


| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, ½ Level, Reopening) |
| Style: Aggressive Fit-non-jumps |
| Responses: Various methods of showing support |
| Reopening: aggressive |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th, Responses, Reopening) |
| 2nd position: 15-17 |
| Responses: as over 1NT opening |
| 4th position: 11-14 No Stop guarantee |
| Responses: as over 1NT opening |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT) |
| Style: Intermediate |
| Responses: new suit F1 |
| Ghestem: Always strong by unpassed hand. 2NT lowest, 3♣ highest, cue extremes |
| DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Resp., Reopening) |
| Style: Ghestem; (1M) – 4m shows 4 of other M and 6+card suit; jump cue asks for stopper |
| Responses: Natural |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH) |
| Strong NT: X = 5+m + 4M (11+); Weak NT: X = penalty; otherwise 9+ cards if 2 suited: 2♣ = ♥ + ♠; 2♦ = ♥ or ♠; 2♥ = ♥ + m; 2♠ = ♠ + m; 2NT response = suit and/or range enquiry |
| 2NT = ♣ + ♦ (10+ cards); above applies in 2 nd and 4 th position |
| Reopening: : as above except X always 5+m + 4 M |
| Passed Hand: as above except X always 5+m + 4 M |
| VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT bids) |
| X = takeout up to 4♠; Over weak 2s, Leaping Michaels suit natural NF, 2NT 13 – 16 balanced, Double take-out; |
| Over 2♦ (multi): X = ♠, 2♥ natural, 2♠ minors; NT bids are natural |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS |
| vs strong 1♣: CRO |
| Also over strong 2 openers where suit not defined. |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE |
| New suit = forcing; Jumps = pre-emptive; 1NT = 7-9 balanced; XX = 3-card raise; 2NT = sound raise to 3+M; Raises = pre-emptive |

| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | |
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| OPENING LEADS AND SIGNALS | | |
| | Normal | In bid suit |
| Suit | 4 th ; 2 nd if weak suit | 3rd & 5th |
| NT | As above | 3rd & 5th |
| Subseq | As above | 3rd & 5th |
| Other: | | |
| Note: 3rd & 5th applies when we have (inferentially) bid that suit | | |
| L E A D S | | |
| Lead | vs. Suit | vs. NT |
| Ace | For attitude (lo encourage) | For attitude (lo encourage) |
| King | For count (hi-lo even) | For count (hi-lo even) |
| Queen | For attitude (lo encourage) | For attitude (lo encourage) |
| Jack | 0 or 2 higher honours | 0 or 2 higher honours |
| 10 | 0 or 2 higher honours | 0 or 2 higher honours |
| 9 | 0 or 2 higher honours | 0 or 2 higher honours |
| Hi-X | xxX unless 3-card shown | Xxx unless 3-card shown |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead |
| | Discarding | |
| Suit: 1 st | Hi-Lo = Even | Hi-Lo = Even |
| 2 nd | Lo = Encourage | Lo = Encourage |
| 3 rd | Suit preference | Suit preference |
| NT: 1 st | Hi-Lo = Even | Hi-Lo = Even |
| 2 nd | Lo = Encourage | Lo = Encourage |
| 3 rd | Suit preference | Suit preference |
| In Trumps; Hi-Lo = Odd | | |
| Lavinthal; Lead of A/Q & 1st discard Lo = Encourage | | |
| DOUBLES | | |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening) | | |
| Style: may be light with classic shape | | |
| Responses: natural responses | | |
| Reopening: as above | | |
| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES | | |
| Negative double to 4♥; 1♣/1♦ - (1♠) - X shows 4+♥ and 7+; | | |
| Responsive double to 3♠; competitive double; Lightner double; | | |
| Support. If partner has overcalled, double of next bid (not NT) will show A and/or K in partner's suit. | | |

| WBF Convention Card | |
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| Category: GREEN | |
| NBO (Country): SCOTLAND | |
| Event: 2008 European Seniors Championship | |
| Players: Harry SMITH SCO4070 | |
| Finlay MARSHALL SCO1989 | |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY | |
| V7.8 | |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE: | |
| ACOL based system: 4 card majors; 44Mm, open major | |
| Open light unbalanced. Open balanced 11-counts (except Vul 2 nd) | |
| Pre-empts: Minors loose NV; Majors sound 1st & 2nd | |
| 1 st /2 nd /3 rd : 2♦ weak both Majors or 19-20 balanced; Weak 2♥/2♠ openings – may be 5-card (at least 54 with minor) | |
| Frequent non-penalty doubles | |
| 1NT opening: 14-16 | |
| 2 over 1 Response: forcing to 2NT (not passed hand); | |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE | |
| Openings: | |
| Gambling 3NT | |
| 2♦ opener | |
| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES | |
| IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE | |
| Lower of 4th suit or 2NT warn-off after 2-level reverse or jump | |
| Psychics: Very infrequent but can open very light 3rd in hand | |

| Opening | Arti- ficial | Min. | Neg. Double | Description | Response | Subsequent Auction | Passed Hand Bidding |
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| 1♣ | | 4 | 4♥ | 10-20 | Up the line; 1NT = 9+, 4-card♣; 2/3♣ weak; 2NT = GF balanced; Jump strong good suit | 1NT = 11-13; 2NT = 17-18 | New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit |
| 1♦ | | 4 | 4♥ | 10-20 | Up the line; 1NT = 5-11; 2/3♦ inverted; 2NT = GF balanced; 2♣ F2NT; Jump strong good suit | As above; after 2 level response: 2NT = 11-13 | New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit |
| 1♥ | | 4 | 4♦ | 10-20 | Up the line; 1NT = 5-11; 2NT = 4 card value raise unlimited but not FG; 3♠ - 4♦ splinter; Fit jump; 2♣/♦ F2NT | As above; after 2NT, 3/4♥ poor, 3NT 17-18 balanced, 3♣/♦ slam try, 3♠, 4♣/♦ splinter | New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit |
| 1♠ | | 4 | 4♥ | 10-20 | As 1♥; except 3NT-4♥ = splinter | Similar to 1♥ treatment | New suit = NF; Jump shift = fit |
| 1NT | | | | 14-16 balanced; Hands uprated for long suits, good values, good intermediaries. | 2♣ asks about majors; 2♦ asks about ♥ (does not show ♥); 2♥ 5+♠; 2♠/NT show ♣/♦; 3♣ 3-suiter with ♣; 3♦ 3-suiter not ♣; 3♥/♠ shortage with both minors; 4♣/♦ start of slam ask on ♥/♠ | 1NT - 2♦: 2♥ denies 4-card ♥, 2♠/NT show 4. All may start Baron sequence; Transfer to ♠ broken with 4; Minor transfer break below Hx, above 4-card; | Same as for UPH |
| 2♣ | Yes | 0 | | Strong (not FG) or 23+ balanced; | 2♦ = negative; 2♥ relay; 2♠ thro' 3♦ = 5 cards to 2+ top honours or 6 cards to 1+ top honours; 2NT = same in ♥ | Only after 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ is sequence not FG; 2NT = 23+: responses as 2NT opener | As for UPH |
| 2♦ | Yes | 0 | | Both M weak or 19-20 balanced | 2NT asks; 4 minor slam try in major | Over 2NT, 3♣/♦ min unequal or max equal, 3♥/♠ max unequal | As for UPH |
| 2♥ | | 5 | 3♠ | Weak: 5-9; 5/6 cards (if 5, will have 4+card minor); Better or worse 3 rd ; good suit and outside card 4 th | 2♠ = enquiry; 3♥, 4♥ = pre-empt or to make | Step responses: 1st relay asks if 5/6 card; 2nd asks for strength; 3rd asks for shortage or minor suit. | As for UPH |
| 2♠ | | 5 | 3♥ | As 2♥ | As 2♥ with 2NT enquiry | As 2♥ | As for UPH |
| 2NT | | | | 21-22 balanced; 5M or 6m OK | 3♣ asks about majors; 3♦ requests bid of 3♥ (does not show ♥); 3♥ 5+♠; 3♠ transfer to 3NT; 4♣ 3-suited short minor; 4♦ 55♠♥; 4♥ 44♣♠ balanced; 4♠ 44♥♣ balanced | Many asking sequences | As for UPH |
| 3♣ | | 6 | | Pre-empt: | Raise = pre-empt or to make; new suit = F1; | | As for UPH |
| 3♦ | | 6 | | As 3♣ | As above | As above | As for UPH |
| 3♥ | | 6 | | As 3♣, but sound 1st and 2nd | As above | As above | As for UPH |
| 3♠ | | 6 | | As 3♥ | As above | As above | As for UPH |
| 3NT | Yes | 7 | | Solid minor: 1 st /2 nd no outside A or K; 3 rd may, 4 th will have outside values | 4♣/5♣/6♣ = P/C; 4♦ = singleton ask with 5NT repeat ask for void; 4♥/4♠ = to play | 4♦: 4♥/4♠ = singleton or void; 4NT = singleton or void in other minor; 5♣/5♦ = no singleton or void | As for UPH |
| 4♣ | | 8 | | Solid or semi-solid ♥ | 4♦ asks | | |
| 4♦ | | 8 | | Solid or semi-solid ♠ | 4♥ asks | | |
| 4♥ | | 7 | | Pre-empt: | New suit = F1 | | |
| 4♠ | | 7 | | Pre-empt: | As above | | |
| 4NT | Yes | | | Ace asking | | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | |
| 5♣ | | 8 | | Pre-empt: sound NV/ VUL | As above | 4NT opening: 5♣ = no Ace; 5♦ = ♦A; 5♥ = ♥A; 5♠ = ♠A; 5NT = 2 A; 6♣ = ♣A; Cue 1 st round before 2 nd round; RKCB; 1 st step = 1 or 4; 2 nd step = 0 or 3; 3 rd step = 2 no TQ; 4 th = 2 with TQ; Kickback; DOPI; GSF; Lightner Double | |
| 5♦ | | 8 | As 5♣ | As above | | | |
| 5♥ | | | Solid suit lacking AK with no losers outside | Raise per trump holding | | | |
| 5♠ | | | As for 5♥ | As above | | | |
| 5NT | | | | | | | |