

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
<b>OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>
1level about 7-17 HCP, suit quality important, good 4card suit poss.;
weak 2 with few playing tricks bids 1M, not 2M.
2level about 11-18 HCP, suit quality important, 2♣ over (1♦) can be light
Many TRF in advance [5], 1level w/o intervention NAT F, simple raise is CONSTR (10-12), 2NT after 1M INV+ with fit
<b>1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Live: 15-18, BAL, stopper
Reopening: 10-14, BAL, stopper
As over 1NT OPEN (TRF to OPPT M is 5oM INV)
GUCI-ohl after intervention [6]
<b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>
WK, 6 cards, some playing tricks
Reopen: 13-15
<b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>
(1m) – 2m: both M; (1M) – 2M: 55 other M+m;
(1x) – 2NT: 55 lowest unbid; (1m) - 3♣: pre
weak hands should have some playing tricks; medium hands can bid one suit 1 <sup>st</sup> , perhaps later the 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; good hands make a 2 <sup>nd</sup> move
<b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)</b>
x: ♣+M or ♦ or strong onesuiter M
2♣: both M
2♦: ♦+M
2M: 6+
2NT: ♣ or strong with both M; 3♣: ♣+♥; 3♦=♦+♠; 3♥=♥+♦
3♠=♠+♣, all strong (=playing tricks)
<b>VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>
x=t/o
Multi against Multi [7]
3-level cue asks stopper, leaping michaels
<b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣</b>
x=12-15 bal.; 1♦/♥/♠/NT = TRF; 2♣ = both M; 2♦ = 1M WK or strong; 2M = 4M+5M 11-15; 2NT = both m; pass maybe 16+
vs. 2♣ (strong): x=both M, NT=both m
<b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>
TRF on 1-level, except 1♣/♥ - (x) – xx = 10+

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
<b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	not raised: high=E, low=O	
NT	ATT	raised: high=O, low=E	
Subseq	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> , (ATT)	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> , (ATT)	
Other: 10 or 9 usually 0 or 2 higher trick 1; top or from H10x later			
K vs. NT shows good suit			
<b>LEADS</b>			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	AKx(..) , Ax	asks ATT	
King	AK, AK(..) count, KQx	very good holding	
Queen	QJ(..), Qx	QJx, KQ(..) asks ATT	
Jack	J10x, Jx	J10x, Jx	
10	10x, 109x, HJ10(x)	10x, 109x, HJ10(x)	
9	9x, 9xx, H109(x)	H109x, H9x, H98x	
Hi-X	Xx, Xxx, HxXx	HXx, xXxx	
Lo-X	xxX, HxX, HxxxX	HxxX, HxxXx, HxxxxX	
<b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	ATT (H enc on AK)	Count or SP	2,3,4 = low suit
Suit 2	count	if count low = E	5,6,7, = this suit
3	SP		8,9,10 = high suit
1	count	Count or SP	or showing length if
NT 2	attitude (H=enc on		necessary
3	A or Q, L=enc else)		
Signals (including Trumps):			
SMITH or S/P-SIGNAL (middle/low=enc), THREE-WAY-SIGNAL			
If not forced to play an H or on K, 3 <sup>rd</sup> hand gives special count Vs. NT [8]			
<b>DOUBLES</b>			
<b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>			
emphasise M, m unclear; maybe lighter with perfect shape or passed partner			
(1m)–x–(p): 2m=both M WK or any strong; 3m=both M INV			
GUCI-ohl (give up clubs invitational) after (2M)-x; (1M)-x-(2M) [6]			
RESP DOUBLE (tends to show 4card oM on 2level, deny on 3level)			
<b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>			
1♣/♦/♥-(1y)-x=TRF [5]			
SUPP below 2 of our M, not mandatory; MAX if we have M-fit			
1y-(2z)-x: t/o or any FG (without good fit)			
the 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 doubles are always for t/o (xx counts as 1 double), rare exceptions			
where x is penalty			
x of OPPT CUE of our 5card-suit denies H/asks for other lead			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
<b>CATEGORY: red</b>
<b>NCBO: Germany</b>
<b>PLAYERS: Joerg Fritsche – Roland Rohowsky</b>
<b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>
<b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>
5-card M (semi-F 1NT), unBAL 1♦ 5+, not (5332)
(FG 1NT, NF 2♣), 1♠ 1+ (only if 4441), 3352 possible, with possibly light TRF-advances
Many TRF in CONST and COMP bidding
2 over 1 response ART after all openings (strong (R) or TRF or special Fit-bids or special distribution)
1NT Opening: 14-16 NV 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> , 15-17 else
<b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>
2♣: 54+M WK or BAL 24-26/29+ or any near FG-hand
2♦ (R) (maybe INV), 2NT m or mm or INV 4M, 3♣ FG
MULTI 2♦: WK 2 (6 cards) or 8.5 tricks M; BAL 22-23 or 27-28
2NT FG; 3♣ INV both M; 2/3M p/c; 3NT/4m forces TRF/M
2M: 10-13, 6 or 7 cards, 0-3 cards in other M, 0-4 in m
4NT: both m, should be 65 at least (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> )
1♣ - 1♦=4+♥ [1]; 1♥=4+♠; 1♠=no MAJ; 1NT=FG
1♣ -2♣=5+♦ FG 1♣ -2♦/♥=6♥/♠ FG
1♣ - 2♠=6+♣, WK or FG with 4card sidesuit
1♦-1NT=FG; 1♦-2♣=NF; 1♦-2M=good ♦-raise
1♥/♠-2♦/♥=TRF-raise with 4-7 or FG; 2M=8-10 3cards
1♠-2♦=TRF ♥ (5+ GF); special raises from 2♥ - 4♥
TRF after 1y-(x/1z) and after (1y)-1z-(p/x/1s) [5]
SEE [D1] for MORE SPECIAL BIDS
<b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>
1x-(any): may be penalty, opener may pass with length
we bid VUL game and OPPT obviously sacrifice
(1♣)–p may be 16+ if 1♣ is forcing
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>
4M tends to be natural if previous bidding suggested it might be a playable spot (e.g. Partner showed length before)
<b>PSYCHICS: 3<sup>rd</sup> hand opener might vary in length or strength</b>

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		1	4♥	11-14 BAL or 17-19 BAL maybe 3352 11-22, any (1444) or 5+♣	[1] 1♦/♥=4+♥/♠ (poss very WK); 1♠=no M; 1NT=FG BAL or ♣; 2♣/♦/♥=trf FG; 2♠=6+♣ 4o FG; 2NT=6+♦ 4o FG; 3m=INV; 3♥=55M,INV; 3♠/NT=22(54) wo/w M	1♣-1♦/♥:1♥/♠=11-14, 2-3; 1NT=17-19 2♦=3way , 2♥/♠= limit max; 2NT=16-17 4M or 6♣3M; 3♦=spl inv+	x or 1-level-O/C: TRF [5] 2-level-O/C: new suit NF passed hand: 1nt 10-11, M poss; 2m nat; 2♥ 55M inv
1♦		5	4♥	11-22, 5+♦, not (5332)	[2] 1NT=FG; 2♣=NF; 2♥=3♦ 10-12; 2♠=4♦ 6-9 2NT=INV(5+♣, 2-♦)3♦=0-5; 3♥=55M,INV; 3♠=spl	1♦-1♥: 1♠=4+♣; 1NT=4♠; 2♣=3♥; 2NT=18-20, no 3♥; 1♦-1♠: 1NT=4+♣; 2♣=4♥; 2♥=3♠;	2♦=9-11; 2M=FSJ x or 1-level-overcall: TRF [5] 2-level-OC: new suit NF After pass: 1NT=5♣; 2♣=3♦ 6-8;
1♥		5	4♦	11-21	1NT=6-12; 2♣=FG, 5+m or BAL; 2♦=3♥ 4-7 2NT=3+♥ INV; 3♣=4♥ 6-9; 3♦=any spl 9-12; 3♥=0-4; 3♠=any void 12+ 3NT/4m=TRF-single 12+	TRF-GAZZILLI after 1♠ and 1NT [3]; 1♥-1♠-1nt = 4+♦ or 2533 11-15 SST after TRF-raise or simple raise	x or 1-level-overcall: TRF [5] 2-level-OC: new suit NF passed hand: 2♦=3♥ 9-11; 2♥=3♥ 5-8
1♠		5	4♦	11-21	same; 2♦=5+♥ FG;	TRF-GAZZILLI after 1NT [3]; SST after TRF-raise or simple raise	same as 1♥
INT			3♠	14-16 NV 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 15-17 5M, 6m, (5422), 4441 possible	2♦=4♥ INV or 5♥; 2♥ TRF; 2♠=♣ or bal inv; 2nt=PUP, 3♣ TRF or 54m; 3M=short w. 55m 4♣ 65M; 4♦/♥ TRF	2 <sup>nd</sup> round TRF after stayman or M-TRF [4] 2♣-2nt: 44M min; 3♣ 44M max	GUCI-ohl [6]; after (x):xx=any 5; 2♣/♦/♥=this and next; 2♠=♠
2♣	X	0		5+4+ M WK or 24-26 BAL or 29+ BAL or any near FG	2♦ asks longer M, possible INV; 2NT 1 or both m WK or FG or 4M INV; 3♣ FG (R)	3♣: TRF longer M, 3♠ 55 min; 3NT 55 max; 4m 55 max void	
2♦	X	0	2♠	6M 5-10 or 8.5 tricks M or 22-23 BAL or 27-28 BAL	2/3M:p/c; 2NT FG; 3♣ INV M; 3♦ PUPPET M; 3NT p/c, 4♣ TRF your M; 4♦ call your M (no SI)	2NT: 3♣=W♥; 3♦=W♠; 3M=4M6aM WK 3♣: 3/4♦=W♥ min/max; 3/4♥=W♠ min/max	(x): xx for M; 2M/3m NAT (2M): x=p/c; (3m):3M=p/c
2♥		6		6+♥, no 4♠ 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10-13	2NT F1; 3m nat F1 or feature with fit, INV 3♥ pre; 3♠ any void; 4m single	2NT: in steps min; max bal; any void, low/ middle/high single	same
2♠		6		6+♠, no 4♥ 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10-13	2NT F1; 3m nat F1 or feature with fit, INV 3♠; 4 new suit splinter	same as 2♥	same
2NT			3♠	20-21 BAL	ROMEX ; 3♠ both m; 4-level 2-under TRF-RKCB		
3♣		6		preempt	new suit F1; 4♣ pre; 4♦ SI ♣		
3♦		6		preempt	new suit F1; 4♦ pre; 4♣ SI ♦		
3♥		6		preempt	4♣ SI good support; 4♦ SI bad support		
3♠		6		preempt	4♣ SI good support; 4♦ SI bad support		
3NT	X			Gambling 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4♣ p/c; 4♦ SI	<b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>	
4♣		7		preempt		splinter; mixed cue-bids; RKCB 1430; conditional MINORWOOD;	
4♦		7		preempt		4♠ KICKBACK ♥; EXCLUSION RKCB;	
4♥		6		preempt		RKCB – (x): xx=0/3; pass=1/4	
4♠		6		preempt		RKCB – (bid): x=penalty; pass=1/4	
4NT	X			6+5+m			
5♣		7		preempt			
5♦		7		preempt			

# Supplementary Notes

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## Note [1]: Continuations after 1♣ - TRF M

### Continuation after 1♣ - 1♦/♥

- 1♥/♠ 11-14 BAL or 11-12 UNBAL, 2 or 3 ♥/♠
- 2♦ 11-13, 4 ♥/♠, would not accept invite or 4441 15+ or normal revers
- 2♥/♠ 12-15, 4 ♥/♠, would accept an invitation
- 2♠/♥ normal revers or semiforcing ♣ w/o 3 ♥/♠
- 2NT 16-17 UNBAL, 4 ♥/♠ or semiforcing ♣ with 3 ♥/♠
- 3♦ splinter, inv+, 4 ♥/♠

### Continuation after 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥

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|-----|--|----|---|
| 1♠  | 4♠, NF                                     | 3♣ | Canape-TRF (4♥, 5 <sup>+</sup> ♦), INV+ |
| 1nt | to play                                    | 3♦ | 4441, 4414; FG                          |
| 2♣  | signoff m or some INV (Opener must bid 2♦) | 3♥ | TRF 3NT                                 |
| 2♦  | TRF, 5+♥ (signoff oder some INV or FG)     | 3♠ | 1444, FG                                |
| 2♥  | TRF, 44 M, INV+                            |    |   |
| 2♠  | Canape-TRF (4♥, 5 <sup>+</sup> ♣), INV+    |    |   |
| 2nt | BAL INV                                    |    |   |
- same principles apply after 1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠**

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**Note [2]: Continuations after 1♦****Continuation after 1♦ - 1M**

OPENER transfers in his (2nd) suit

- 1♠/NT 4<sup>+</sup>♣
- 1NT 4♠ (after 1♥)
- 2♣ 3/4♥
- 2♦ 6+♦, no 3M, 11-14
- 2♥ 3♠ (after 1♠)
- 2NT 6+♦, no 3M, 18-20

**Continuation after 1♦ - 1NT (FG)**

OPENER transfers in his suit

- 2♣ 6+♦ (no 2<sup>nd</sup> suit)
- 2♦ 4♥
- 2♥ 4♠
- 2♠ 4♣
- 2nt 5♣
- 3♣ 4450
- 3♦ 2272, 11-13
- 3♥ 4054
- 3♠ 0454
- 3nt 2272, 18-19

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Note [3]: TRF-GAZZILLI after 1M - 1NT and 1♥ - 1♠

OPENER's Rebid of 2♣ shows 4♣ or ♦ or 15-16 BAL. It could be 5332 with good 13-14, with less OPENER can pass 1NT.

RESP bids 2♦, if he is good enough to force to game opposite 17, natural signoff or show both m else.

OPENER's jumps to 3-Level are 14-16 with 55 or 6+ with 15-17 and good suit

Other 2-Level-Bids are TRF

**1♥ - 1♠**

1nt 11-15, 4+♦ or 2533

2♣ 11-21 4+♣ or 4+♦ or 15-16 BAL (or 19 BAL 3♠)

2♦ 6+♥ F1

2♥ 3♠, 11-15

2♠ raise

2nt 17-18 BAL

**1♥ - 1NT**

same

same

2♥ 4+♦, 11-15

2♠ revers

same

**1♠ - 1NT**

2♣ 11-21 4+♣ or 4+♦ or 15-16 BAL or 19 BAL 3♥

2♦ 4+♥ WK or FG

2♥ 6+♠ F1

2♠ 4♥ INV

2nt 17-18 BAL

3nt 19, 5233

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**Note [4]: 2<sup>nd</sup> TRF after 1NT – stayman or 1NT- TRF M**

**RESP's M-TRF is never 5332 INV, with those hands he bids stayman.**

**Stayman can be weak with both M or 1M and longer m**

**After 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦**

- 2♥ 44M, WK
- 2♠ TRF ♣ (can be WK, can be 4cards in a 3-suiter)
- 2nt INV (5M possible)
- 3♣ TRF ♦ (can be weak, can be 4 cards with 4441 only)
- 3♦ 5♥, 4♠, FG
- 3♥ 4♥, 5♠, FG
- 3♠ 55 M

**After 1NT - 2♣ - 2♥**

- 2♠ TRF ♣ (can be WK, can be 4 cards in a 3-suiter)
- 2nt INV (5♠ possible)
- 3♣ TRF ♦ (can be weak, can be 4 cards in a 3-suiter)
- 3♦ 4+♥, FG (3433 or BAL SI)
- 3♥ 4♥, INV
- 3♠ splinter

**After 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠**

- 2nt TRF ♣ (can be WK, always 4♥)
- 3♣ TRF ♦ (can be weak, can be 4 cards in a 3-suiter)
- 3♦ 1444, SI
- 3♥ 4+♠, FG (3433 or BAL SI)
- 3♠ 4♠, INV

**After 1NT - 2♦ - 2♥**

2♣ 4♥, INV or 5+♥, 4♦ INV+  
 2nt 5+♥, 4+♣ INV+  
 3♣ 5+♥, 5+♦ INV+  
 3♦ 6+♥, INV or SI  
 3♥ 5♥, 4♠ INV  
 3♠ splinter, not much SI  
 4m splinter, not much SI

**After 1NT - 2♥ - 2♠**

2nt 5+♠, 4+♣ INV+  
 3♣ 5+♠, 4+♦ INV+  
 3♦ 5+♥, 5+♠ SI  
 3♥ 4♥, 5♠ INV  
 3♠ 6+♠ INV  
 4m splinter, not much SI

**Note [5]: TRF in Competition****Transfers in Competition apply, if**

- **We open 1-level, OPPT x or bid suit on 1-level**
- **OPPT open 1-level, we bid suit on 1-level, OPPT pass/x/suit on 1-level**
- **We open 1m and OPPT bid 1NT (natural or polish)**

xx 10+ after 1♣/1♥, TRF else

1♠ BAL or ♣ (we can't bid ♠ if OPPT x 1♥)

1nt to play after 1m, both m after 1M

2-level is TRF, WK or FG

TRF OPPT's suit is balanced FG w/o 4M

2NT is natural after 1♣ - (1♦), WK or FG with m else (after 1m)

2NT is FG with fit after 1M, INV+ after (1x) – 1M

3level below OPPT's suit: 6+, INV

3level OPPT's suit or higher: TRF, 6+, INV

3♠ (3♥ after 1♠) asks for stopper with solid minor

2-level TRF to m, then bidding partner's M is WK raise with lead direct

1m – (1♠) – x shows 4♥ (or 5♥ in a bad hand)

### After 1m – (1NT BAL)

2♣ t/o both M

2♦ 5+♥

2♥ 5+♠

2♠ 6+♣

2nt both m or strong 2-suiter

3-level TRF-preempt

### After 1m – (1NT polish)

2♣ to play/TRF ♦, WK or FG

2♦ 5+♥

2♥ 5+♠

2♠ 6+♣, WK or FG / 4+♦ INV

2nt preempt in partner's m

3-level TRF-INV (no TRF for OPPT's m)

### No TRF if OPPT bid on 2-level, but

x NEG or any FG

2suit NF

2NT INV after 1m, INV+ with fit after 1M

3suit INV

3♠ shows Stopper and 2 cards in partner's M, asks him to bid 3NT (3♥ after 1♠)

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### Note [6]: GUCI-ohl

#### GUCI-ohl means “Give Up Clubs Invitational”

#### It applies after

- We open 1NT, OPPT overcalls 2-level
- OPPT open 2-level (WK 2), partner x
- OPPT open 1M, partner x, OPPT raises

2NT t/o m or WK 1-suiter below OPPT's suit

3♣ signoff

TRF OPPT's suit = stayman

3♦ TRF ♥ INV+, ♦ INV if ♥ not possible

3♥ TRF ♠ INV+

3♠ asks stopper



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**Note [7]: Multi against Multi****OPPT opens 2♦ Multi:**

x a) 5+M, 12+ b) 19-21 or 25+ BAL c) 3-suiter 19+  
2♥ 15-18 BAL  
2♠ 6+♣, 13+  
2nt 6+♦, 13+  
3m 6+m, 8-12  
3M NF Michaels (5M +5m)  
3NT 22-24 BAL  
4m F1 Michaels (5m + 5M)

**After (2♦) –x:**

pass 4+♦, may be WK, not fit both M  
2M p/c  
2NT 19-21  
3♣ 3-suiter w 4♣  
3♦ 3-suiter short ♣  
2NT INV+  
3♣ 19-21 BAL (3♦ now stayman, 3M 5+)  
3♦ TRF ♥  
3♥ TRF ♠  
3NT+ TRF short suit w 3-suiter  
3suit NAT, F

**After (2♦) – 2♥:**

pass 4+♥  
2♠ 4+♠  
2NT GUCI-ohl (see Note [8])  
3♣ ROMEX-stayman  
3♦/♥ TRF INV+  
3♠ 6+♣, WK  
3NT to play, doesn't promise Stopper

**After (2♦) – 2♠/2NT:**

3m-1 WK or FG  
3m INV  
3♦/♥ TRF INV+  
3♠ stopper, no ♥-stopper  
3nt ♥-stopper, no ♠-stopper

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**Note [8]: Signals against NT****Partner leads J or small card and no need/possibility to play an H:**

Small from 2 or 5 cards

High from 3 small cards

2<sup>nd</sup> from Hxx

3<sup>rd</sup> from Hxxx or xxxx

**Partner leads K:**

Unblock or count as above

**Partner leads A or Q:**

Small card discouraging, high card encouraging

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## DEFENCES TO OPPS CONVENTIONS

Note [D1]: 2♣/♦/♥ showing WK both M

x        15-18 BAL  
2♦       6+♦, 11-14  
2♥       6+♣, 15+  
2♠       6+♦, 15+  
2nt      t/o both m  
3m      6+m, 11-14

**After (2x) – 2♥/♠:**

3m-1    WK or FG  
3m      INV