# Defensive and Competitive Bidding

## Overcalls (Style: Responses: Reopening)

Sound at two level, pre-empts can be very light NV, light to doubles, seldom penalty doubles

## 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

15-18, stayman and transfers

# Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Weak

#### Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Stopper?

## VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen; PH)

2clubs: Majors

2diamonds: one major

2 major 4majorr and 4+ minor

2NT minors or two suits GF

4th seat and pre-passed Meckwell

DON'T

Dbl=one minor or MM

2cl = Cl + Mai, 2di = DI + MAJ

 $2h \ge p = NAT$ 

#### VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

TO doubles, 4 minor= minor+major, NT natural

#### **VS. Artificial Strong Openings**

Natural, NT two suits

#### Over Opponents' take out double

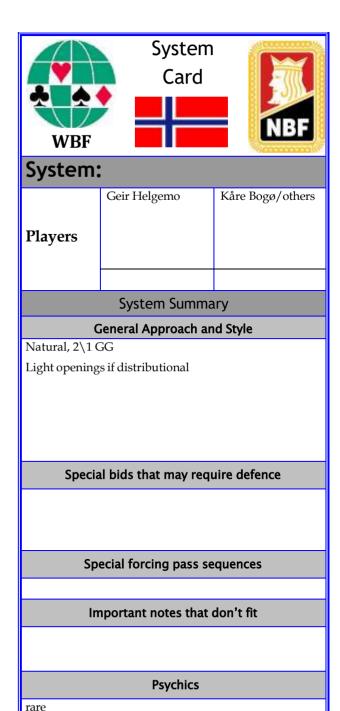
Leads and Signals Opening Leads Style									
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> =odd; 2-4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> =	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> =odd; 2-4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> =even		3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> =odd; 2-4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> =even					
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Subseq									
Leads									
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. Suit		Vs. NT					
Ace	AK/AKx/AKxx	AK/AKx/AKxx(x)		AK/AKx/AKxx(x)					
King	KQ/KQJ(x)/KQ	KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)		KQ/KQJ(x)/KQT(x)					
Queen	AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)		AQJ(x)/QJ(x)/QJT(x)						
Jack	HJT(x)/JT(x)		HJT(x)/JT(x)						
10	HT9x/AQT(x)/T9x		HT9x/AQT(x)/T9x						
9	H9x/9xx/T9		H9x/9xx/T9						
Χ	Hxx <u>x</u> /HT9 <u>x</u> /x <u>x</u> xx(x)		Hxx <u>x</u> /HT9 <u>x</u> /x <u>x</u> xx(x)						
Signals in order of priority									
	Partners lead De		clarer	Discarding					
Suit:	Low enc	Smith	/lavinthal	Hi lo even					
2 <sup>nd</sup>									
3 <sup>rd</sup>									
NT:	Low enc	Smith, high like		Hi lo even					
2 <sup>nd</sup>									
3 <sup>rd</sup>									

*Signals (including Trump's)*: Low enc, smith: high likes, lavinthal in trumps

## Doubles

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's



Opening	Art	Min. #	Neg. D. through	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1*		3		Better Minor	Nat responses, 2cl inverted raise		
1♦		3		Better minor	Natural responses, 2d inverted		
1♥		5		5+, 10-22	2NT GF, 3level invitational natural		2cl = 3+ support and invitational 2nt = mnors
1♠		5		5+, 10-22	2NT GF, 3level invitational natural		Double drury
1 NT				15(14)-17	Stayman, transfers, 3cl\3di\3h\3sp= shortness	When opps interfere, we play transfer lebensohl.  2nt = ask partner to bid 3 clubs, for play 3cl or 3 di.  All bids on 3 <sup>rd</sup> level = transfer and invite ++	
2*				strong	2d weak/wait, 2NT minors, 3major 4card longer diamonds		
2♦				Weak 2	2nt asking, 2maj = not forcing but can be raised from opener with support, or maximum		
2♥				Weak, 6vul	2nt ask shortness, $3x = nat$ forcing		
2♠				Weak, 6vul	2nt ask shortness, 3x = nat forcing		
2 NT				20-21	Muppet, transfers 3 level, 4 level slamtry 2 suits above.	Slam Conventions	
3x				preemt	4clubs slamtry	Dopi, ropi, rkcb 0314, 5nt specific kings ++	
3NT				Solid major	4clubs bid under your suit, 4nt ask length		
4♣,♦				preemt	natural		
4♥,♠				preemt	5 level cuebid		
4NT				Aces?			