



DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS		
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		OPENING LEADS STYLE		
7-17 HCP RESPONSES: new suit=F/1; Cue promises support, 1N and 2N NAT NF		Lead	In Partner's Suit	
JS=lead-directing with fit; Jump Cue=SPL		Suit	3+5=even;low=odd	3+5=even;low=odd
TRANSFER ADVANCES AFTER:		NT	4th good/2nd bad	ATTITUDE
(1 suit)-1-or-2-level simple O/C-(NEG DBL) [Note 6]		Subseq	Same, with ATTITUDE	
Reopening: 7-14 HCP RESPONSES: new suit=NF; Cue promises support, 1N and 2N NAT NF JS=lead-directing with fit; Jump Cue=SPL		Other:		Category: Strong ♣/♦ BLUE
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		LEADS		Country: USA
DIRECT 1N: 14-18 Then system on if opponents Pass		Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Moscow if opponents double for penalty [Note 7]		Ace	AK through 4♠	asks ATTITUDE
		King	KQ through 4♠	asks UNBLOCK/COUNT
REOPENING: 12-15: Then system on if opponents Pass		Queen	QJ	ATTITUDE
Moscow if opponents double for penalty [Note 7]		Jack	J10	J10
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)		10	109	109
1-Suit: PRE, then New Suit F1; Cue promises support; J/S=lead with fit		9	9x	2nd best from bad suit (J9x)
2-Suit: Unusual NT=2 lowest unbid, EXCEPT: (1♠)-P-(2♠): 2N=♥s + minor		Hi-x	shows even number	2nd best from bad suit
		Lo-x	shows odd number	4th best
Reopen: INTERMEDIATE, 6-7 tricks		SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY		SYSTEM SUMMARY
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
MICHAELS CUE: Then 2NT ART asks suit/strength		Suit:1st	Hi/Lo=DISCRG	Hi/Lo=O or S/P
Jump Cue asks stopper for 3N		2nd	Hi/Lo=O	Hi/Lo=O
SAME IN REOPENING		3rd	S/P	S/P
		NT: 1st	Hi/Lo=DISCRG	REV SMITH
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)		2nd	Hi/Lo-O	Hi/Lo=O
VS. STRONG (14-16+) DBL=one minor or both majors; 2♣=♠s + major		3rd	S/P	S/P
2♦=♦s + major; 2♥/2♠=NAT; 2N=minors		Signals (including Trumps): Hi/Lo=DISCRG and ODD		Hi/Lo=O
REOPEN: SAME		TRUMP SIGNAL: if 2 trumps: Lo-Hi=neutral S/P		
VS. WEAK (13-15 OR LESS) DBL=values, then if (P), FOC		TRUMP SIGNAL: if 3 trumps: Mid-Lo-Hi=neutral S/P		
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		
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)		
		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, 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 (5431)
1♣					1♠=12+ UNBAL 1NT to 3♠=UNBAL 8-11 ART [Note 1]	All else NAT	1N=10+ -11 SPECIAL UNBALANCED (5431)
1♣					4♣=7+ any solid suit		2♣-3♠=8-11 UNBALANCED
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+	1♠-1♣/1N-2♣: 2♥=FG relay	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;	1♠-1♣-any-2N: 2♣=FG relay	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	1♥-1♠-any: 2N=FG relay	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		
1♥					3N=4♥ bid with medium defense		
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		
1NT		2	4♠	12+-15 BAL	1 LHO DBL for PEN: Moscow [5]	SMOLEN after STAY	Same except: No (R) after Jacoby
1NT				OR 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 10-16	2♦=ART ASKS SHAPE 2M=N/F; 2N/3♣/3M=INV		All NF INV
2♦		4		5+ ♥s with 4+ ♠s 10-16	2N=ART (R) FG All else NF, INV		All NF INV
2♥		5		5+ ♥s with 4+ ♣s 10-16	2N=ART (R) FG All else NF, INV		All 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		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		4♣ + 4♦ OPENING NAT WEAK	All NF; 4N Ace-Ask in long suit--Poor Man's [Note 7]		
4♥		7		4♥ + 4♠ OPENING NAT WEAK	All NF; 4N Ace-Ask in long suit--Poor Man's [Note 7]		
4NT				Regular Blackwood			
HIGH LEVEL BIDDING							
Cue 1st before 2nd except K in partner's suit							
SPECIAL BLACKWOOD sequences and responses [Note 5]							
DOPI below 5 of our trump suit; DEPO 5 of our trump suit & higher							
PASS, then pull is SLAM TRY							

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

[Note 1]

1♣-1N (5431) or (5530) (except 5-5 minors)

2♣ Relay

2♦ Singleton either minor Then 2♥ Relay asks which

2♠ Club singleton Then 2N Relay asks 3 card

1st L3 2nd M3 3rd H3 4-5

4th H3 with 5-4

2N Diamond singleton

3♣ Diamond singleton M 3

3♦ Diamond singleton H 3 with 4-5

3♥ Diamond singleton H 3 with 5-4

2♥ Heart singleton Then 2♠ Relay asks 3 card

2♠ Spade singleton Then 2N Relay asks 3 card

2N 5♣s - 5 either M - 3/0 Then 3♣ Relay asks M and 3/0

3♣ 5♦s - 5♥s - 3/0 Then 3♦ Relay asks 3/0

3♦ 5♦s - 5♠s - 3/0 Then 3♥ Relay asks 3/0 3-0/0-3 If 5-

0-5-3 ev: 4

3♥ 5-5-3-0

3♠ 5-5-0-3

1♣-2♣ 6+ Either minor (Exception: After 1♣-1♦-1♥: 2♣ shows BR pattern with 6-8 HCP

2♦ Relay

2♥ Clubs Then 2♠ Relay asks further

2♠ Diamonds 6+ One-suited Then 2N Relay

2N Diamonds 4+ Lower Then 3♣ Relay

3♣ Diamonds 4+ Middle Then 3♦ Relay

3♦ Diamonds 4 Higher short L

3♥ Diamonds 4 Higher short M

3♠ Diamonds 5 Higher

1♣-2♦ 6+ Hearts Then 2♥ Relay Then 2♠ thru 3♠ per 2♠ thru 3♠ for Diamonds above

1♣-2♥ 6+ Spades Then 2♠ Relay Then 2N thru 4♣ per 2N thru 4♣ for Clubs above

1♣-2♠ (4441) or (4450) or 5-5 Minors with (30) majors or (21) majors

2N Rel

3♣ Short♥s all Then 3♦ Relay 3-0-5-5 / 2-1-5-5 / 4-1-

4-4 If 4-1-4-4 with ev: 4♣

3♦ Short♠s 5-5 m Then 3♥ Relay 0-3-5-5 / 1-2-5-5

If 1-2-5-5 with ev: 4♣

3♥ 4-4-4-1

3♠ 4-4-1-4

3N 1-4-4-4 If 1-4-4-4 ev: 4♣

1♣-2N 5♣s - 5 either M - 2/1 Then 3♣ Relay Hearts 2-1/1-2 Spades 2-

1/1-2 If 1-5-2-5 with ev: 4♣

1♣-3♣ 5♦s - 5♥s - 2/1

Then 3♦ Relay 2-1/1-2

1♣-3♦ 5♣s - 5♠s - 2/1

Then 3♥ Relay 2-1/1-2

If 5-1-5-2 qurg ev: 4♣

1♣-3♥ 5-5-2-1

1♣-3♠ 5-5-1-2

[Note 2]

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 3]

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 4]

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 5]

RKC ROMAN KEYCARD BLACKWOOD

When the trump suit is known and the ace ask is higher than a full level below game.

Note: Only occurrence of "2 trump suits": In 2N structure, if R shows both m (4♥-4♠), then Nx RKC (6 KC/2 Q)

RKC RESPONSES

1st 0 or 3 2nd 1 or 4 3rd 2 no Q 4th 2 with Q 5th 2 known void
6th 3 known void

Then If Queen unknown: Nx asks Queen 1st No Th: Nx asks Kings 2nd
Q no Ks 3rd Q LK 4th Q MK 5th Q HK

6th/7th/8th Q LM/LH/MH Ks

If Queen unknown but captain has it: Nx

+1 asks Side Kings. Th: 1st - 7th per 2-8 above

If Queen known: Nx asks Side

Kings Then 1st - 7th per 2-8 above

After side Kings known: Nx asks Side

Queens Then 1st - 7th per 2-8 above

After side Queens known: Nx asks Side

Jacks Then 1st - 7th per 2-8 above

SKC SPECIAL KEYCARD BLACKWOOD

A natural suit bid by captain of the auction exactly one level below game:

3♥/3♠/4♣/4♦.

It is employed only by the 'captain'. After 1♣, it is usually the 1♣ opener unless R has "taken over" a relay.

After a non-1♣, it is always responder who is captain. In either case, it is usually employed after a relay..

SKC RESPONSES

1st Poor/fewest trump Th: Nx continues except after 3 - 3: 3N To play or 4 continues. Then:

1st Poor hand also. Then Nx

continues per RKC steps 1-6

2nd-7th Adequate+ hand and RKC steps 1-6

2nd Adequate+ trump with poor hand. Then Nx

continues per RKC steps 1-6

3rd-8th Adequate+ trump with adequate+ hand and RKC steps 1-6

PM POORMAN'S BLACKWOOD1)

After an opening pre-empt of 2♠ through 4♠ (except after 2♠-2N or 2N-3♣): O replies PM steps to ace-ask.

After 1♣-1♦-any auction:

a. If opener employs SKC later: Same scheme as above except PM steps replace RKC steps

b. If opener employs an RKC ace-ask later: PM steps replace RKC steps

After 2♠-2N-?-SKC or 2N-3♣-?-SKC: Same scheme as above except PM steps replace RKC steps

RESPONSES 1st 0 KC 2nd 1 w/o Q 3rd 1 w/Q 4th 2 w/o Q 5th 2 w/Q 6th 3 w/o Q

[Note 6]

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.

level. Minimum: Safety to play O/C at next
 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 advance'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 7]
 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