

## *Defensive and Competitive Bidding*

### OVERCALLS (STYLE; RESPONSES: 1/2 LEVEL; REOPENING)

General Style = Sound

Reponses: Jump Raise = Preemptive

Cue-Bid = Forcing raise

New Suit = Forcing- jump shift = fit

In Balancing Position: Same

### TAKE-OUT DOUBLE:

General Style = Can be light / shaped

Responses: Natural. Cue bid = Forcing

### 1NT OVERCALLS (2ND/4TH LIVE; RESPONSES; REOPENING)

2nd Position = 16 - 18

Responses: Bid as 1NT opening

Natural

4th Position = 10 - 14

Responses: Natural

### JUMP OVERCALLS (STYLE; RESPONSES; UNUSUAL NT)

1-Suit : Natural;

Responses - New suit = forcing

2-suit:- 1Club - 2Clubs = 5♥/5♠

Reopen: Cue = any good two suiter. 2NT = 19-21

### DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (STYLE; RESPONSES; REOPEN)

Direct Cue Bid = Michaels (Note 1)

### VS NT (VS STRONG / WEAK; REOPENING; PH)

Landy (Note 3)

### VS PREEMPTS (DOUBLES; CUE-BIDS; JUMPS; NT BIDS)

Take out doubles thru 4♥

### VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

### OVER OPPONENTS; TAKE OUT DOUBLE

New suit forcing at 1-level

Jump Shift non-forcing

Double Jump = Splinter / 2NT = limit raise or better

## *Leads and Signals*

### OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
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Suit	3rd / 5th	3rd / 5th
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NT	4th	3rd / 5th
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Other	2nd from 4 small	
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### LEADS

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
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Ace	AKx; Axxx(+)	AK; AKx(+)
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King	KQ; AK; KQ109x	KQ; AKJ10(x); KQ109(+)
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Queen	QJ; QJx(x)	QJ; QJx(+); AQJx(+); KQx(+);
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Jack	J10; J10x(+); KJ10x(+)	J10; j10x(+); KJ10x(+)
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10	109; 109x(+); H109x(+); 10x	109; 109x(+); H109x(+)
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9	9x; 98x(+)	98x(+)
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Hi-x	Sx; xxS	Sx; Sxx; xSxx
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Lo-x	HxS; HxSx(+); xSxx(+)	HxS; HxxS(+); xxxS(+)
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### SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
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1	Hi/lo = E	Same	Same
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2	Hi=encouraging		
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3	S/P		
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1	Hi/lo = E	Same	Same
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2	Hi = encouraging		
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3	S/P		
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### SIGNALS (INCLUDING TRUMPS):

Suit preference in trump suit. Smith Peters (High = E).

### TAKEOUT DOUBLES (STYLE; RESPONSES; REOPENING)

May be light with classic shape

Cue = F until a suit is bid twice;

New suit = F1

Reopen: same as above

### SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

Responsive Dbl: After T/O Dble thru 4♥; after o/call thru 4♠

Repeat same suit dble by Neg doubler = Take out (See Note 8)

Over minor Michaels: Major = stopper

Over Major Michaels: cue bid in opponents' major = limit raise or better

## THE WARREN BUFFETT CUP INDIVIDUAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

## System Card

### *Team Europe*

### GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Natural, 5-card Majors

Longer Minor - 1♣ if 3.3

Limit jump raises over majors

1NT response = not forcing

1NT Opening: 15 - 17

2 over 1 response: Promises rebid (See Note 7)

### SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

2♣ Opening = strong, forcing to game or 23 - 24 Bal

2♦ Opening = Natural Weak 6+ (6-10 HCP)

2♥ Opening = Weak Major 6+ (6-10 HCP)

2♠ Opening = Weak Major 6+ (6-10 HCP)

3NT Opening = Gambling

2NT Overcall = two lower unbid suits

Michaels Cue-bids (Note 1)

Lebensohl after 2-level overcall of 1NT (Note 2)

Negative Doubles to 3♠

### SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

### IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

Double Jump in new suit = Splinter if minor over major

Jump Cue Bid by Opener = Splinter raise

### PSYCHICS:

Rare

<i>Opening</i>	<i>Tick if Artificial</i>	<i>Min. No. Cards</i>	<i>Neg. Dbl Thru'</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Subsequent Auction</i>	<i>Modifications over Competition and with Passed Partner</i>	
Pass				Not an Opening Bid				
1♣		3	3♠	11 - 21 HCP	Single raise weaker than double raise  Strong jump shift (1♣ - 2 any)	4th suit forcing: game forcing; Reverses by opener forcing; by responder = Game forcing; Third suit = 1 Round Force	Jump Cue-bid over overcall = Splinter Cue bid for overcall = asks for a stopper Jump shift pre-emptive over overcalls	
1♦		3	3♠	11 - 21 HCP	Single raise weaker than double raise Strong jump shift (1♣ - 2 any)	As above - NOTE 5 -	As above	
1♥		5	3♠	11 - 21 HCP	1NT not forcing, 5+ points Raises = limit. 2NT = FG with trump support	Raises = limit. Re-raise = Pre-emptive General principles as above	Cue bid over Comp = Strong Raise	
1♠		5	3♠	11 - 21 HCP	As for 1♥	As for 1♥; 1♠ - 2♣; 2♠ - 3♠ = limit	As for 1♥	
1NT				15 - 17 balanced	Jacoby Transfers: Note 9	Over Stayman: rebids are Major invitational, minor forcing	Dble at 3-level shows values. Dbl at 2-level is T/O	
2♣	☞		3♠	Artificial, strong (GF or 23-24 Bal)	Natural; positive requires good suit; 2♦ = neutral	Cheaper minor = second negative thru' 3♦	Natural	
2♦				6 - 10 HCP	New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum	3NT = AKQxxx	Natural	
2♥		6		6 - 10 HCP	New suit forcing 2NT asks for feature if maximum	3NT = AKQxxx	Natural	
2♠		6		6 - 10 HCP	As for 2♥ opener	As for 2♥ opener	Natural	
2NT				20 - 21 balanced	Jacoby Transfers; Stayman Note 9	2NT - 3♣ > ♣      2NT - 3♠ 2NT - 4♣ > ♦      3♦ - 3♥ = 5♠ + 4♥	Natural Dbl = Penalties	
3♣		6		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing			
3♦		6		Pre-emptive	New Suit forcing			
3♥		6		Pre-emptive	3♠ Natural. Minors = cue-bid			
3♠		6		Pre-emptive	4♥ Natural. Minors = cue-bid			
3NT		7(6)		Gambling	Natural			
4♣		7		Pre-emptive	Natural			
4♦		7		Pre-emptive	Natural			
4NT				Blackwood				
<b><i>Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids)</i></b>								
Five - Ace Blackwood: RKCB (Note 6)							Cue Bids	
Splinters								
GSF								
<b><i>No Changes Allowed: All conventions are interpreted by reference to the attached Supplementary Sheets</i></b>								

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*The Warren Buffett Cup - Individual Bridge Championship*

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SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET

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**Note 1: Michaels Cue Bids:**

1♣ - 2♣ )

1♦ - 2♦ ) Both majors 5(+) / 5(+)

1♥ - 2♥ = 5♠ + 5 minor

1♠ - 2♠ = 5♥ + 5 minor

All jumps in known suits PRE (but may be tactically strong)

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**Note 2: Lebensohl:**

2NT forces 3♣. Responder may now pass or make a minimum bid in a suit, NF

2-level new suit bids are not encouraging. 3-level new-suit bids are forcing

1NT (2x) 2NT (p)  
3♣ (p) 3x = GF No Stopper

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**Note 3: Landy:**

2♣ shows at least four cards in each major suit; then

vs No Trump:

Penalty Double

2♣ shows at least four cards in each major suit = Landy

2♦/♥/♠ = Natural

1NT - 2♣ - ?

2♦ = relay to play the better major

2NT = strong inquiry (cue-bid!)

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**Note 5: Responses after NT rebid**

2♣ checkback after 1NT rebid

Wolff 3♣ Signoff over 2NT rebid

4th suit: game forcing

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**Note 6: R K C B****(4NT asks for 5 key cards, 4 Aces + King of Trumps)**

Responses:

5♣ = 3 or 0  
5♦ = 4 or 1  
5♥ = 2  
5♠ = 2 + Queen of Trumps  
5NT = 2 + a void  
6 = 1 + a void

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**Note 7: Non Forcing Sequences**

1♠ - 2♣  
2♦/♥/♠ - 3♣

1♠ - 2♣  
2♦/♥ - 2♠

1♠ - 2♣  
2♦/♥/♠ - 2NT

1♠ - 2♣  
2♠ - 3♠

1M - 2 lower  
2NT = extra values

1♥ - 1♠  
2♣ - 3♥ - limit raise

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**Note 8: Take Out Double**

1♣ - 1♦ - X = denies 4-card major

1♣ - 1♥ - X = denies 4♣

Take Out Double by Opener: shows three card support for responder and a non-minimum hand or a strong hand

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**Note 9: Responses to 1NT and 2NT Opening****a) Stayman**

1NT - 2♣:

2♦ = No Major  
2♥ = 4♥  
2♠ = 4♠

2NT - 3♣

Same

**b) Transfers**

1NT - 2♦ = 5+♥  
2♥ = 5+♠  
2♠ = 5+♣  
2NT = Nat  
3♣ = 5+♦  
4♦ = 5♥+5♠

2NT - Same

c) 1NT - 3♦/♥/♠ = strong, Natural

**d) Subsequent Bids:**

1NT - 2♣

2♦ - 3♥ = 4♥ + 5♠ F

1NT 2♣

2any 3♣ = forcing