

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS - General style
 Responses Only cue is forcing
 Redouble is A,K or Q
 In the reopening or 4th position
 1 NT 8-11, no 5-card
 dbl 12+
 other 8-11, 5-card

TAKE-OUT DOUBLES - General style
 Responses 1♦/2♣ possibly negative

1NT OVERCALL - 2nd pos. as opening
 Responses as on opening
 - 4th pos. 8-11, no 5-card
 Responses natural

JUMP OVERCALL Weak

2NT OVERCALL 2 lowest unbid suits

DIRECT CUEBID Michaels cuebid:
 Highest unbid suit and another

VS. STRONG NT Multi-defence:
 dbl: 5+♣ or 4+♦ and 4+♥
 2♣: 5+♦ or 4+♥ and 4+♠
 2♦: 5+♥ or 4+♠ and 5+♣
 2♥: 5+♠ or 5+♣ and 5+♦
 2♠: 4+♠ and 5+♦
 2NT: 5+♣ and 5+♥

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG 1♣ TRAP:
 pas: possibly 12+ dbl: 4+♥, <13p
 1♦: 4+♠, <13p 1♥: ♠/♣ or ♥/♦, <13p
 1♠: ♠/♥ or ♦/♣, <13p
 1NT: ♠/♦ or ♥/♣, <13p
 2♣/♦/♥/♠: 6+ or 1-, <13p

OVER OPPONENTS TAKE-OUT DOUBLE Truscott
 ext.
 pas: 6-9 some support 1NT: 6-9 no support
 jump: 8+, not forcing redbl: 10+, forcing
 raise: 0-5, some support double raise: 0-5
 other: 0-8, 5-card.
 Special: 1♥-(X)-1♠ and 1♠-(X)-2♥: support 8-11

LEADS AND SIGNALS

Opening leads
 Suit Rusinow
 NT Journalist

Subsequent leads Natural

Opening leads against NT shadowed,
 against suit underlined if different

AK	KQ	QJ	JT	T9	xx
AKx	KQx	QJx	JTx	T9	xxx
AKJx	KQxx	QJT9	JT98	T9x	xxxx
AKJT x	KQJx	KQT x	KJT9	98x	xxxxx
AQJ x	KJT x	KQT9x	KT98	xxxxxx	
AJxx	Kxx	Qxx	Jxx	Txx	
KJxxx	Kxxx	Qxxx	Jxxx	Txxx	
Kxxxx	Kxxxx	QT9x	Jxxxx	Txxxx	

In partners suit natural

Signal when following suit or discarding
 On partners first lead High = Encouraging
 On all other leads High = Even
 [Lavinthal]
 Discarding Roman Lavinthal

In trump suit Lavinthal

SPECIAL NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

4th suit forcing

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES



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SYSTEM SUMMARY

General approach and style

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Special openings and responses that may require
 defence

- 2♣ multicoloured
- 2♦ multicoloured
- 2♥ two suiter, weak
- 2♠ two suiter, weak
- on 1♣: 1♦/♥/♠/NT: transfers

Special competitive bids that may require defense

- TRAP against strong ♣
- Multi-defence against strong NT.
- 1♥-(X)-1♠ and 1♠-(X)-2♥: support 8-11
- 1♦-(1♦)-X: no 4-card major
- 1♣/♦-(1♥)-X: no 4-card ♠

Special, artificial and competitive doubles

Negative doubles up to 3♦
 Lightner doubles
 Support doubles

Psyches once a year

bid	#	DESCRIPTION	neg dbl	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS	MODIFICATIONS OVER COMPETITION
1♣	2	11-19	3♦	2♣: 10+, fir; 3♣: 6-9; splinters 1♦/♥/♠/NT: transfers	stops 1♣-1♦-1♥:3♥ etc; 1♣-1♦-2♥:4+♥ etc.	dropped dropped
1♦	4	11-19	3♦	2♦: 10+, fir; 3♦: 6-9; splinters	stops	dropped
1♥	5	11-19	3♦	splinters; 3♣: 4+♥, 7-9; 3♠:4+♥, 10-11; 2NT: 4+♥, MF	on 2NT: 3♣: max + singleton; 3♦: max; 3♥: min + renounce; 3♠:min + singleton; 3SA max + 6+	
1♠ 1NT	5	11-19 15-17, any 5-card	3♦	same as over 1♥ 2♣: asks 4♥/♠ 2♦/♥/♠/NT: transfers 3♣: 9+, 4441/4450/4414/4405 3♦: 9+, 5+♣ and 5+♦ 3♥: 9+, 3154/3145 3♠: 9+, 1354/1345	on 2♠/NT; refusal of transfer shows at least Hxx	dropped; transfers from 2NT
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2♣		weak ♥+♠;mf ♣/♦; sf/mf ♥/♠; NT 22-24		2♦ weak relay 2NT strong relay	2:♥/♠ weak ♥/♠; 3♣/♦/♥/♠: strong; 2NT 22-24 (Niemeyer) 3♣:max weak 4/5♥/♠; 3♦: max weak 4♥+4♠; 3♥/♠: min, preference 3NT: max weak 5/5♥/♠	double is NT variation double is NT variation
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2♦		weak 6♥/♠; sf ♣/♦; NT 24+		2♥ weak relay 2♠ interested in 4♥ 2NT strong relay	2♠ weak; 3♣/♦ sf ♣/♦; 3♥/♠ sf ♣/♦+ 2NT 24+ (Niemeyer) 4♥/♠ 3♣/♦ weak ♥/♠ (3♣/♥ invite 4♥/♠) 3♥/♠ sf ♣/♦; 3NT 24+	double is NT variation double is NT variation
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2♥ 2♠		5-11, two-suiter ♥/♣ or ♥/♦ 5-11, two-suiter ♠/♣ or ♠/♦		2NT asks other suit 2NT asks other suit		
2NT		19-21, all 5-cards possible		Niemeyer over 2NT variations: 3♣ asks 4/5 ♥/♠; 3♦/♥: transfers 3NT to play 3♠/4♣/♦/♥: slaminvitation ♣/♦/♥/♠ 4♠: asking for aces	3♦: 4♥ or ♠ (resp 3♥=4♠;3♠=4♥;4♦: 4♥+4♠); 3♥/♠: 5-card;	
3♣	6	weak ♣		without competition: asking bids		
3♦	6	weak ♦				
3♥	6	weak ♥				
3♠	6	weak ♠				
3NT	7	(semi)-solid 7♣/♦ max 1K outside		4♦/♥/♠ cue		
4♣	7	weak ♣				
4♦	7	weak ♦				
					SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS Roman Keycard-Blackwood: 1-4/0-3/2-5/2-5+ (after a bid pass is 1e step) Gerber; 1st and 2nd control cuebids; 5NT: Josephine; 4NT-opening asks for specific Ace	