

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (style ; Responses ; ½ Level ; Reopening)
Style : natural, can be light 7+H
Responses : New suit F1, weak jump raises.
Reopening : no jump usually shows 7-13(14) HCP NT : 1NT 9-13, 2NT 17-19
T/O Doubles General Style
Can be light if shaped
Reopening 8+ according to shape
NT Overcalls
2 nd position : 15-18 HCP, 4 th position: 9-13 HCP Responses : Stayman and Transfers
JUMP Overcalls
Style : natural and weak according to vul. 1♣ 2♦ majors
Unusual NT : two lower suits
Direct cue-bid : two-suiter except 1♣ 2♣ natural
Jump cue bid : asks for stopper, except 1♣ 3♣ shows ♠ + ♦
Responses : natural F1, cue-bid asks
VS 1NT OPENING
VS Strong NT X= 5+m, 4M or strong, 2♣ both majors, 2♦ 1 major, 2♥/♠ 5♥/♠, 4+m, 2NT both minors
VS Weak NT X 14+ HCP, 2♣ both majors, 2x Transfer. After X, 2 nd X is always T/O.
VS PREEMPTS
Style : T/O double, natural overcalls. Over a weak 2M, cue bid shows both minors, 4m = 5M' 5m
Responses : New suit F1, 2NT asks
VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENING
VS Strong 1♣ X shows opening values and majors, 1-level natural, 1NT both minors, 2NT both majors, 2 and 3-level nat preempts 1♣ 1M Pass 1NT : cue bid 2x : natural NF
OVER OPPONENTS T/O DOUBLE
XX=10+ HCP, next X are penalty. After 1M X, we play transfers, 2NT invitational with a 4-card fit, and fit showing jumps at the 3 and 4 level in minor.

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's suit	
Suit	3/5	3/5	
NT	4th best	3/5	
Subsequent	Attitude	count	
Other : lead 2nd from xxxx, 2 nd , 3 rd or 4 th from six cards			
VS suits contracts, may lead K from AKx(x) and a sg aside.			
LEADS			
Lead	Suit	NT	
Ace	AKx(x)	Ask for attitude	
King	AK, KQ(x)	Ask for count/unblock	
Queen	QJ(x), Qx	Ask for attitude	
Jack	(H)J10(x), Jx	(H)J10x	
10	10x, (H)109(x)	(H)109x(x), H10x	
9	9x, HH9x	9x, 9xx, H9x	
Hi-x	Sx, xSxx, HxSx	HSx, Sxx, xSxx(x)	
Low-x	xxS, HxS, HxxxS	HxxS, HxxSx,	
SIGNALS IN ORDER PRIORITY			
	Partner's lead	Declarer's lead	Discarding
1	Std count	Std count	Std count
2	High enc	S/P	High enc
3	S/P		S/P
1	Std count	Std count	Std count
2	High enc	S/P	High enc
3	S/P		S/P
Signals including Trumps: Upside down count, and echo often shows an ability to ruff.			
TAKE OUT DOUBLES			
Style : can be light if shaped			
Responses : natural, cue-bid shows strength			
Reopening : 8+, according to shape			
Responder's doubles : 1m 1♥ X : 4+♠, 1♠ : 0-3♠ 1♣ 1♦ X : 4+♥, 1♥ : 4+♠, 1♠ : no major			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES			
Take Out Doubles, Responsive Doubles, Game-try Doubles			
LIGHTNER			

CONVENTION CARD
Category : Green
NCBO : France
Event : Any
Players : Thomas & Michel Bessis
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROCH AND STYLE
5-Card Major, Better Minor
2♣ Game Forcing any hand
2♦ Semi forcing but not strong in ♥
2♠ weak
2♥ : VUL strong, NV both majors weak (3-8 HCP)
1NT Opening : 15-17
2 over 1 Responses : F1
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
Openings
3NT solid minor no Ace or King aside
2♥ NV both majors weak (3-8 HCP)
Competitive bids
See responder's doubles.
VS 1NT opening
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
Many fit showing jump bids.
3 rd and 4 th suit F1.
Psychics : rare

OPENING BIDS AND DEVELOPPEMENTS

Opening	Tick if artificial	Minimum number of cards	Negative X thru	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	7♥	11-23 HCP, better minor	2♦ : invitational ♦ + ♣ 2♥ : 5+♠ 4+♥ 4-9 HCP	See take out doubles. 2 way check-back after 1m 1M 1NT	Fit showing jumps. 1♣ 2♦ good ♣ raise
1♦		3	7♥	11-23 HCP, better minor	2♥ : 5+♠ 4+♥ 4-9 HCP 3♣ : invitational ♣ + ♦	Same as above. No inverted minors.	Same as above 1♦ 3♣ good ♦ raise
1♥		5	7♦	10-21 HCP	2♠ : 5+♠, 3♥ inv 2NT : 3-card supp inv 3♣ : 4-card supp inv 3♦ : 4-card supp 12-15 bal 3♥ : preemptive 3♠, 4♣/♦ : splinter 3NT : 3 card raise, to play	After overcall : 2NT inv+ raise Fit showing jumps, splinter	Reversed Drury Fit showing jumps
1♠		5	7♥	10-21 HCP	Same as above. 3♥ : natural inv	Same as above	Same as above
1NT			7♥	15-17 HCP bal or semi-bal 5M or 6m possible	2♣ Stayman, Transfers. 3♦ : optional Stayman 3♥ : Strong in ♠ 3♠ : both minors bal 13+ 4♣ and 4♦ both majors	After overcall : Rubensohl	
2♣	x	0	7♥	GF any hand 9+10 playing tricks or 24+ bal	2♦ relay	Natural	
2♦	x	0	7♥	8-9 playing tricks or 22-23 bal	2♥ relay	Natural	
2♥		5/4		VUL 8-8 1/2 playing tricks in ♥ NV 4+4+ ♥/♠ 4-8 HCP	VUL Natural and F1 NV 2NT ask, 3♣ inv in one Major, 3♦ Natural F1	Natural	Always strong in 4th
2♠		6		Weak 2 in ♠	2NT ask features, new suit F1	2♠ 2NT 3x values in x, 4x splinter	
2NT			7♥	20-21 bal or semi bal	Stayman, Transfers		
3♣/♦		6		PRE aggressive NV/V	Natural		
3♥/♠		6		PRE aggressive NV/V	Natural		
3NT	x			Solid minor no Ace or King aside	4♣ P/C, 4♦ ask, 4♥/♠ to play		Can be stronger in 3 rd seat
4x		7		PRE			
4NT	x			Both minors according to vul			
5♣/♦		7					

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING AND SLAM CONVENTIONS

RKCB 5 key cards 3041, 5♠ 2 + Q of Trump, 5NT 2 key cards and a void, 6x : 1 or 3 key card and a void

Controls and cue-bid, Josephine, 5NT grand slam force

