



WBF Convention Card 2.19

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		OPENING LEADS STYLE			
5 card suit and constructive		Lead	In Partner's Suit		
Ghestem – at least opening bid	Suit	3rd & 5th or normal count	3rd & 5th or normal count		Category: Green
Weak jump overcalls – 5+ cards except [s always at least 6 card	NT	4th; top of sequence; strong tens	4th or normal count		Country: Northern Ireland
	Subseq	giving remaining count	giving remaining count		Event: Camrose
	Other:				Players: H Curran A Fitzpatrick
					SYSTEM SUMMARY
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		LEADS			GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
1NT immediately after opening bid shows 14-17 HCP and stopper in bid suit	Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT		14 - 17NT and 5 Card majors; 2/1 game forcing; jump fits/splinters
1NT in 4th position is 15-17 NT even if 2 suits bid	Ace	may hold K but asks for count or SP	promises K		Upside down count/ attitude
1NT in 4th position is protective and 10 - 14 HCP if only 1 suit bid	King	may promise the A but asks for attitude	Promises the Q		Weak 2 openings - 2{ 2} 2[= weak5/ 6 card suit 5/11pts
	Queen	Promises the J or K 10	Promises the J or K 10		Weak jump overcalls (6card); non penalty double to 4♠; constructive overcalls
	Jack	Promises the T or Q 9	Promises the T or Q 9		opening 1} can be short at least 2
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)	10	may promise the 9 or J 8	H109x		opening 1{ will be 4 card Q10xx or better
1-Suit: weak 5/6 card major or 5/6{ over 1}	9	shortage	109x+		
2-Suit: Ghestem	Hi-x	even no	even no		1NT Openings: 14 - 17 HCP
	Lo-x	3rd or 5th	4th or 2nd highest		2 OVER 1 Response; Game force
Reopen:	SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY				SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	Opening 2{/ 2] – 5/6 card weak 5/12 pts
Ghestem	Suit: 1st	attitude; count; SP	upside down count	revolving	Opening 2[- 6card [suit weak
Cue bid shows support for partner's suit	2nd	upside down count	upside down count	hand protection	Ghestem
	3rd				Lebensohl
	NT: 1st	high; upside down count	upside down count	revolving	
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)	2nd	upside down count	smith peters	hand protection	
Double for penalties over weak NT	3rd				
2) - one suited hand	Signals (including Trumps): Low to encourage				
2[- both majors, at least 4/4	Trump suit preference				
2] - hearts and a minor - may only hold 4 card] suit. 11+ pts					
2[- spades and a minor - may only hold 4 card [suit. 11+ pts					
Over Strong NT Featherstone	DOUBLES				
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)	TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)				
Over weak 2's Double - take out or 19+ Responder lebensohl 2NT or 2/3x invitational	Takeout doubles up to 4♠, double is shape suitable and too strong to overcall, when 2				
Cue = asking in NT. Jump over 2] = 3[= constructive semi solid 15-16pts	have been bid by the opposition then double promises the other 2 suits and 10+ pts				
4) and 4{ are 6 card m and 4other M. 3NT is single suited m and]/[stop.	When partner opens and LHO overcalls double shows other 2 suits				
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS	When partner reopens with a double promises tolerance for unbid suits				SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
over 1) Trap	SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES				
	1m - DBL shows at least 4/3 in the Ms. Opening points or stronger hand				
	1M - DBL shows Opening points or shape suitable hand				
	DBL - at 3 level t/o.				IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
	DBL at 4♥ level and above is for penalties but partner can still bid.				Inverted minors off in competition
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE	Support doubles				
Either support partner's suit or bid own suit showing a 5 card suit					
Redouble - 9+ HCP					Psychics: Rare
Cue their suit 3 card support for partner					

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS

Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Dble thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1)	yes	2		8+ HCP	1{/1M/1NT/2}/ jumpfit/splinter /cue bid/inv m	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1{	no	4 Q10xx		8+ HCP	1M/1NT/2m/2{/jump fitsplinter/cue bid/inv m	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1]	no	4		8 HCP	1[/1NT/2m/2]/jumpfit/ splinter and cue bid	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1[	no	5		8+ HCP	1NT/2m/2]/2[/jumpfitt/splinter and cue bid	normal bidding or cue bidding	
1NT	no			14- 17 HCP	stayman/transfers	normal bidding/ break transfer with 4	
2)	yes			23+ HCP or distributional	2{ GF2] double neg2[5/5 minors neg 2NT =3As or 3Ks or AKK or AAK on 3 different suits	Normal bidding	
2{	yes			Weak 5-11	2] /2[constructive non forcing 2NT enquiry		
2]	yes	5		5 - 11 HCP	2NT asking		
2[	yes	6		5 - 11HCP	2NT asking		
2NT	no	20-22		balanced	3} bid suits up		
3)	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT /5) to play		
3{	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/5{ to play		
3]	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/4] to play		
3[	no	7		6 - 9 HCP	3NT/4[to play		
3NT	no			23-26 no 4 card M or 5 card m	pass. 4)5/5 in Ms4{ transfer to}s 4] transfer to[s		
4)	no	7		Texas	4NT ace asking		
4{	no	7		Texas	4NT ace asking		
4]	no	8		Weaker preempt	4NT ace asking		
4[	no	8		Weaker preempt	4NT ace asking		
4NT	no				Long minor		
5)	no	8					
5{	no	8					
5]	n/a						
5[	n/a						
5NT	n/a						

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING

RKCB(1403) DPOI ROPI

Cue bid promises first round control in that suit when trump suit is agreed

Splinter promises singleton in bid suit and agrees trump suit

Gerber over NT

5NT grand slam force

5NT bypassing 4NT asks for holding in trump suit