## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1⁄2 Level; Reopening) Agressive, usually at least a 5-card suit

New suit NF, cue promises fit opposite 1 level overcall, 2NT good 4card raise opposite 1 M overcall if next player passes, transfers after neg dbl

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
15-17, system on. Reopening: 12-16 over 1M, 12-14 over 1 m .
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) Intermediate.

## DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)

$1 *-2 *=54 \mathrm{M} 10-15,1 *-2 *=55 \mathrm{M}$
Jump cue bid asks for stopper.

## OVER OPPONENTS' 1NT

Double $=44+$ M or good $2 \star .2 \star=5 \star / 4+m .2 \star=4 \star / 5+m .2 v=5+\boldsymbol{*}$.
$2 \wedge=$ nat, limited and usually 6 -card suit. $2 N=$ minors

VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids) Take out doubles through $4 \vee$.

2NT = 15-18 (system on)
3NT = to play Leaping Michael's

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

## 1* $-(X)=$ Majors

1* $-(1 * / \vee / \wedge)=$ natural

| $1 *-(1 * / \vee *)=$ natu |
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| $1 *-(1 N T)=$ Minors |

1* - (2*) = natural
Otherwise double of an artificial bid is lead directing.

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
RDBL $=9+$ penalty orientated

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Suit | 3rd/5th Lead | In Partner's suit |
| NT | 4th. Middle from Hxx or xxx, may <br> lead high if wants an immediate <br> lif supported |  |
| switch |  |  |$\quad$ Same | Subsead high |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| 3rd/5th, some attitude. <br> 9+promises higher honour | Attitude |

EADS

| LEADS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lead |  |  |
| Ace | AKx+ $\quad$ vuit | vs. NT |
| King | KQx, AK | AKx+ |
| Queen | QJx | KQx, AKJ10 |
| Jack | $J 10 x, H J 10 x$ | QJx, KQJ |
| 10 | $1098,10 x, H t 9+$ | 1098, same |
| 9 | $987,9 x$, | Short or H9x |
| 8 | $8 x, H 98 x$ |  |


| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Suit |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | Std attitude | Count | Rev attitude |  |
|  | 2 |  | Count/s.p | suit preference |  |
| NT | 3 |  | Count/s.p |  |  |
|  | 1 | Std attitude | Smith, hi enc | Rev attitude |  |
|  | 2 | count |  | count |  |
|  | 3 | suit preference |  | suit preference |  |

Rev Attitude and Standard Count, Standard Attitude at trick 1 SUIT PREFERENCE: HI=FOR HIGHER SUIT

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Emphasis on unbid majors. Equal level conversion
Cue FG opp double of 1 M but opp double of 1 m is usually $7-10$ both majors or bidding on. Two cues set up FG

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE (RE-)DOUBLE Negative double
Support double and redouble
Lead directing double

## WBF Conveniton Card

А $\vee$ \&
Country: ENGLAND
Event: European Championships 2014
Players: David Gold
David Bakhshi

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

## 1*=natural or 12-14/15-17 bal. $1 *=$ natural or 18-19 bal

## 5-card Majors

1NT $=15-17 \mathrm{~V}, 11+-14 \mathrm{NV}$
Variable two-bids depending on vul
Agressive preempts and light openings NV

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
$2 \star$ NV 1-3 = 5/4+MM 5-9 or 25+bal. V and 4th=25+bal or
$\bullet \star$ single-suited FG or $\stackrel{\text { and }}{ } 4 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{FG}$
$2 \vee /$. NV $1-3=5 \mathrm{M} / 4+\mathrm{m} 5-9 . \mathrm{V}=5-10$ weak 2 (10-13 in 4th)
3 N opening=strong 4 M opener

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING

## RKCB 1430

Minor-suit RKCB
EKCB 3041
PMKC facing a preempt

OTHER CONVENTIONS


| Opening | Artificial? | Min. cards | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1* | X | 2 | Nat or any 12-14 bal V/15-17 bal NV | $1 *$ nat, occasionally 3 cards. 1 M nat, $1 \mathrm{~N} 6-114+\boldsymbol{*} .2 \star=5 \star+$ FG. $2 \star=5 \wedge / 4+\vee 6-11$. $2 v=$ inv NT. $2 \wedge=5+*$ inv, $2 N=$ nat FG, $3 X=$ nat weak |  |
| 1. | X | 2 | Nat or any 18-19 bal | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star=F G 5+\star, 2 \star=\text { nat } N F, 2 \downarrow=4+\vee / 5 \star 6-11,2 \star=4+\star \text { inv }+2 N=\text { nat FG, } 3 \star=\text { inv, } \\ & 3 \star=\text { mixed } 3 M=\text { weak } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 19 |  | 5 | NV unbalanced unless 15+ | $1 \wedge=0-4 \wedge, 1 N=5+\wedge .2 \star=$ art FG, $2 \star=$ good raise $8-12,2 \downarrow=$ weak raise, $2 \wedge=$ any minisplinter, $2 \mathrm{~N}=6+\mathrm{FG}, 3 *=$ inv, $3 \star=$ limit raise, $3 \vee=$ pre $/$ mixed, $3 \wedge=$ void, $3 \mathrm{~N}=$ void $\star$, $4 *=$ void, $4 *=$ good $4 \vee$ bid Passed hand bidding: $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ best raise to $2 \vartheta, 2 \diamond=$ sound raise | Gazzili after $1 \boldsymbol{v}-1 \wedge, 1 \boldsymbol{v}-2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 *$ any 15+ |
| 1^ |  | 5 | NV unbalanced unless 15+ | 1 NT $=$ F1, $2 *=$ art FG, $2 *=5+\downarrow$ FG, $2 \downarrow=$ good raise $8-12,2 \wedge=$ weak raise, $2 N=6+*$ FG, $3 *$ mini-splinter in a minor, $3 *=$ limit raise, $3 v=$ mini-splinter, $3 n=$ pre/mixed, $3 N=$ void $\vee, 4 m=$ void, $4 \vee=$ nat Passed hand bidding: $2 \boldsymbol{*}=5+\boldsymbol{v}, 2 \star=$ best raise to $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \boldsymbol{v}=$ sound raise | Gazzili after $1 \wedge-1 \mathrm{~N}, 1 \wedge-2 \boldsymbol{n}-2 *$ any 15+ |
| 1NT |  |  | NV: 11+-14 bal/semi bal, 5M/4m/4441 routinely. <br> V: $15-17 \mathrm{bal} /$ semi bal | $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ relay to $2 \star, 2 \star / \downarrow=$ transfer, $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ range ask, $2 N=F$ to $4 m$ (shows/asks for low dblton), $3 \div / \bullet / \uparrow=$ FG short in a suit above, $4 \div / 4 *=$ Texas, $4 N T=$ good quant |  |
| 2* | X |  | NV: 23-24 bal or any FG <br> V: 23-24 bal or various FG hands vonesuiter / $\uparrow+$ another / onesuiter with bad suit / $\therefore+$ another / *+longer * | $2 \star=$ neg or relay, $2 \vee / \star=$ nat positive (can be light), $2 N / 3 \star=$ trsf, $3 \star / \vee=$ trsf showing 6 card suit and limited values, $3 \boldsymbol{A}=55 \mathrm{~m}$ |  |
| 2 * | X |  | NV: 1st-3rd 54+M 5-9 or 25+bal V: and 4th $25+$ bal or singlesuited FG with c, $d$ or $s$ or FG d+4M | NV: 2N asking, 3 m NF, 4ヶ/ $\downarrow=$ PMKC for $\vee / \star$ V : $2 v=$ relay, $2 N=$ positive with $\vee$ |  |
| 2v |  |  | NV: 1st-3rd 5M4+m 5-9 V: 1st-3rd W2 5-10 6+ 4th 10-136v | NV: 2^ NF, 2N asking, $3 * p / c, 3 * g / t$ for $M$ $\mathrm{V}: 2 \mathrm{~N}$ asking for feature | NV: 2M-2N- 3m nat, 3M max 55 with linked $m$ |
| 2^ |  | 6 | NV: 1st-3rd 5M4+m 5-9 V: 1st-3rd W2 5-10 6+^ 4th 10-13 6n | NV: $3 \vee \mathrm{NF}$ other responses like after $2 \vee$ |  |
| 2NT |  |  | 20-22 bal | 3*=puppet, $3 \bullet / \vee=$ trsf, $3 \boldsymbol{n}=$ minors, $\mathrm{lvl} 4=$ two below slam try | $2 \mathrm{~N}-3 \mathrm{c}-3 \mathrm{v}=$ no $\mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{~N}=5 \mathrm{v}$ |
| 3* |  | 6 | NV: agressive, could be like normal W2 V : sound | NV: new suit=NF, om=relay |  |
| 3 |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| 3 n |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| 3NT | X | 7 | Strong 4M | 4*=slam try, $4 *=$ bid your $\mathrm{M}, 4 \mathrm{M}=$ slam try with at most x in the bid $\mathrm{M}, 4 \mathrm{~N}=$ RKCB | 3N-4»-4*/4v trsf then new suit splinter |
| 4*/* |  | (6)7 | Natural preemptive | 4*-4*=art slam try, 4*-5*=art slam try |  |
| 4 / / |  | 7 | Natural |  |  |
| 4NT |  | 7 | Good 5m (about 10 trick hand |  |  |
| $5 \% / 5$ |  | 7 | to play |  |  |
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