## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## Overcalls

- Natural; $4^{+}$c. $=6 / 16 \mathrm{HCP}$


## Responses

- Cue bid = Forcing (w/ or w/out fit)
- New Suit = Maj over Min is forcing
- Raise = Pre-emptive


## Take out Double

$\bullet$ X followed by 1 suit $=18+\mathrm{HCP}(4 / 5 \mathrm{LT})$

## 1 NT Overcall

- 2th position $\Rightarrow 15+/ 18 \mathrm{HCP}$ (System on)
- 4th position $\Rightarrow 10 / 14$ (System on)

Jump overcall $\Rightarrow$ Pre-emptive (at level 2:
constructive if vulnerable, light if not vulnerable)
Unusual NT $\Rightarrow 2$ suiter (passed hand)

## 2 suiter bids $\Rightarrow$ Guesthem

Overcall over 1NT in $2^{\text {nd }}$ pos. (P. Transfers)

- $2 \&=-\quad=+8^{+}$cards ( $4+-4$ )
- 2 = Hearts
-2レ $\quad$ Spades
- 2 a $=$ Minors
- 2ST = Clubs
- $3 \% \quad=$ Diamonds
- $\mathbf{X}=5 \mathrm{M}+4^{+} \mathrm{m}$ ( $12^{+}$points) or any strong

In 4rd position $\rightarrow$ Landy

## Over Opponents Take-out Double of $1 \vee /$ a

- Fit $w / 3 \mathrm{c}: 2 \boldsymbol{2} / \uparrow=5-8^{-} ; 2 \%=8-10 ; \mathrm{XX}=11^{+}$
- Fit $w / 4^{+} \mathrm{c}: 3 \vee / \uparrow=0-6 ; 2 N T=11^{+}$

Mixed raises 8-10; Splinter 12-15

- Support - RDBL = 10/11 HPC
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With passed hand over $1 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge} \quad 2 \boldsymbol{q}=$ Drury 3 cards( or 4 without singleton); Bergen raises $\bullet$ Over $1 \vee / E-2 S T=$ Minors

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENING LEADS <br> - Vs Suit $\mathrm{o} \rightarrow 1 \mathrm{st} / 3 \mathrm{rd} / 5^{\text {th }}+$ internal sequences .VS NT- $2^{\text {nd }}, 4$ th <br> Subsequent Leads <br> - Vs Suit $\rightarrow$ Attitude (1st/3rd on partner suit) <br> - Vs NT $\rightarrow$ Attitude (1st/3rd on partner suit) |  |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |  |
| Leads <br> Ace <br> King <br> Queen <br> Jack <br> 10 <br> 9 | Vs Suit <br> Ax, AKx, AKJ10x <br> AK, KQ (+), KQJ (+) <br> QJ (+), AQJ x <br> J x, J10 (+) H J 10 (+) <br> $10 \mathrm{x}, 109$ (+), H 109 <br> $9 \mathrm{x}, 98 \mathrm{x}$ |   <br>  Ax, AK <br> $(+)$ AKJT $(+)$, <br>  QJ (+), <br> $0(+)$ Jx, J10 <br> 109 $10 \mathrm{x}, \mathbf{H}$ <br>  $9 \mathrm{P} ; 98 \mathrm{x}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { s NT } \\ & \text { SJx } \\ & \operatorname{KQJ}(+) \\ & \mathrm{J}(+) ; \operatorname{RDxxx} \\ & \text { H J } 10(+) \\ & 9(+) \end{aligned}$ |
| SIGNALS WHEN FOLLOWING SUIT OR DISCARDING |  |  |  |
|  | Partner's 1st | Partner's lead | Discarding |
| NT | Odd Encor even Descor | Odd Encor Even Descor | Odd Encour Even Prefer |
|  | * Smith Inverted <br> * Counting: h | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ed } \\ & \text { low }=\text { odd } \mathrm{nro} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Suit | Odd Encor Even Descor | Odd Encor Even Descor | Odd Encour Even Prefer |
|  | * Counting: hi/low = odd nr of cards |  |  |
| COMPETITIVE DOUBLES <br> - Negative Double thru 4 * <br> - Support Double when RHO interfers till 2 Hearts <br> SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES <br> - $1 \boldsymbol{x} /$ LHO Overcall $/$ Pass $=$ Maybe penalty |  |  |  |

## Convention Card


$\bullet \mathbf{B A L}=$ Balanced $\bullet \mathbf{B W}=$ Blackwood $\bullet \mathbf{C O M P}=$ Competitive $\bullet$ DBL or $\mathbf{X}=$ Double $\bullet$ DISCG $=$ Discourage (ing) •ENCRG = Encourage (ing) •F=Forcing •F1=Forcing 1 round $\bullet \mathbf{G F}=$ Game forcing $\bullet \mathbf{G} / \mathbf{T}=$ Game try $\bullet \mathbf{H}=$ Honour $\bullet \mathbf{H P C}=$ High Card Points $\bullet \mathbf{K C B}=$ Keycard Blackwood $\bullet \mathbf{L E B}=$ Lebensohl $\bullet \mathbf{L H O}=$ The opponent on your left $\bullet \mathbf{M}=$ Major $\bullet \mathbf{m}=$ Minor $\bullet \mathbf{O P P T}=$ Opponent(s) $\bullet \mathbf{P R E}=$ Pre-emptive $\bullet \mathbf{R D B L}=$ Redouble $\bullet \mathbf{R E S P}=$ Responder $\bullet \mathbf{S} / \mathbf{P}=$ Suit preference $\bullet \mathbf{S P L}=$ Splinter $\bullet$ WJS $=$ Weak jump shift

| 1. | 2 | 3. | 4. | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | Modification over competition and with passed hands |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\% |  | 3 | $4 \vee$ | Natural, 3 or + c . | Walsh; Inverted minors ( $2 \star=$ intermediate). <br> $1 \%-2 \%(11+)$-Forcing till $3 \%$ <br> $2 \vee / \uparrow=$ strong (follow by controls) | After $1 *-1(* / \downarrow)-1$ NT: <br> a) $2 *=$ Forcing to $2 *$; <br> b) $2 \star=$ Checkback GF; <br> c) 2ST Forcing to $3 \%$ |  |
| 1 * |  | 3 | $4 \vee$ | Natural, 3 or + c (if 4432). | ```Inverted minors (3%= intermediate). 10-20 (11+) forcing till 3 2/1= GF. ( except after 1d-2c-2d-3c, or 1d-2c-2st-3c) 2v/A = strong.``` | After $1 \star-1(\vee / \wedge)-1 \mathrm{NT}$ : <br> c) $2 \%=$ Forcing to $2 *$; <br> d) $2 \star=$ Checkback GF; <br> c) 2 ST Forcing to $3 \%$ |  |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5* | 4 | 10-21 HCP, $5^{+}$; <br> * $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ place: $4^{+}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { '2/1' = GF; 1NT-F1 ( Gazilli) } \\ & 2 \downarrow=7-10, \mathrm{w} 3 \text { cards support; } \\ & \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { fit } \mathrm{w} / 4^{+} \text {GF; } \\ & 3 \mathrm{x}=\text { Bergen raises; } 4 \mathrm{x}=\text { splinter; } \\ & 3 \wedge=4^{+} \vee \mathrm{GF} \text { with one void; 3NT-Splinter in } \uparrow \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow>2 \vee=\text { catch-all; } 2 N T=14-17 ; \\ & \Rightarrow 2 \wedge \text {, any short ( } 2 \text { st asks) } ; 2 N T=\text { trial in } \\ & \wedge ; 3 X=\text { trial in } X \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \dot{\circ}=\text { Drury ( } 3 \mathrm{c}) \\ & \text { 2ST Both Minors } \\ & 3 \mathrm{x} \text { - Bergen } \end{aligned}$ |
| $1 \wedge$ |  | 5* | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 10-21 \mathrm{HCP}, 5^{+} \mathrm{a} \\ & * 3^{\text {rd }} \text { and } 4^{\text {th }} \mathrm{pl}: 4^{+} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1NT=F1 ( Gazilli); ‘} 2 / 1^{\prime}=\mathrm{GF} \\ & 2 \uparrow=7-10, \mathrm{w} 3 \text { cards support; } \\ & \text { 2NT = fit w/ } 4^{+} \mathrm{GF}, \text { no short; } \\ & 3 \mathrm{x}=\text { Bergen raises; } 4 \mathrm{x}=\text { splinter. } 3 \mathrm{NT} 4^{+} \uparrow \text { GF with void } \end{aligned}$ | - Over $2 / 1$ GF, $2 \uparrow=$ catch-all; $2 \mathrm{NT}=14-17 ; 3 \mathrm{NT}=11-12$ <br> - Over $2 \wedge, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ any short ( $3 \stackrel{\circ}{\circ}$ asks), <br> $3 \mathrm{X}=$ trial in X |  |
| 1 NT |  |  | 4 * | 15-17 HCP BAL | $2 \%=$ Stay (may have no majors); $2 \star=$ transfer or others; $2 \boldsymbol{v}=$ transfer $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Both minors, weak or strong or week in Diamonds <br> $2 \mathrm{NT}=1$ minor, weak or strong in $\&$ or strong in 3* invitacional $5 \vee / 5 \wedge=3 \vee / \wedge=3$ suit, singl $\uparrow / \downarrow$; $4 \%=$ Majors; $4 \diamond=\boldsymbol{\vee} ; 4 \vee-\uparrow=4 \mathrm{NT}$ invitational. | $\bullet$ Over 1NT - 2*-2 $\rightarrow$ Smolen | After RHO natural overcall, negative doubles and Rubensohl. |
| 2\% | V | 0 |  | Strong | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star=\text { Relay; } 2 \vee / \uparrow=5 \text { cards with } 2 \text { honors; } 2 \mathrm{ST}=14^{+} ; \\ & 3 * /=6 \text { cards with } 2 \text { honors } \end{aligned}$ | After 2*-2*-2 NT $\rightarrow$ 3*=Puppet Stay After $2 \star-2 \bullet-2 \vee / 2 \uparrow \rightarrow 3 *=2^{\text {nd }}$ neg. |  |
| 2 * | V | 0 |  | $\checkmark$-^ weak, or 22-23 HCP BAL | $2 \boldsymbol{v}=$ to play if weak in $\boldsymbol{\vee} ; 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ to play if weak in $\uparrow$ 2NT=asks; $3 ヵ / \downarrow=$ Not forcing | After 2NT, $3 \star=\vee \min , 3 *=\uparrow \min , 3 \vee=$ $\max , 3 \boldsymbol{n}=\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ max. |  |
| $2 \vee$ |  | 5 |  | 5 Hearts and 5+ other suit | $2 \mathrm{ST}=\mathrm{GF} ; 2 \mathrm{E}=$ Pass or correct; $3 \star=$ Inv. or more with fit |  |  |
| 2A |  | 5 |  | 5 Spades and $4^{+}$minor. | 2ST=GF; $3 \star=$ Pass or correct; $3 *=$ Inv. or more with fit |  |  |
| 2 NT |  |  |  | 18-20 HCP BAL | $3 \curvearrowleft=$ Puppet stayman; $3 \star / \downarrow=$ transfer; $3 \wedge=$ minors, slamish; 3NT 5S + 4 H; 4 $=$ majors; $4 \star=$ one minor | After $3 \star, 4 \star=$ both majors slamish, $4 \star=$ both majors to play. |  |
| 3\% |  | 0 |  | Pre-emp in * or bic \& and other |  | SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS <br> ( RKCB for $\downarrow$ is $4 \wedge$ and Blackwood) |  |
| 3 |  | 0 |  | Pre-emp in $\vee$ or bic * and other |  |  |  |
| 3v |  | 0 |  | Pre-emp in $\uparrow$ or BIC $\vee$ and other |  |  |  |
| 3 A |  | 0 |  | Solid minor or Bic $\uparrow$ and other |  | $\bullet$ RKCB \& Blackwood $\rightarrow$ • 3/0 •4/1 •2 •2 + Q <br> - 5 NT $=1$ Ace +1 Useful Void |  |
| 3 NT | V |  |  | Pre-emp in clubs |  | - 6 x (under trump) $=2 \mathrm{~A}+1$ usef void <br> - 6 on trump suit $=2 \mathrm{~A}+1$ usef void <br> - If LHO interfer, X or XX is even, "pass" is odd (DEPO) |  |
| 4\%-* |  | 7 |  | Pre-emp, with bad suit if in $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ position |  |  |  |
| $4 \vee$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 7 |  | Natural |  |  |  |

