



WBF Convention Card

DEFENSIVE & COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 level; Reopening)
Style: 6-17; 2/1 sounder. 1-level can be light, frequent 4 cards.
Responses: New suit NF, constructive; Jump raise PRE;
Cue F1; Jump cue = Mixed raise; Jump Shift highly INV
FIT jumps by PH.
Transfer advances after Neg. DBL of 1-level overcall
INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th live; Responses; Reopening)
2nd Position: 15-18
Responses: System on
4th Position: 11-16
Responses: cue=Stayman, all else NAT, jumps INV
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Style: WJO
Responses: 2NT asks shortness
Unusual NT: Low 2 unbid suits.
Reopening: INTER
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)
Style: Michaels
(1M)-3M asks for a stopper
Responses: (1m)-2m-(P)-3 either m = INV in corr M
(1M)-2M-(P)-3♣ = P/C, 3♦ = game try in our M
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)
Vs both, DIR: 2♣ = Ms; 2♦ = 5 ⁺ ♥s, 2♥ = 5 ⁺ ♠s,
2♠ = 4 ♠s + longer minor, 2NT = 4♥s + longer minor
Vs both, Reopening: 2m = NAT + A Major; 2M = NAT
Direct DBL: DBL = PEN; BAL DBL = minor or Ms
Vs PREEMPTS
T/O DBL thru 4♠; LEB after T/O DBL of WK 2M
(2M)-3M asks stopper (may be very STR 2 suiter)
(WK 2M)-4m = NAT + 5 OM
VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
DBL = good hand
1NT = Ms
2NT = ms
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
TRF after 1M-(DBL);
1♥-(DBL)-2♠ & 1♠-(DBL)-3♥ = Mixed Raise
JORDAN 2NT after 1M-(DBL): usually 4 card support
1♦-(DBL)-2NT = 5 ⁺ ♦s + 4 ⁺ ♠s. 1♦-(DBL)-3♣ = 5 ⁺ ♣s + 4 ⁺ ♦s
New suit at 1 level F1; Jump Shift NAT, INV

LEADS AND SIGNALS				
OPENING LEADS STYLE				
	Lead	In Partner's Suit		
Suit	3 rd even, low odd	same		
NT	4 th , ATT, Rusinow	3 rd best (not Rusinow)		
Subs.	Same	same		
Other: later, J/10/9 may=0 or 2 higher (up to honor in dummy)				
K vs suit if has ace, switch = shortness				
LEADS				
	Vs Suit	Vs NT		
Ace	AKx(x) through 4 level	Asks ATT for Queen		
King	KQx(x); AK	Asks CT or Unblock		
Queen	QJx(x)	KQJ(x), KQTx(x), KQx		
Jack	JTx(x)	QJxx(x), AQJxx(x), JTx		
10	T9(x), Tx	JTx(x), KJTx(x), T9x		
9	9x(x), or 3 rd from even	9x(x) or (HT)9x(x)		
Hi-x	xx	xx(x)		
Lo-x	CT (3 rd /even, low/odd)	T9xx(x), Hxxx(x)		
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY				
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's lead	Discarding	
suit	1 st	HI = ENCRG	HI = E	HI - ENCRG
	2 nd	HI = E	S/P	Hi-lo = E
	3 rd	S/P		S/P
NT	1 st	Hi = ENCRG	SMITH	HI = ENCRG
	2 nd		HI = E	S/P
	3 rd		S/P	Hi-lo = E
Signals (including trump): Trump S/P				
DOUBLES				
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses; Reopening)				
Style: May be short in low unbid suit				
Responses: Cue F1				
Reopening: Same				
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE (RE-)DBLS				
NEG DBL thru 4♥: 1♦-(1♥)-DBL 4 ⁺ spades				
RESP DBL thru 4♥ after DBL and overcall				
SUPPORT DBL and RDBL thru 3M				
Card-showing DBLs				
Game try DBLs				
Maximal overcall DBL (only at 3 level and 1-under suit)				

Category: Strong Club – BLUE
NCBO: USBF
Event: Rosenblum Teams
Players: ROGER BATES ALAN SONTAG
SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Strong club (18 ⁺ if BAL)
5 card M 1 st and 2 nd positions; 4 card M 3 rd and 4 th positions
Very light openings in 3 rd position
Very light PRE's
Very light responses to opening bids
INT Opening: 14 ⁺⁺ -17, 5M
2 over 1 RESP: Almost FG unless 2m-3m rebid
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
OPENINGS:
2NT = 5-5 ⁺ ♠s & red suit [1]
1♦ = ART, 10-16, many shapes, 2+ ♦s [2]
2♦ = Short diamonds, 10-16, 4-3 or 4-4M with ⊃s
3NT = Solid 7- or 8-card Major
RESPONSES:
1♦-1♥ or 1♣ may be 3 card suit
1♦-2♥ = 11-12 BAL or STR JS[4]
1♦-2♠ = 0-11 with minors
1♦-3♣ = INV in ⊃s, 6-card suit, 9-11
COMP:
Good/bad 2NT
Jump 1 under or 1 over our opened M = Mixed Raise [5]
Fit showing jumps by passed hand except 1♥-2M could be ⊃s or ♠s and the Major bid
1♦-(1♥)-1♠ ART, T/O for minors; 1♦-(1♥)-2♥ 5 ♠s, FG
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
Bid immediately stronger than Pass and Pull in obvious forcing pass situations
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
(1x)-1y-(Neg Dbl): 1N and up by us TRF
PSYCHICS: responses to 1-level openings may be suspect

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. # OF CARDS	NEG DBL THRU	ROGER BATES	ALAN SONTAG	28-April-06	
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PH & COMP BIDDING
1♣	✓	0		BAL hand with 18 ⁺ HCP or UNBAL with 16 ⁺ or equivalent playing strength	1♠ = 0-8 HCP 1M, 2m = 5 card suit, 9 ⁺ HCP, FG 1NT = 9-14 HCP, BAL, FG 2♥ = 5 ⁺ ♠s + 4 ⁺ of Major, FG 2♠ = (4-4-4-1) 3♣, 3♥ = 6 or 7 decent suit, 6-8; 3♦ 3M, 3NT, 4♣ = Solid suit (any suit)	Control asks, Support asks, Trump asks, Distributional relays, SPLs, 1♣-1♦-1♥ Relay 1♣-2♣-2N asks shortness	PH: same
1♦	✓	2		Good 10-16 HCP Many shapes [2]	1♥ RESP may be 3 card suit [2] 1♠ RESP very rarely 3 card suit; 2♦ F1; 2♥ INV BAL or SJS !s [4]; 2♠ minors 3♣ = INV ♣s [4], 3♦ = INV ♥s	1♦-1♥-2♥ shows 4 card support Many 2-way checkbacks after 1♦-1M-1♠/NT 1♦-1M-2♣-2♦ = checkback	PH: 2M = 5 card suit with 5 card m COMP: [2]
1♥		(4)5	4♣	Longest suit in BAL hand of 10-14 HCP or UNBAL hand 10-16 HCP Can be 4 card suit in 3 rd or 4 th position	1NT F1; 2NT NAT FG 3♣ = BAL, FG raise 3♦ = Limit Raise ⁺ Jump raise = Mixed; 3♠ = Unknown SPL, 12 ⁺ 3NT, 4m = voids	Opener shows strength and distribution /3♣ 1!-2!-2N = short ♣s 1!-2!-2♣ = unknown suit GT (2N accepts ♣s)	PH: Reverse DRURY FIT 1♥-2♠ & 1♠-2NT = unknown SPL 1♥-2NT = 5-5 ms 3♣ NAT; 3 other FIT COMP: Jump to 1 over/ 1 under = mixed raise [5]
1♠		(4)5	4♥	See 1♥	See 1♥, also 3♥ = INV; 3♣ = Mixed 3NT = Unknown SPL, 12-14	1♠-1NT-2♣-TRF Bart 1♠-2♠-2NT ART long-suit GT 1♣-2♣-3x short suit GT	
1NT			3♠	14 ⁺ -17 HCP, BAL Can have 5 card Major	NF STAY, JTB, TEXAS 2♠ → 2NT (Relay to show minors) 2NT = TRF ♣s 3♣ = TFR ♠s; 3♦ = Puppet STAY; 3♥ = 4144; 3♠ = 1444 4♠ = 4-4 in minors, S/T	SMOLEN 1NT-2♣-3M = MAX with 5 card suit 1NT-2♦, ♥-2NT = MAX, 3 card support; 1NT-2♦, ♥-3X = 4 card support 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♦ = 6♥s + 4♠s 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♥ = 6♠s + 4♥s	PH: same COMP: System on over DBL LEB (2NT ... 3NT promises stopper) 3-level transfers after NAT 2M [6]
2♣		6	4♠	NAT, 10-16 May have side 4 or 5 card suit	2♦ asks distribution, stoppers 2M NAT, NF; 4♥ KC 2NT, 3♣ ART [3], 3♦, ♥, ♠ NAT, F		
2♦	✓	0		10-16 short ♥s	2NT = shape ask	after 2N response = 4♣ = TRF to ♥s 4! / 4♣ / 4N special KC	
2♥	✓	5		Weak, may be 5 card suit NV	2NT = F, inquiry 3 new suit forcing 4♣ = PRE KCB [7]		COMP: Lead directing bids after DBL 2M-(DBL)-2NT → 3♣
2♠		5		WK 2, may be 5 card suit NV	2NT = F, inquiry; 3 new suit forcing 4♣ = PRE KCB [7]	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
2NT	✓			5-5 ♠s + red suit [1]		1430 RKCB; re-raise of m = KC; 4♦ can be KC in ♣s, Some DBL KC, Some suit asks, Exclusion KC, DOP1 at 5 level, DEPO above 5M	
3x				NAT, strength varies w/ VUL Good suit [1]	4♦/3♣ & 4♣ over others = PRE KCB [7]	Many shortness bids; GSF, more = less; asking bids; last train, 4NT often just S/T Gerber	
3NT	7			Solid major	4♣ asks length; 4♥ asks short (B,L,M,H)		
4m	7			NAT, PRE	4♥ over 4♣ and 4N over 4♥ = KCB		