4♠ = RKCB		
4NT 5♣ / 5♦	X			5+/6+ either way ♣/◆ To play	Semi pre-emptive as do not want to miss a slam		
	-					POXI Pass 0/3 X 1/4	
5♥ / 5♠				To play		POXE Pass Odd/X Even if Interference over 5 of trump suit Lightner X = against slam asks for unusual lead or dummy's first bid suit. 4th suit = Game Force	