

| Defensive and competitive bidding | Leads and signals | WBF CONVENTION CARD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p><i>Overcalls (1) and responses (2)</i> (1) Light overcalls on 1-level, reasonably sound on 2-level (2) Transfers after 1M / 2m overcalls (1x) 1M (p) 2M -2 = inv+ fit (1m) 1♠ (p) 2♣ = 5+♥ Remaining bid shows other minor</p> | <p><i>Opening leads</i> 3rd from even and low from odd against suit. Small is encouraging against NT, 3rd 5th in partners suit Rusinow against 5+ level, but not in partners suit <i>Subsequent leads</i> Attitude combined with 3rd5th through dummy 2nd 4th through declarer (consequently, so KQx)</p> | Guy Mendes de León Thibo Sprinkhuizen | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p><i>Take-out double (1) and responses (2)</i> (1) 10⁺ HCP; vs all natural openings (2) (1M) x (p) 1N = 8-11 any <i>In balance pos</i> (1) 8⁺ HCP (2) as in direct position</p> | <p><u>Underscored</u> vs suit/standard; Bold vs NT if different</p> <table> <tr><td><u>AK</u></td><td><u>KQ</u></td><td><u>QJ</u></td><td><u>JT</u></td><td><u>Tx</u></td><td><u>xx</u></td></tr> <tr><td><u>AKx</u></td><td><u>KQx</u></td><td><u>QJx</u></td><td><u>JTx</u></td><td><u>T9</u></td><td><u>xxx</u></td></tr> <tr><td><u>AKJx</u></td><td><u>KQxx</u></td><td><u>QJT9</u></td><td><u>JT98</u></td><td><u>T9x</u></td><td><u>xxxx</u></td></tr> <tr><td><u>AKJTx</u></td><td><u>KQJx</u></td><td><u>KQTx</u></td><td><u>KJT9</u></td><td><u>98x</u></td><td><u>xxxxx</u></td></tr> <tr><td><u>AQJx</u></td><td><u>KJTx</u></td><td><u>KQT9x</u></td><td><u>KT98</u></td><td></td><td><u>xxxxxx</u></td></tr> <tr><td><u>AJxx</u></td><td><u>Kxx</u></td><td><u>Qxx</u></td><td><u>Jxx</u></td><td><u>Txx</u></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td><u>KJxxx</u></td><td><u>Kxxx</u></td><td><u>Qxxx</u></td><td><u>Jxxx</u></td><td><u>Txxx</u></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td><u>Kxxxxx</u></td><td><u>Kxxxx</u></td><td><u>Qxxxx</u></td><td><u>Jxxxx</u></td><td><u>Txxxx</u></td><td></td></tr> </table> | <u>AK</u> | <u>KQ</u> | <u>QJ</u> | <u>JT</u> | <u>Tx</u> | <u>xx</u> | <u>AKx</u> | <u>KQx</u> | <u>QJx</u> | <u>JTx</u> | <u>T9</u> | <u>xxx</u> | <u>AKJx</u> | <u>KQxx</u> | <u>QJT9</u> | <u>JT98</u> | <u>T9x</u> | <u>xxxx</u> | <u>AKJTx</u> | <u>KQJx</u> | <u>KQTx</u> | <u>KJT9</u> | <u>98x</u> | <u>xxxxx</u> | <u>AQJx</u> | <u>KJTx</u> | <u>KQT9x</u> | <u>KT98</u> | | <u>xxxxxx</u> | <u>AJxx</u> | <u>Kxx</u> | <u>Qxx</u> | <u>Jxx</u> | <u>Txx</u> | | <u>KJxxx</u> | <u>Kxxx</u> | <u>Qxxx</u> | <u>Jxxx</u> | <u>Txxx</u> | | <u>Kxxxxx</u> | <u>Kxxxx</u> | <u>Qxxxx</u> | <u>Jxxxx</u> | <u>Txxxx</u> | | <p><i>System summary</i></p> <p>1♣ may be any Bal without 5M; may have 5♦</p> |
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| <p><i>INT overcall (1) and responses (2) (sandwich : see below)</i> (1) 2nd seat: 4(other)M + 5(other)m, After 3rd seat opening: 15-18 Bal (2) (1m) 1N: 2m = bid your M, (1M) 1N: 2m = Pas or correct After (1m) 1N (nat) we play system on and after (1M) 1N (nat) we play cue-bid stayman</p> | <p><i>Signals (between brackets if seldom used)</i> (1=odd, 2=even, D=discouraging, E=encouraging, S=suitpreference)</p> | <p>varying 1N ranges</p> <p>2/1 GF but 1♠ – 2♦ is 8+ 5+♥ and 1♦ – 2♣ relay, GF or invitational for ♦ / NT</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p><i>Jump overcalls</i> weak</p> <p><i>Two suiter</i> (1m) 2♦ = ♥ & ♣; (1m) 2N = om & ♥; (1m) 3m = om & ♣ (1M) 2M = oM & ♦; (1♥) 2N = ♣ & ♦; (1♥) 3♥ = ♣ & ♣ (1♠) 2N = ♥ & ♣; (1♠) 3♣ = ♣ & ♦</p> | <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Versus suit</th> <th>High</th> <th>Low</th> <th>Odd</th> <th>Even</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>On partner's lead</td> <td>D</td> <td>E</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>On declarer's lead</td> <td>S (1)</td> <td>S (2)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Discarding</td> <td>D</td> <td>E</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Versus NT</th> <th>High</th> <th>Low</th> <th>Odd</th> <th>Even</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>On partner's lead</td> <td>D (1)</td> <td>E (2)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>On declarer's lead</td> <td>S (1)</td> <td>S (2)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Discarding</td> <td>D</td> <td>E</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Versus suit | High | Low | Odd | Even | On partner's lead | D | E | | | On declarer's lead | S (1) | S (2) | | | Discarding | D | E | | | Versus NT | High | Low | Odd | Even | On partner's lead | D (1) | E (2) | | | On declarer's lead | S (1) | S (2) | | | Discarding | D | E | | | <p>Weak two in ♣ or any GF</p> <p>2-6 6♥/♣</p> <p>Green v/s Red 1st seat: 9-12 Green v/s Red 3rd seat: 9-14 Vulnerable: 15-17 Else: 12-14</p> <p>Good 4M preempt</p> | | | | | | | | |
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| <p><i>Versus natural NT</i> 2♣ = ♥&♣ Dbl = penalty <i>Versus strong</i> <i>Versus Weak</i> 2♦: one Major Bad 2M/good any suit overcall 2♥/♣: 5+♥/♣ 4+♣/♦ normal 2M overcall Versus NT passed hand: Dbl = 5m + 4M; 2♥/♣ = 5M&4+m</p> | <p><i>Explanation/extension</i></p> <p>low/high even/enc, low enc/even discarding often Smith (standard) vs NT in trick 2</p> <p>Always current count If we lead in partners known 5+crd suit (6+krt VS NT): s/p & middle = enc</p> <p>The king lead against 5+-level asks for count The king lead from AK against 4-level or lower is AK doubleton or singleton in a side suit</p> <p>We play a lot of transfers in competition</p> | <p>0-7 'any' or natural or 4♥&4♣ not inv or balanced without 4+M or 12+5♦+ 4♥/♣</p> <p>0-6 raise to 3♦</p> <p><i>Important notes that don't fit in elsewhere</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p><i>Versus preempts</i> Leaping Michaels; (2M) 3M = oM & ♦ <i>Versus artificial strong 1♣ and 2♣ openings</i> After 1♣ dbl = majors, 1NT = minors</p> | <p>We play a lot of suit preference!</p> | <p>1N overcall: After 1m opening: 5om & 4♥/♣ After 1M opening: 5♣/♦ & 4oM Not after an opening in 3rd seat or 1m 2+</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p><i>Over opponents take-out double</i> Jumps are weak, transfers after 1M</p> | | <p><i>Psychics : Openings Rare</i></p> <p><i>Other sometimes</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Opening | artificial | Min # of cards | Neg dbl to | Description | Responses | Subsequent action | Modifications over competition (COMP) and w/ passed partner |
|---------|------------|------------------------------|------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1♣ | x | 2 | 4♥ | 4♣+ unbalanced or Bal without 5♥/♣. Minimum Balanced is: 12-14 Vulnerable 13-16 1 st Green v/s Red 15-17 other NV | 1♦ 0-7 any or natural without 4♥/♣ or 4♥&4♣ not inv or balanced without 4+M or 12+5♦+4♥/♣ 1♥/♣ 8+ may have longer ♦ 2♣ 10+ 5+♣ 2♦ 3-6 6♥/♣ 2♥/♣ invitational with 6♥/♣ | 1♣ – 1♦ // 1♥ natural or minimum balanced 1♣ – 1♦//1N (17)18-(19)20 balanced 1♣ – 1♦ // 1♣ 4+♣ 4+♣ unbalanced 1♣ – 1M// 2♦ reverse or strong balanced 1m – 1M// 2N 15+ fit | Transfers in competition, Switch |
| 1♦ | | 4 | | 10+, 5+ or 4-4-4-1♣ May be 4card Bal in 3 rd Always | 2♣ relay, GF or invite in ♦ or NT 2♦ 2-6 6♥/♣ 2♥/♣ invitational with 6♥/♣ 2N 0-6 raise to 3♦ | 1m – 1M// 2N 15+ fit 1♦ – 1♥//1N 3♥ nf 1♦ – 1♣//1N 6♦ or 5+♦4♥ | |
| 1♥ | | 5 | | 10+ 5+M May be a good 4card in 3 rd seat | 2♣ GF relay 1♥ - 2♦ / 1♣ – 2♥ GF 5+♦ 1♣ - 2♦ 8+ 6+♥ or (9)10+ 5+♥ 2N limit – bad GF with fit 1♥ – 3♣ / 1♣ – 3♥ mixed raise 3N 10-14 ♦ splinter 1♣ – 4♦ transfer to 4♥ 4M-1 8-11 Raise to 4M | 1M – 1N // 2♣ = 10-14 5M 4♣ or 15-17 any or some 18+variants 1M – 1N // 2N = GF 5+M 4m or 6M | 2-way Drury, Switch |
| 1♣ | | 5 | | | | | |
| 1NT | | other | | 4 ranges: 15-17 - VUL any seat 12-14 - NV/NV any seat or NV/V 2 nd /4 th seat 9-14 - 3 rd seat NV/V 5M or 6m possible | 2♣ stayman 2♦/♥ transfers, may be 4♥/♣ 2♣ invite or ♣&♦ or weak ♦ 2N asking weak doubleton 3♣ asking 5M or showing 5M 3♦ 4441m 3♥/♣ 4441M | | Transfer lebensohl |
| 1NT | x | NV/V 1 st seat | - | 9-12 1 st seat NV/V 5M or 6m possible | 2♣ invitational stayman 2♦ game-forcing stayman Rest is to play | | |
| 2♣ | x | - | - | Weak two in ♣ or any GF | 2♦ NF relay, 2♥ relay, 2N asking Rest is to play | 2M = 4+, may have longer minor | |
| 2♦/♥/♣ | | 5 | - | Weak two's | 2N asking; 2♦ – 2♥ relay New suits non-forcing | | |
| 2NT | | | | 21-23, 5M possible | Muppet stayman; transfers | <i>Slam approach and conventions</i> 1430 RKCB. Cue's. 3NT serious. A lot of last train bids. D0P1. Sometimes showing shortness. Exclusion Blackwood. Optional Blackwood for the minors. | |
| other | | | - | Preemptive | New suits on 3-level non-forcing 3♣ - 3♦ puppet to 3♥ ; 3♣ – 3♥ F1 | | |
| 3NT | x | | - | Strong M | 4♣ good try, 4♦ mild try, 4♥ p/c | | |