

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
natural and wide ranging at 1 level, sound at 2 level 10+
Jump long suit and weak
UCB 3 card fit 10+ points
Raise to level of fit
INT OVERCALL (2 nd /4 th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd 15-19 points responses as for 1NT
4 th 11-15 responses as for 1NT
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak and long – aggressive esp n-vul
2NT lowest two unbid suits (5-5)
Reopen:
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Cue bid two highest unbid suits
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
natural
2♣ – landy both majors normally 5+/4+ but can be 4-4
X for penalties
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Dbl for take out then 2NT lebensohl (0-7)
Cue bid forcing
2NT -16-18 with stopper
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Over 2♣ everything tends to be lead directional
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Stretch to compete – raises weaker than normal
Redouble – 10+ points no fit penalty orientated
Fit for partner 2nt

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4 th if length, MUD from 3		
NT	4 th highest, top of sequence		
Subseq	Small with interest	Small with interest	
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Attitude (low enc)	same	
King	Count	same	
Queen	Attitude	same	
Jack	Denies Queen	same	
10	Denies Jack	Strong 10	
9	Top of nothing		
Hi-X			
Lo-X			
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Reverse attitude	count	Low encouraging
Suit 2			
3			
1			
NT 2			
3			
Signals (including Trumps):			
Low positive			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
To 3 ♠			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Doubles & redoubles usually show points			
Negative doubles			
Over conventions doubles can be lead directional			

EBL CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: i.e. Green / Blue / Red / HUM / Brown Sticker:
NCBO:
PLAYERS: Sophie Jaques, Sally Pendry
TEAM NAME: RUFF DIAMONDS
EVENT (Open/Women/Senior/Transnational)
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Acol, weak NT 12-14, can have 5 card major, 3 weaks 2’s, can have 4 card major
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Inverted minors
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Exit transfers after 1nt, pass forcing partner must redouble
IMPORTANT NOTES
PSYCHICS: very rare

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		4		natural	Inverted minor raise (weak jump shift)	1NT 15-17 then 2♣ checkback	
					2♣ 10+ points no major	2NT 18-19	
1♦		4		natural	Inverted minor	As above	
1♥		4		natural	2NT GF 4+ support	3 shortage, 4 suit, 3NT balanced	
					Raise to 2 could be 3, Fit jumps		
1♠		4		natural	As above	As above	
INT				12-14	Stayman, transfers, 3 level looking for slam		
2♣	Yes			Strongest bid	2♦ relay 0-7, bid of suit stronger		
2♦		6		weak	2NT enquiry	3♣ weak, 3♦ weak pts strong suit, 3♥ weak suit strong points, 3♠ strong	
					Raise to level of fit, to play		
2♥		6		weak	As above		
2♠		6		weak	As above		
2NT				20-22 balanced	5 card stayman, transfers		
3♣		6/7		Pre-emp			
3♦		6/7		Pre-emp			
3♥		6/7		Pre-emp			
3♠		6/7		Pre-emp			
3NT		7		gambling	If no stoppers in other suits, 4♣ pass or correct		
4♣		8					
4♦		8					
4♥		8					
4♠		8					
4NT				Ace ask	5♣ no ace, 5♦, ♥, ♠. that ace, 5NT 2 aces		
5♣		8		Pre emp		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
5♦		8		Pre emp		RCKB 5♣ 0/3, 5♦ 1 / 4 , 5♥ 2 w/o queen, 5♠ 2 with queen	
5♥		8		Pre emp			
5♠		8		Pre emp			

