

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS |
| General Style: Sound when Vulnerable |
| Minor Suit O/Call – 6 card suit constructive |
| <i>Responses:</i> UCB 10+ 3 card support, mixed raise 8-10hcp 4 card support, 3 of suit 4 card support 4-7hcp, new suit forcing one round, 2NT 11+ 4 card support, 1NT 8-11hcp |
| 2NT in protective seat 20-22hcp |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2 nd /4 th Live; Responses) |
| 15-17hcp: <i>responses</i> non-prom Stayman & 4 Suit Transfers |
| 10-14hcp protective: with non-prom Stayman & Transfers (Majors only) |
| If NT Overcall is Doubled: - Rdbl= unknown 5 card minor |
| If opener's partner raises his suit to 2 Level – Lebensohl applies |
| Where 2 suits bid by Opps other 2 suits +5/5 |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| Weak 6 card suit 6-10hcp but can have opening values in 3 rd and 4 th seat, while in protective seat 16+ (8 playing tricks). |
| <i>Responses:</i> Natural, Pre-emptive, 2NT range enquiry (if available). |
| Unusual NT: lowest 2 suits +5/5 unlimited |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| Michaels – Over Minor shows majors, over major shows other major |
| + unspecified minor - at least 5/5 unlimited. |
| <i>Responses:</i> Raise= non forcing, 2NT= Enquiry, 3♣= pass/correct. |
| Jump cue bid: splinter |
| V's. NT Cappelletti (Note alternates V'S Weak & Strong NT). |
| Dbl = Penalty, 2♠= Single suited hand, 2♥= Majors, |
| 2♥= ♥+ Minor, 2♠= ♠+ Minor, 2NT = Minors. |
| <i>Responses:</i> 2NT generally range enquiry, Raises pre-emptive. |
| All as above against Weak NT (12-14) ONLY. |
| <i>Versus Strong NT:</i> - Dbl = Single Suited Hand, and 2♠=Minors with rest as above |
| VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| DBL = Take Out |
| 3NT = To Play |
| New Suit = Suit + Values (can be passed) |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♠ or 2♠ |
| Vs Strong 1♠ - Truscott where - 1♥= ♥+♥ 1♥= ♥+♥ 1♠= ♠+♠ Dbl = ♠+♥ 1NT = ♥+♠ Less than 13 HCP. |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| Rdbl = 10+hcp denies length in openers suit. Bergen, Inverted minors |

| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE | | | |
| | Leads Standard | In Partner's Suit | |
| Suit | 4/2, top of sequence, MUD | Lowest from 3 to honour, MUD | |
| NT | As above | As above | |
| Other: Ace for Attitude, King for Count. (standard on both) | | | |
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| LEADS | | | |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT | |
| Ace | AK asks attitude | AK asks attitude | |
| King | AK or KQ asks count | AK or KQ asks count | |
| Queen | KQ or QJ asks attitude | KQ or QJ asks attitude | |
| Jack | (H)J10(x+), Jx | (H)J10(x+), Jx | |
| Hi-X | xXx(x+) | xXx(x+) | |
| Lo-X | HxX HxxX(x+) | HxX HxxX(x+) | |
| 10/9 | Standard – do not play strong | As v suit | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| Suit 1 | Attitude | Count | Italian Discards * |
| 2 | Count | Suit Preference | Odd = Encouraging |
| 3 | Suit Preference | (Only when needed) | Even = Suit preference |
| NT 1 | Attitude | Same as for suit | Same as for suit |
| 2 | Count | | |
| * (on first discard only) | | | |
| DOUBLES | | | |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) | | | |
| Style: Sound / Natural | | | |
| Responses: - Natural, Cue bid points – choose denomination | | | |
| Balancing Position: - Treat as 3HCP weaker than in direct seat. | | | |
| Negative doubles through to 4♣ | | | |
| Helvic RDBL over Dbl of 1NT – unknown 5 card suit | | | |
| Support Doubles (showing 3 card support for responder's major) up to 2 ♠ | | | |

| W B F CONVENTION CARD |
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| NCBO: Ireland |
| PLAYERS: Louise Mitchell & Lucy Phelan |
| EVENT: All - 2026 |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| General approach and style: |
| 2/1 |
| 15-17 NT |
| 5 Card Majors with Bergen Raises |
| XY NT (in response to 1NT rebid from opener 2♣ while generally invitational hand commands 2♥ while 2♥ is artificial g/f) |
| Inverted minors |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE |
| *After Opps have bid 2 suits, cue bid of Lower/Higher of their suit shows at least 4-6 (lower) / 6-4 (higher) in other suits |
| After 1C/D opening where 1NT is overcalled 2C/D = both majors +4/4 |
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| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES: n/a |
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| OTHER NOTES: 2 level bids natural non forcing when responding over natural intervention, 1 and 3 level bids forcing (3 being game force) |
| 2NT in protective position = 20-22hcp |
| 2 level jump o/call in protective position=strong 16+Hcp 8+tricks |

Raise = Pre-emptive/Natural

Trial bids – long suit, 4th suit Forcing (game). Splinters.

| | | | | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
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| 1 詐 | | 3 | 4S | Natural | 1 噁 宛 =5+hcp,2 詐 =5 詐 Inverted (GF), 3 詐 =5 詐 5-9hcp, 1NT= 6-11hcp, 2 噁 =5 詐 9-11hcp, 2 宛 = 0-5hcp + 6 card suit ,2NT= 5 詐 2-5hcp, 3 噁 宛 = 5 詐 splinter | * Where interference other than X then 2 詐 = 4+card 6-10hcp, UCB 11+. Stop show in response to responders 2 詐 GF as possible for NT | 2 詐 =10-11 5 card, 2NT balanced 10-11 |
| 1 噁 | | 3 | 4S | Natural | 1 宛 = 5+hcp,1NT=6-11hcp ,2 噁 =5 噁 Inverted (GF), 3 詐 =5 噁 9-11hcp, 3 噁 =5 噁 5-9hcp, 2 宛 =0-5hcp + 6 card suit, 2NT=5 噁 2-5hcp, 3 宛 欣 = 5 噁 splinter | *Where interference other than X then 2 噁 = 4+ card 6-10hcp, UCB 11+. Stop show in response to responders 2 噁 GF as possible for NT | 2 噁 =10-11 4 card+, 2NT=10-11 balanced |
| 1 宛 | | 5 | 4S | Natural | Bergen Raises (4 card support), 3 宛 = 3-6 hcp, 3 噁 = 7-9hcp, 3 詐 =10-12hcp, 2NT= 13+, 2 欣 =0-5hcp 6 card suit, 1NT*= 6-11hcp, 4 宛 to play dist., 2 詐 *= natural g/f OR limit raise 3 card support, 2 噁 宛 (over spades) nat. g/f | After Bergen 2NT, 3 of a new suit = singleton or void, 4 宛 = min no shortage, 3NT = non min and no shortage, 3H 宛 = non min no shortage, extra length, 4 噁 噁 = 5 card suit | *= (as limited hand may be passed by opener with min balanced hand) while 2 詐 *=natural clubs OR limit raise showing 3 card major support |
| 1 欣 | | 5 | 4S | | 2 宛 =6-9hcp 3 card support, 3NT= bal 4333 12-15hcp | | |
| 1NT | | | | 15-17 generally balanced (Can include 5 card major) | 2 詐 = Non-Promissory Stayman, 2 噁 宛 = Transfers, 2 欣 =Transfer to 詐 2NT= 噁 transfer, 3 詐 = 5521 or 5512 minors weak,3 噁 =5-5 minors' g/f, 3 宛 = singleton in suit bid & 5/4 in minors (forcing) | If Opps DBL 1NT Rdbl shows unknown 5 card suit. Super acceptance applies where 2NT is non-max, 3 宛 =max, Smolen. | Lebensohl may apply over interference (FANS) |
| 2 詐 | / | | | Artificial: 8 playing tricks or 21-22 or 25-26 balanced (semi) | 2 噁 =normally< 8hcp, 2 宛 欣 show 5 card suit with 2 of top 3 honours, 2NT=8-10hcp bal or not above | 2NT= 21-22hcp (not necessarily bal), Suit = 8/9 playing tricks 16+ hcp not game forcing. Stayman & Transfers over 2NT rebid. Kokish relay-either suit/s or 25-26hcp Over rebid of NT 4 宛 欣 to play | |
| 2 噁 | / | | | Artificial: 23+ game force | 2 宛 relay, 2 欣 show 5 card suit with 2 of top 3 honours, 2NT=8-10hcp bal or not above | 2NT=23-24 (not necessarily balanced), 3NT=27-28, 2 欣 3 噁 噁 宛 = natural. Over rebid of NT 4 宛 欣 to play, Stayman & Transfers over 2NT rebid | |
| 2 宛 | | 6 | | 6 card suit 6-10hcp | 2NT = range enquiry, new suit= forcing one round (unless doubled) 3 宛 =barrage, 4 宛 = to play | 3 詐 = 6/7hcp, 3 噁 = 7/8hcp, 3 宛 = 8/9hcp, 3 欣 = 9/10hcp,3NT = Suit headed by AKQ | In third seat can be up to 12 HCP |
| 2 欣 | | 6 | | 6 card suit 6-10hcp | 2NT = range enquiry, new suit=forcing one round (unless doubled), 3 欣 =barrage, 4 欣 = to play | 3 詐 = 6/7, 3 噁 = 7/8, 3 宛 = 8/9, 3 欣 = 9/10 3NT = Suit headed by AKQ | As above |
| 2NT | | | | 19-20hcp may contain singleton honour/5 card major | 3 詐 = Stayman, 3 噁 宛 = 宛 欣 transfers, 3 欣 =forces 3NT,3NT= transfer to 詐 4 詐 =transfer to 噁 4NT=quantitative, 4 宛 欣 to play | Over forced 3NT4 詐 = 5 詐 4 噁 4 噁 =5 噁 4 詐 4 宛 欣 =5-5 minors' (with control in major bid). Smolen. | |
| 3 詐 噁 宛 欣 | | 7 | | 7 card suit – pre-emptive | | | |
| 3NT | | 7 | | Long Solid Minor, Q outside most | 4 詐 =/ 5 詐 / 6 詐 = Pass or Correct. | RKCB (Roman Key Card Blackwood) 14-30 | |
| 4 詐 噁 | | 8 | | Pre-emptive (to play) | | Constructive Raise to 4 of a Minor = Slam Invite (requires cue where possible) | |
| 4 宛 欣 | | 7 / 8 | | Pre-emptive (to play) | | Keycard DOPI/ROPI, Dbl/Rdbl = 0 or 3, Pass = 1 or 4, etc. | |
| 4NT | | | | | | Exclusion (14-30) | |
| 5 詐 /5♦ | | 9 | | Pre-emptive | | Gerber in direct response to NT or NT rebid | |

