



DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS				
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		OPENING LEADS STYLE				
7-17 HCP:		Lead	In Partner's Suit			
RESPONSES: new suit=F/1; Cue promises support, 1N and 2N NAT NF		Suit	3+5=even;low=odd	3rd=even;low=odd		
JS=lead-directing with fit; Jump Cue=SPL		NT	4th good/2nd bad	ATTITUDE	Category: Strong ♣ / ♦ - BLUE	
Reopening: 7-14 HCP		Subseq	Same, with ATTITUDE		Country: USA	
RESPONSES: new suit=NF; Cue promises support, 1N and 2N NAT NF		Other:			Event: BERMUDA BOWL; ALL EVENTS	
JS=lead-directing with fit; Jump Cue=SPL					Players: RUSS EKEBLAD - RON RUBIN	
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		LEADS			SYSTEM SUMMARY	
DIRECT 1N: 14-18 Then system on if opponents Pass		Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
Moscow if opponents double for penalty [5]		Ace	AK thu 4♠	asks ATTITUDE	Strong club; 1 ♣-1♥+: ART FG	
		King	KQ thru 4♠	asks UNBLOCK/COUNT	Canape	
REOPENING: 12-15: Then system on if opponents Pass		Queen	QJ	ATTITUDE	preempting style standard	
Moscow if opponents double for penalty [5]		Jack	J10	J10		
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)		10	109	109	1♦-2♣=FG; 1♥-2♠/2♦/2♠=NAT 5+ INV	
1-Suit: PRE, then New Suit F1; Cue promises support; J/S=lead with fit		9	9x	2nd best from bad suit	1♠-2♣=ART FG; 1♠-2♦/2♥=NAT INV	
2-Suit: Unusual NT=2 lowest unbid, EXCEPT: (1♠)-P-(2♠): 2N=♥s + minor		Hi-x	shows even number	2nd, present count	1NT Openings: 12+-15	
		Lo-x	shows odd number	3rd/4th best	2 OVER 1 Responses:SEE ABOVE	
Reopen: INTERMEDIATE, 6-7 tricks		SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE	
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	1♣ STRONG ART F1 OPENING	
MICHAELS CUE: Then 2NT ART asks suit/strength		Suit:1st	Hi/Lo=DISCRG	Hi/Lo=O or S/P	Hi/Lo=DISCRG	1♦-1♥=ART 0-9 HCP 1♦-1♠=4+ ♥s 10+ HCP 1♦-1N=4+♠s 10+ HCP
Jump Cue asks stopper for 3N		2nd	Hi/Lo=O		Hi/Lo=O	[Note 1]
Reopening: SAME		3rd	S/P		S/P	2NT Opening 5+♠s 5+ ♥s WEAK [Note 2]
		NT: 1st	Hi/Lo=DISCRG	REV SMITH	Hi/Lo=DISCRG	3NT Opening 5+♦s 5+ ♣s WEAK [Note 3]
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)		2nd	Hi/Lo=O	Hi/Lo=O	S/P	TRANSFER ADVANCES AFTER: (1 suit)- 1- or 2-level simple O/C-(NEG DBL)
VS. STRONG (14-16+) DBL=one minor or both majors; 2♣=♠s + major		3rd	S/P	S/P	Hi/Lo=O	[Note 4]
2♦=♦s + major; 2♥/2♠=NAT; 2N=minors		Signals (including Trumps): Hi/Lo=DISCRG and ODD			Moscow Escapes if opponents make a PEN DBL of	
REOPEN: SAME		In trumps: with 2: Lo/Hi=Neutral			1N opening or 1N/2N O/C [Note 5]	
VS. WEAK (13-15 OR LESS) DBL=values, then if (P), FOC		In trumps: with 3: Mid-Lo-Hi=Neutral				
2♣=Majors; 2♦/2♥=JACOBY TRF; 2♠/2NT= 4 ♠s/4 ♥s + 6 minor		DOUBLES				
REOPEN: DBL=one minor, all else as if direct		TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)				
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)		May be light with shape				
DBL = T/O; After (2M), Lebensohl		Standard responses				
Cue=2 suits; Jump =STR; NT=NAT		Reopening may be light				
					SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS		SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES			None	
Vs. 1♣: DBL=Majors; 1♦/1♥/1♠/1N=TRF to ♥s, ♠s, ♣s, ♦s		NEG DBL THRU 4♠				
2♣=♠s & Major; 2♦=♦s & Major; 2♥/2♠=NAT; 2N=minors		RESP DBL thru: 4♠				
Vs. 2♣: DBL shows Majors, 2N=minors, all else NAT		SUPP DBL and RDBL after 1♦-(DBL or 1♥)-1♥/1♠-(any THRU 2M)			IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE	
		After: (1 suit)-1 or 2-level O/C-(NEG DBL): RDBL is TRF to next suit				
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE		After: (1 suit)-P-(SPL): DBL asks lead of higher unbid				
After 1♦-(DBL): Natural		SOS RDBL when can be doubt				
After 1M-(DBL): Natural; 1N ART, 3-card support, 6-10 HCP					Psychics: RARE	
After 1♦/1M-(DBL): Jump shift=lead with fit						
OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS						

Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Dble thr	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣	Yes	0	4♠	Strong and F1	ALL ART 1♠=0-8 most;	After 1♠: 1♥ ART 19+; 2♠=ART 5-5 FG	1♥: 9-12 BAL
1♣					1♥=usually 9+ BAL or special unbalanced 12+	After 1♥ THRU 3♠=(R) or ART	1♠=8-10 SPECIAL UNBALANCED
1♣					1♠=12+ UNBAL	All else NAT	1N=10+11 SPECIAL UNBALANCED
1♣					1NT THRU 3♠=UNBAL 8-11		2♣-3♠=8-11 UNBALANCED
1♣					4♣=7+ any solid suit		
1♣					4♠/4♥/4♣/4N EXCLUSION BLACKWOOD (4N for ♣s)		
1♠		4	4♠	4441/4414/1444 OR	1♥ ART 0-9; 1♠=4+ ♥s 10+; 1N=4+ ♠s 10+	(R) by RESP with FG values	1M and 1N NAT RESP.; 2♣= NAT 10-11 HCP
1♠				6+ ♠s OR Both minors OR	2♣= No 4-card Major, FG; 2M=weak;		2N=NAT 11-12 HCP
1♠				5+ ♠s & 4+ ♠s	2N=ART 5-5 Majors INV		
1♠					3♣=6+ ♣s INV; 3♠=L/R; 3M=6+ M Weak		
1♥		4	4♠	4 ♥s with 5+ any side suit OR	1♠=3+ ♠s all strengths OR 0+ ♠s with FG values	(R) after 1♠ with FG values	1♠=3+ ♠s all; 1NT intended F1
1♥				5+ ♥s with no 4+ side suit	1N=F1; 2♣/2♠/2♠=5+ INV; 2N=5-5 minors INV		2♣=11-12 BAL; 2♠=DRURY
1♥					3m=6+ INV; 3♥=L/R; 3♣/4m=void		2N=5-5 minors or FG ♥s
1♥					3N=4♥ bid with medium defense		Jump shift=SPL
1♠		4	4♠	4 ♠s with 5+ any side suit OR	1N=F1; 2♣=ART FG; 2♠/2♥=5+ INV	(R) after 2♣	1NT intended F1
1♠				5+ ♠s with no 4+ side suit	2N=5-5 minors INV; 3m/3♥=6+ INV; 3♠=L/R		2♣=11-12 BAL; 2♠=DRURY; 2♥=5+ ♥s
1♠					3N=4♠ bid with medium defense; 4m/4♥=void		2N=5-5 minors OR ♠s FG; Jump shift=SPL
1NT		N/A	4♠	12+-15 BAL OR	If LHO DBL for PEN: Moscow [5]	SMOLEN after STAY	Same except: No (R) after Jacoby
1NT				EXACTLY 4414	2♣=STAY; 2♠/2♥=JACOBY TRF;	* 1N-2♠-2♥-2♠=ART FG (R) to 2NT	
1NT					2♠=♣s all or ♠s INV; 2N=NAT INV	* 1N-2♥-2♠-2N=ART FG (R) to 3♣	
1NT					3♣=♠s; 3♠=4+-4+ minors FG; 3M=SPL		
1NT					4♣=Gerber; 4♠/4♥=TEXAS TRF		
2♣		4	4♠	6+ ♣s OR 5+ ♠s & 4+ ♣s	2♠=ART ASKS SHAPE		All NF INV
2♣				10-16 HCP	2M=N/F; 2N/3♣/3M=INV		
2♠		4		5+ ♥s with 4+ ♠s	2N=ART (R) FG		All NF INV
2♠				10-16 HCP	All else NF, INV		
2♥		5		5+ ♥s with 4+ ♣s	2N=ART (R) FG		All NF INV
2♥				10-16 HCP	All else NF, INV		
2♠		5		1st/2nd/3rd=WEAK	2N=ART (R) FG; 3♣=ART INV or minimum FG		All NF INV
2♠					All else NF, INV; 4♣=ACE ASK		
2♠		5		4th seat ONLY	All NF, INV		
2♠				5+ ♠s & 4+ ♠s, 10-16 HCP			
2NT	Yes	5-5 Majors		5+-5+ Majors Weak	3♣=ART (R) FG asks best suit and strength		All NF INV
2NT					All else NF, INV; 4♠=ART asks best M		
3♣		6		NAT WEAK	New suit=F1 4♠ ACE ASK		New suit lead with support
3♠		6		NAT WEAK	New suit=F1 4♣ ACE ASK		New suit lead with support
3♥		6		NAT WEAK	New suit=F1 4♠ ACE ASK		New suit lead with support
3♠		6		NAT WEAK	New suit=F1 4♣ ACE ASK		New suit lead with support
3NT	Yes	5-5 minors		5+-5+ minors Weak	All NF; 4N ART pick best minor		4m/5m=NF; 4M lead with support
4♣		7		NAT WEAK	All NF; 4N Ace-Ask in long suit		
4♠		7		NAT WEAK	All NF; 4N Ace-Ask in long suit		
4♥		7		NAT WEAK	All NF; 4N Ace-Ask in long suit		
4♠		7		NAT WEAK	All NF; 4N Ace-Ask in long suit		
4NT				Regular Blackwood			
5♣		7		NAT WEAK			
5♠		7		NAT WEAK			
5♥		7		NAT WEAK			
5♠		7		NAT WEAK			

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING

Cue 1st before 2nd except K in partner's suit

SPECIAL BLACKWOOD sequences and responses

DOPI below 5 of our trump suit; DEPO 5 o our trump suit & higher

PASS, then pull is SLAM TRY

Special SPL sequences

Supplementary notes file (Ekeblad-Rubin notes.txt) RUSS EKEBLAD - RON RUBIN (USA)

[Note 1]

We open 1♦-(LHO P)-then responder:

1♥: Artificial negative. Usually 0-9 HCP. Occasionally 10-11 balanced without a 4 card major.

Suggested defense:

DBL T/O of diamonds OR 18+ Balanced OR 17+ with a

suit(s)

Suit o/c Natural, constructive

1N o/c 15-17 Balanced (with or without a diamond stopper)

Jump o/c "Sound" preemptive

1♠: Four+ hearts with 10+ HCP.

DBL T/O of hearts with emphasis on spades and clubs

1N o/c Minors. We are known to have balance of strength.

With strong NT: Pass

2♦ Michaels

2♥ Natural

2♠ Natural

Jump o/c Preemptive

1N: Four+ spades with 10+ HCP.

DBL T/O of spades with emphasis on hearts and clubs

2♦ Michaels

2♥ Natural

2♠ Natural

Jump o/c Preemptive

[Note 2]

2N Opening: 5+-5+ in the Majors Weak

Suggested Defense:

DBL 15+ and minor suit oriented

3m Natural

3M Shows stopper in M, asks stopper in OM for 3N. Usually

long minor and good hand.

3N Natural 20-22 May be off-shape with long minor and both

majors stopped

4m Natural. Too good for 3m and unsuitable to play 3N.

4♥ Both minors strong with better clubs

4♠ Both minors strong with better diamonds

4N Both minors "weak"

[Note 3]

3N Opening: 5+-5+ in the Minors Weak

Suggested Defense:

DBL Values and Major suit oriented

4♣ "Strong" Michaels Then: 4 Slam try.

4♦ "Weak" Michaels

4M Natural

After P by LHO-4♣ by responder:

DBL Values and Major suit oriented

4♦ Michaels

4M Natural

After P by LHO-4♦ by responder:

DBL Major suit oriented including Michaels

4M Natural

After P by LHO - 5m by responder:

Same scheme as above

[Note 4]

TRANSFER ADVANCES after we make a simple 1-level or 2-level overcall and you make a negative double. Then we:

Pass Weak or traditional penalty XX

XX/next 3 suits Transfers to the 4 suits.

If to the 2 "unbid" suits: Either 5+

natural or for lead with support for O/C

If to opener's suit: Cuebid and

shows limit plus with support for O/C

If to O/C suit:

Constructive raise

1N (or 2N) Artificial. A or K or Q and 2 plus in O/C. It

is F/1.

Minimum: Safety to play O/C at next

level.

Maximum: Unlimited.

Single raise O/C Blocking and denies A/K/Q

Then: if opening bidder Passes, Overcaller may:

Accept transfer Can tolerate the suit but has no strong fit or is minimum

Rebid his suit Cannot tolerate the suit and/or has a good suit and a non-maximum

Rebid a new suit Natural and NF

Rebid NT Natural and NF with extra values
Cuebid opener's Maximum O/C with fit (or at least tolerance)
for advancer's suit

Recommended Defense:

By opening bidder:
X of transfer Shows that suit and says
advancer stole my bid.
Cuebid either suit Extra values
Other bids Normal meaning
Pass then X of transfer if accepted T/O
By responder after opener Passes and overcaller:
Accepts the transfer X is penalty NS Natural NF
Bids a "new" suit X is penalty NS (inc transfer
suit) Natural NF
Rebids his suit X extra values for initial
negative X. Other bids Normal meaning
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[Note 5]
We play MOSCOW ESCAPES when:

1. We open 1N (12-15) and LHO X showing a good hand/penalty. Then:
P Willing to play 1N. May be weak 4333 or "penalty" (expect to make it) Then:
If RHO P: Opener Pass with all except 5+ of own suit
Opener XX with 5+ own suit. Then:
Responder Pass for penalty or 2♣ Pass or
Correct
XX Have a one-suiter (5+). Forces opener to bid 2♣ Pass or Correct
2♣+ Have suit bid and a suit higher. Opener either P or bids next suit
Pass or Correct
2. We open 1N (12-15) and the auction proceeds P-P-X showing a good hand/penalty. Then:
P All except 5+ own suit. Then: If Pass by LHO, responder
Pass/XX/2♣+ as above
XX Have a one-suiter (5+). Then: As above
3. They open 2 any, we overcall 2N, and LHO X for penalty. Then: As in #1 above
4. They open 2 any, we overcall 2N, and auction proceeds P-P-X. Then: As in #2 above