DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening) |
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| 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 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-18 with Stayman, Puppet Stayman \&
 Re-opening $1 \mathrm{NT}=10-14$, 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 1 M or 2 lower over 1 m , unlimited DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue of minor $=\vee / \uparrow, 5 / 5$, 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 $4^{\text {th }}$ seat, either cue is natural
Cue after t/o $X=\operatorname{Inv}+$, contract undetermined, maybe both $\vee / \uparrow$
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
Over weak NT $(<16)-\mathrm{X}=15+$; Over strong NT $-\mathrm{X}=4 \mathrm{M} / 5+\mathrm{m}$
$2 *=\vee / \wedge 5+/ 4+$ either way; $2 \star=$ single suited $\downarrow$ or $\uparrow$
$2 \boldsymbol{v} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=5 \mathrm{M} / 4+\mathrm{m} ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=\boldsymbol{*} / \star$ usually $5 / 5$
$3 \% / \star=$ semi-pre-emptive as can't show single suited minor

VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
3e thru 4v-X = T/O. 4- $-\mathrm{X}=$ Good hand; 4NT = T/O
$>4 \stackrel{\wedge}{ }, \mathrm{X}=$ Penalty
3NT to play then $4 *=$ Baron, $4 \star / \downarrow=$ transfer,
$4 \boldsymbol{A}=\mathrm{tfr}$ to other minor or both minors if M pre-empt, 4NT=INV
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1\& or 2*
$\mathrm{X}=2$ suits same Colour, $1 \diamond=2$ same Rank, $1 \mathrm{NT}=2$ same Shape
[1*]-P-[1*]-X=Colour, 1NT=Rank, 2*=Shape
Same defence but one level higher over 2\% opening.
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
$\mathrm{XX}=10+\mathrm{HCP}$ and denies primary support, subsequent $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} /$ out
1M-(X) - ? = Ignore X, system on by non-passed hand
$1 \mathrm{~m}-(\mathrm{X})-2 \mathrm{~m} / 3 \mathrm{~m}=$ Ignore $X$, system on by non-passed hand

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | Overlead, $3^{\text {rd }}$ from even, low from odd, top of doubletons |  | same |
| NT | Overlead, $4^{\text {th }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ from 4 small, Top of 3 small |  | same |
| 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, $3^{\text {rd }}$ |  | No interest in suit |
| Hi-X | Xx, $3^{\text {rd }}$ |  | No interest in suit |
| Lo-X | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ from even, low from odd |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ from honour |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |
| Partner's Lead |  | Declarer's Lead | d ${ }^{\text {discarding }}$ |
| 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; $\mathrm{X}=$ 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) $=1{ }^{\text {st }}$ round control |  |  |  |
| X of a cue of our bid suit shows strength or asks for different lead |  |  |  |
| 1NT $-(\mathrm{X})-\mathrm{XX}=$ any single suited hand; partner to bid 2\&'s; now responder will pass or correct. Other is suit bid plus one higher. |  |  |  |
| Support X and XX to 2 or our Major |  |  |  |
| XX of $X$ of a TRF bid = offer to play |  |  |  |

W B F CONVENTION CARD

## CATEGORY: <br> GREEN

## NCBO

 AUSTRALIA - MIXED TEAMSPLAYERS: 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 $\downarrow / \uparrow 5+11+\mathrm{HCP}$
1NT Opening: 15-17 (5-card Major or 6-card minor possible)
2NT Opening: 20-21; $2 \%=22+$ HCP Balanced or FG any
$2 \vee=$ weak $\downarrow+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$, may be $4 / 4$ non-vul, $5 / 4$ vul
$2 \vee / 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=6$ card suit, $5-(10), 4^{\text {th }}$ seat $9-13$
Carding: UDCA
Keycard response: 1430

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

$1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{FG}$. Opener bids range 11-13, 14-16, 17+. Then step=shortage ask. Bypass 2NT with shtge. Other own shtge $1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{NT}$ Jacoby. Opener bids range 11-13, 14-16, 17+. The step = shortage ask, other own shortage LMH
Shortage responses are None, Low, Middle, High
Defence to 1 NT : X Strong NT $=4 \mathrm{M} / 5+\mathrm{m}$;
X Weak NT=15+, $2 *=$ both majors, $2 *=$ single suited $M$,
$2 \vee / 2 \star=5+\mathrm{M} / 4+\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\boldsymbol{\phi} / \star 5 / 5$
$1 \mathrm{M}-$ Jump shift $=$ Natural, invitational
$1 \mathrm{M}-2 *=$ Inv in M; Clubs FG; Bal FG
Drury over $3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ seat M openings. Opener $2 \mathrm{M}=$ No game int Good/Bad 2NT over X of 2 M and over $2 \bullet / 2 \vee / 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ 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: <br> very rare

|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Neg } \\ & \mathbf{X} \\ & \text { thru } \end{aligned}$ | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 * \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3 | 4* | $3+$ Card suit, $11+$ HCP. When 4/4, usually open 1D | ```1NT=6-10 no 4 card major; \(2 \mathrm{~m}=4+12+\) jump shift other \(m=I N V, 5+\) support \(2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{INV} 6\) card suit; \(2 \mathrm{NT}=10-12 \mathrm{Bal} ; 3 \mathrm{~m}=5+6-9\) \(3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{SPL} ; 3 \mathrm{NT}=13-15\) natural \(4 \mathrm{~m}=\) Pre-emptive; \(4 \mathrm{M}=\) To play.``` | After $1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{~m}+1=11-13 ; 2 \mathrm{~m}+2=14-16$; $2 \mathrm{~m}+3=17+$; Step now $=$ shortage ask with none, low, middle or high; Other is own shortage apart from $3 \mathrm{~m} / 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}$ if 11-13 $4 *$ RCKB for and $4 \vee$ RCKB for | $1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{~m}=$ max pass. 1 m - jump shift other $\mathrm{m}=$ more distributional |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee \\ & 1 \star \end{aligned}$ |  | 5 | 4* | 5 Card suit, 11+ HCP |  | 1M - 2M; Step=Game try; Other=Naturalish, slam try <br> After $1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{NT}, 3=11-13 ; 3=14-16 ; 3$ $=17+$; Step now=shortage ask with none, low, middle or high; Other is own shortage. $4 \wedge=\text { RCKB for } v s \text { and } 4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{RKCB} \text { for } \wedge \mathrm{s}$ | Opposite $3^{\text {rd }} \& 4^{\text {th }}$ seat Major opening, $2 *$ by responder $=$ Drury: $1 \mathrm{M}-2 \boldsymbol{n}=3+$ card support, $9-11.2 \mathrm{M}$ by opener $=$ minimum. Further new suit by responder is shortage. |
| INT |  |  |  | 15-17, may contain any 5 card major or 6 card minor | $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ Stayman; $2 \star / \boldsymbol{N}$ N = Transfers; $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Clubs or range probe; 3 any $=$ systemic; $4 \boldsymbol{*} / 4 \star$ Transfer to $4 \vee / 4 \star ; 4 \mathrm{NT}$ $=$ Invite | Super-accepts - Major $-2 \mathrm{NT}=4+$ max $; 3 \mathrm{M}=$ $4+$ min. Minor $-3 m=$ Any 3 to A or K OR 4 any | Same |
| 2* | X | 0 |  | GF or 22+ balanced | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2 = ART relay; } 2 \uparrow / 2 \star / 3 \star=5+\text { at least } 2 \text { of top } 4 \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=5 \star / 5 \star \mathrm{GF} \end{aligned}$ | $2 \mathrm{NT}=24+$ Bal, then puppet Stayman Via $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \boldsymbol{\varphi}-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=22-23 \mathrm{Bal}$ | Same |
| 2 | X | 0 |  | Less than opening hand, $\bullet+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ <br> May be $4 / 4 \mathrm{NV}$, at least $5 / 4$ or $4 / 5 \mathrm{Vul}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Major = to play; 2NT = range/shape ask; } 3 \star=\text { Nat NF; } \\ & 3 \star=\text { Nat, inv to } 3 N T ; 4 M=\text { To play } \end{aligned}$ | After 2 NT enquiry $3 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{min}, 3 \star=5 / 5$; others max shape-showing | Same |
| 2 |  | 6 |  | Less than opening hand | $2 \wedge / 3 * / 3 *=1 ; 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Shortage ask; $3 \downarrow=$ To play; <br> $3 \boldsymbol{n}=$ Natural, GF; 4M=To play | After 2NT = Enquiry $3 \downarrow=\mathrm{min}$, no shortage; $3 * / 3 * / 3 \wedge=$ shortage; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ max, no shortage | Same |
| 2* |  | 6 |  | Less than opening hand | $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Shortage ask; $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 3 \diamond / 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\mathrm{F} 1 ; 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ to play; $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play | After 2NT = Enquiry $3 \boldsymbol{A}=\mathrm{min}$, no shortage; $3 * / 3 * / 3 \downarrow=$ shortage; $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ max, no shortage | Same |
| 2NT |  |  |  | 20-21 balanced | 3* Puppet Stayman - Responses are 3 =at least 14 card major now $4 \star=4 \vee / 4 \wedge$ slam interest; $4 \star=4 \vee / 4 \wedge$ game only. $3 \downarrow=<4$ either M; $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=5 \wedge ; 3 \mathrm{NT}=5 \downarrow$; $3 \forall / 3 \boldsymbol{v}=$ TRF; $3 \boldsymbol{A}=$ minor suit stayman. Slam interest TRFs: $4 \boldsymbol{*} / \boldsymbol{\text { to }} \boldsymbol{v} / \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 4 \boldsymbol{\sim} / 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ to $\boldsymbol{*} / \star$; $5 * / 5 *=$ To play, weak. $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ Inv |  <br>  May re-transfer, cue or KC | Same |
|  |  | (6)7 |  | Usually 7 card suits | 4 of cheapest minor $=$ RKCB; $3 *-4 *=$ RKCB |  |  |
| 3NT | X | 7 |  | AKQxxxx $\boldsymbol{*} /$, no outside A or K | 4* pass or correct, 4* bid your suit including 5* |  | $3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ seat opening may have extras |
| 4** |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play; 4NT = RKCB | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING <br> Cues $1^{\text {st }}$ or $2^{\text {nd }}$. RKCB/Kickback response 1430 <br> After RKCB response 1430, step is Q ask and step+1 asks for lowest K (steps not including trump suit) <br> POXI Pass 0/3 X 1/4 <br> 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. $4^{\text {th }}$ suit $=$ Game Force |  |
| 4 V ^ |  | 6 |  | To play | 4 $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ over $4 \boldsymbol{v}=$ RKCB; 4 NT over $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ RKCB |  |  |
| 4NT | X |  |  | 5+/6+ either way | Semi pre-emptive as do not want to miss a slam |  |  |
| 5*/5* |  |  |  | To play |  |  |  |
| 5* / 5^ |  |  |  | To play |  |  |  |

