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Summary - World Championships System Review

It has taken just over a week of part-time work to complete the preliminary system review. This would take longer the first time one does it (if drafted into this work), and would be quicker if done full-time.

At this stage of the review process there are three steps that take place now:

1) Clean-up and revise. Each of the system reviews is looked at again, and updates are made to correct mistakes and add new details. For this post here and the posts below, updates will be made in the next couple of weeks to reflect changes. In particular, for readability, the "Total so far" sections of the System Review posts have been removed (see the end of this post for it), as these were given for those following on a post-by-post basis.

2) The team members are provided with sets of hands played by various pairs of their upcoming opponents. The amount that would be given would depend on the time available (and corresponding motivation) of the team members for their preparatory work. A full-time researcher would also do tendency analysis (e.g. when do they open or not, when do they overcall or not, what is their carding and when does it apply) with especially focus on the stronger teams, as every edge is necessary to beat them.

3) The defences necessary are identified. These are separated into two groups: the defences that apply more often, and the defences that will rarely be needed. Each pair on a team is expected to have available the defences to the frequent items, and team members are provided a default defence in case they don't have one available. For the rarely needed defences, for those strange one-of-a-kind methods, defences are prepared but team members are not expected to devote much time in getting to know them - these rare methods can only occur in one or a few matches, and may never come up.

Here's a look at the popular methods that a team must be prepared for:

Popular methods

Approaches:

19: Standard-ish (i.e. expert standard, often 2/1 or close to it)

19: Standard short club, or modern(1C bal or Cs)

13: Big Club

5: Multi-way

1C:

21: 3+

18: 2+

13: Big club

1D:

24: 4+

20: 3+

16: Short D

1M:

58: 5+ (4 possible in some cases)

1NT:

52: in the 14-18 ballpark (perhaps not at all times)
13: weak/mini NT (at least sometimes)

2C:

38: Strong: in some standard sense
16: Big club/polish style (some promise 6+Cs, some can have 5Cs+4cM)

2D:

15: Multi in some way with no strong option
9: Multi in some way with a strong option or options
9: Weak two (styles vary)
9: Majors (majors, some promises 5-5+, some 4-4+)
9: Strong
3: Semi-Multi: Weak two H or strong hand types
2: Short D

2M:

38: Weak two (styles vary)
9: Weak two-suiter
8: 2H: Majors, 2S S+m or just S

2NT:

45: in the 18-23 ballpark
11: Minors

1NT Overcall:

Everybody plays a strongish NT overcall in the 14-19 ballpark, except:
2: over M 4OM+5+m, over m 4M+5+om

Jump Overcalls:

Usually weak/preemptive but often pairs have exceptions

Cues:

29: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
Many other methods - always ask before a match

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli:

7: Gazzilli
7: 1C Transfers
7: some 2C Relays over some 1X openings

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Totals

Approaches:

15: Standard
13: Big Club
11: Standard short club
5: Modern(1C bal or Cs)
2: Pakistan Club

- 1: Modern + 18-19 bal 2C
- 1: Modern + 1D can be bal if 5 or good suit
- 1: Semi-Modern (i.e. 1C Cs or bal 11-14 including 3-3-4-3)
- 1: ACOL, weak NT
- 1: KS
- 1: Swiss ACOL
- 1: Modified Polish
- 1: Modified Polish with variable ranges
- 1: Modified Polish/Swedish with variable ranges
- 1: Fantunes
- 1: Standard mini NT NV 1/2/3

1C:

- 20: 3+
- 13: Big club
- 8: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)
- 3: 2+, natural or 12-14/18-19 bal
- 2: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2), if Bal (11)12-14
- 1: 2+, natural or 11-14/18-19 bal
- 1: 3+, standard, 3-3 minors opens 1C, 4-4 minors opens 1D
- 1: 2+, natural or 12-14 bal (cc not clear if 1D unbal always)
- 1: 2+, natural or 12-14 bal (no 5+ suit except clubs but can have 4Ds if suit not good)
- 1: 2+, natural or 11-14 Cs bal, 2Cs only if 4-4-3-2 exactly, can be 3-3-4-3
- 1: 2+, could have longer Ds
- 1: 2+ (can have 2Cs and 4Ds, not clear which Bal opens 1D)
- 1: 4+ ACOL
- 1: 1C: 0+, 12-14(15) Bal, 11-18 Cs, 16+ 4-4-4-1, (18)19+ any (not 21-22 Bal)
- 1: NV: 15-20 Bal or Cs or any GF, VUL: 12-14/18-20 Bal or Cs or any GF
- 1: (13)14+ Cs or 15+ Bal, can be (12)13 in 3
- 1C: 19+ any or 12-15 5+Cs
- 1C: 18+ any or 12-15 5+Cs
- 1C: 18+ Bal or 17+ unbal or 12-14 Bal or 11-16 4-4-1-4 or, NV 1/2 15-17 Bal (in which case 12-14 Bal is 13-14 Bal and 19-20 Bal opens 2NT)

1D:

- 20: 4+
- 20: 3+
- 5: 0+
- 3: 1+
- 3: 2+
- 1: (1)2+
- 1: 2+/4+
- 1: 4+/1+
- 1: 5(4)+
- 1: 5 or 4-4-4-1
- 1: (3)4+
- 1: (13)14+ Ds, can be (12)13 in 3
- 1: 1+, 11-12(13) Bal (11-13 in 3/4) or 4+D or any 4-4-4-1 (range for 1D not clear, likely 11-15)
- 1: 1+, (10)11-16, hand types undefined, likely 11-13 Bal or 11-15 Unbal max 5Cs usually no 5cM

1M:

31: 5+
11: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd)
7: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd and 4th)
6: 1M: (4)5+
1: 1S: 5+, 1H: 4+
1: 5+, 11-15, 1H: can be 4-4-1-4
1: 5+, 11-15, 1H/S: can be 4-4-1-4
1: 4+
1: 5+M, (13)14+, can be (12)13 in 3, all suits can be both majors 11-13

1NT:

22: 15-17
7: (14)15-17
5: 14-16
3: 12-14
2: 14+-17
2: 14+-17-
2: 15-18
2: 13-15
1: 14+-18-
1: 15+-18-
1: 15-17(18)
1: 15-17 (16-17 in 3/4)
1: 14-16, 15-17 in Vul 3/4
1: 15-17, except 10-12 NV 1-2
1: 14-15
1: 11-13
1: 12+-15 (can be 11 in 3rd)
1: 12+-15 in 1/2, 15-17 in 3/4
1: 13-15 in 1/2, 14-15 in 3/4
1: 15-17, 9-12 NV vs. VUL in 1st
1: 10-12 1/2/3 NV, (14)15-17
1: 15-17 in 3/4, 10-12 NV 1/2, 14-16 Vul 1/2
1: VUL: 15-17, FAV(1/2): 9-12, Other: 11-14.

2C:

8: Strong: undefined
6: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11-15
3: Strong: 22+ or 3.5 losers
3: Strong: Game force or 23-24 bal
2: Strong: ART any shape or 23+ Bal (likely means GF any shape)
2: Strong: 22+ Bal or strong
2: Strong: (17)18-19 Bal (semi-bal)
2: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 10-15
2: Semi-Strong: 5+Cs, 16-18
1: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11+-16-
1: Strong: Any Game Force
1: Strong: Game force or 24+
1: Strong: 22+ Bal or any game force
1: Strong: Game force (likely includes 22-23 Bal not game forcing)
1: Strong: Game force (likely includes 23-24 Bal not game forcing)

1: Strong: 22+ or 9 tricks
 1: Strong: 20+ or 8+ tricks
 1: Strong: 22+ Bal or 20+ Unbal
 1: Strong: ART any shape or 22+ Bal (likely means GF any shape)
 1: Strong: Game force or 23-24 bal or strong 1 suiter
 1: Strong: ACOL 2 bid or strong bal (range not clear since 2NT for minors)
 1: Strong: 22-23 Bal or ACOL (16+ HCP, playing value)
 1: Strong: 22-23 Bal or strong in any suit or ACOL
 1: Strong: 21+
 1: Strong: 19-20 Bal, any SF(?), GF H, 25-26 Bal, solid M 8-9 tricks
 1: Strong: 22+ or 8.5+ tricks, but likely not 24+ Bal
 1: Strong: 22+ Bal or game force or weak 5+Ds
 1: Strong: 22-36 or 9+ tricks
 1: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 10-16
 1: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 10-14
 1: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, NV: 10-15, VUL: 15-17
 1: Weak, 5-11, 5-5+, H+any (but 2H opening Ms)
 1: 6+Cs, 11-15
 1: 6+Cs, 10-15
 1: 6+Cs, 10-15, 5C possible in 3rd
 1 : (5)6+Cs, 11-15, 9-15 NV vs. Vul
 1: Intermediate: (9)10-13, 5+C unbal, 0-12 in 3
 1: Semi-Multi: Weak, 3-10 5+Ds, 20-21 Bal, 26-27 Bal, Game Force one suiter

2D:

4: Multi: weak in a M
 3: Weak, 5+ suit
 3: Weak, Ms
 2: Strong: Any game force
 2: Ms, 0-10
 2: Multi: 5-10, one M
 2: Multi: 0-7 with a M, or 19-21 with a 6+M or a 5M-4
 2: Multi: weak with a M, or 22-23 Bal
 2: Weak, 6(5)Ds
 2: Strong: 18-19 Bal no 5cM
 1: Multi: weak in a 5+M
 1: Multi: 5-10, weak in a (5)6+M
 1: Multi: 3-9, weak in a (5)6+M
 1: Multi: 2-7 with a 5+M
 1: Weak, (5)6D, fairly sound
 1: Weak, 3-10, 5+Ds
 1: Weak, 5-11, 5+ suit
 1: Weak, 6+ suit
 1: Multi: 6-10 with a 6 major
 1: Multi: 6-11 with a 6 major
 1: Multi: 3-7 with a 5+ major or 25-26 Bal or unspecified strong hand
 1: Multi: 5-11 with a M, or 21-22 Bal
 1: Multi: 5-11 with a 6 major or 21-22 Bal or unspecified strong hand
 1: Multi: weak M 1/2/3, Good 6D in 4
 1: Multi: 4-9, 6(5)+ suit or 24+ Bal
 1: Multi: 3-10, 6(5)+ suit (no strong option). Weak 3-10 Ms (3/4)

- 1: Multi: (2)3-7 with a 6M (may have 5M NV vs. Vul), or 24+ Bal
- 1: Multi: weak, 2-10 with 5H or 5S
- 1: Semi-Multi: Weak two H, any GF (not Hs?), 23-24 Bal or 27-28 Bal
- 1: Semi-Multi: Weak two H or strong 3 suited (HCP not specified)
- 1: Weak, 6-11, Ms, 5-4/4-5+
- 1: Weak, 4-8, Defensive Flannery, but 5Hs + 4S can be +/- a card = Ms
- 1: Any GF (cc not clear but likely has 23-24 Bal in here)
- 1: Weak or strong (less than opening or 16+), 4-4+ majors
- 1: Short D, 11-15, 4405, 4414, 4315, 3415
- 1: Short D, 11+-16- in 1,2,4, weak two 5/6D in 3rd
- 1: Semi-Strong: 18-19NV/20-21V bal, 6+m 15-18 or 6M 15-20
- 1: Strong: 18-20 Bal
- 1: Intermediate: (9)10-13, 5+D unbal, 0-12 in 3
- 1: Three suiter: 11-14, any 4441 or 5440
- 1: Flannery, 11-15, 5/6Hs, 4Ss
- 1: Strong: Game force (likely includes 23-24 Bal not game forcing)
- 1: Semi-Multi: Weak, 3-10 5(6)Hs, 22-23 Bal, 28-29 Bal, Game Force two suiter
- 1: Strong: undefined

2M:

- 6: Weak, 5+ suit
- 5: Weak, 6M
- 5: Weak, (5)6M
- 2: Weak, 0-10, 5+M
- 2: Weak, 8-11, 6M
- 2: 2H: Weak, Ms. 2S: Weak, 5+Ss + 4+m
- 1: Weak, 5+M + 4+m
- 1: Weak, 5-10, (5)6M
- 1: Weak, 3-10, 5+M
- 1: Weak, 5/6M
- 1: Weak, (5)6M, may be constructive 2 suiter
- 1: Weak, 5-10, 6M
- 1: Weak, 8-11, 6M
- 1: Weak, NV: 3-7 5+M + 4+m, Vul: 6-10 5+M + 5+m
- 1: Weak, NV: 3-8 5+M + 4+m, Vul: 5-9 5+M + 5+m
- 1: Weak, 4-10, 5M+5m or NV vs. Vul 5M+4m
- 1: 2H: Weak, 0-10, Ms. 2S: Weak, 0-10, S+m
- 1: 2H: Weak, 5-11, Ms, 2S: Weak, 5-11, 5+Ss+4+m
- 1: 2H: Weak, 6-11, 5Hs+5any, 2S: Weak, 6-11, 5Ss+5m
- 1: 2H: Weak, 6-11V 5-9NV, 0-14 in 3, Ms, 2S: Weak, 5-9 0-14 in 3, 5+Ss
- 1: 2H: Weak, 3-10, Ms. 2S: Weak, 3-10, 5+Ss + 4+m. Natural weak (3/4)
- 1: 2H: Weak, 6-11, Ms, 2S: 5Ss 6-11, can have minor
- 1: 2H: Weak, 5-11, Ms. 2S: Weak, (5)6S
- 1: Weak, 2M except 2H NV vs. Vul Weak, 2-8, Ms
- 1: Weak, 5-10, (5)6M
- 1: Weak, 5-11, 5+ suit
- 1: Weak, 6M in 1/2, ?M in 3/4
- 1: 8-12, 6+ major
- 1: 0-10NV, 6-10V, 5+ major
- 1: Weak, 6+ M
- 1: 7-11, 5 major and some 6 major

1: 8-11, 5 major
 1: Weak, 5/6M, constructive if Vul
 1: Weak, 6-11, 5M + 5m
 1: Weak, 4-9, 5+M + 4+m, 5-14 (3/4)
 1: Weak, 4-8, (5)6 suit
 1: Weak, 4-10, 5-7M
 1: Weak, 5-10, 5+M + 4+m
 1: 6M or 5M+4m, 10-14 except 6-10 NV vs. V
 1: Intermediate: (9)10-13, 5+M unbal, 0-12 in 3
 1: 2H: Flannery, 11-15, 5Hs, 4Ss. 2S: 10-13, 6+Ss
 1: 5M+5m, range unspecified
 1: 2H: short D, 11-15 4414, 4405 or 4315. 2S: Good D preempt
 1: 2H: Semi-Multi: Weak, 3-10 5(6)Ss, 24-25 Bal, 30-31 Bal, Game Force three suiter. 2S: Weak, 3-10, 5S+5m, NV vs. Vul 1/3 can be 5S+4m

2NT:

22: 20-21
 5: 19-21
 4: 20-22
 3: 21-22
 2: 22-24
 2: 19-20 (20-21 3/4)
 2: Weak, ms
 1: ms, could be 5-4
 1: 22-23
 1: 20+-22
 1: 19+-21
 1: (19)20-21
 1: (19)20-22
 1: 18+20
 1: 20-21 (19-20 NV vs Vul – cc does not then mention where 21 opens)
 1: Weak, 5-10, 5-5+ ms
 1: Weak, 5-11, 5-5+ ms
 1: Weak, 6-11, 5-5+ ms
 1: Weak, 6-10, 5-5ms
 1: Weak, 7-10, 5-5ms
 1: 5-5ms, weak or game force, 5m4m possible NV vs. VUL in 3
 1: 5-5ms, weak or strong (range unspecified)
 1: 19-20 NV 1/2, 3/4 or Vul Weak, 6-10, 5-5ms
 1: 5H-5m, 9-12
 1: 6D or 5C+4C 10-14

1NT Overcall:

37: 15-18
 10: 15-17
 4: 16-18
 3: 15+-18
 1: 15+-18+
 1: 16-19
 1: 14+-18-
 1: (6)8-15, over M 4OM+5+m, over m 4M+5+om

1: range not provided, over M 4OM+5+m, over m 4M+5+om

1: range not provided, likely same as opening

Jump Overcalls:

26: Weak

9: Preemptive

2: Weak except Vul vs. NV. 1C-2D Ms

1: Weak NV, Intermediate Vul

1: Weak except Vul vs. NV

1: Jump Overcalls: Weak NV, Intermediate+ Vul

1: Preemptive, except 1C-2D Ms

1: Weak, 1C-2D Ms

1: Weak, 1C-2D 5H + 4+S

1: Preemptive to Intermediate

1: Usually Intermediate

1: Weak to Intermediate

1: Weak generally (except 1C-2D Ms)

1: Weak except Vul jumps to 2 Intermediate, 1C-2D Ms

1: Weak to Intermediate, VUL: 12 -16

1: Weak NV, 14-16V

1: Weak, except 1M-3C: D+OM, 1D-3C: C+S

1: Weak, 1C-2D: Ms, 1D-3C: S+om, 1M-3C: OM+D

1: Weak, 1C-2D Ms, except if permitted will jump over 1C as their openings

1: Weak, except special against 1C artificial

1: Weak, 1C-2D Majors, 1M-3C Both minors, 3X 13-16 except NV vs Vul Preemptive

1: Light, but not bad Vul vs. NV

1: Sound except at Favorable

1: 5-card suit possible (does not provide strength)

1: cc unclear

Cues:

29: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

6: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2m: Ms

3: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2D: Ms

2: 1M-2M: OM+ another, 1m-2m: Ss + another

2: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms (but if m can be 2, natural)

2: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1D-2D: Ms, 1C-2C : Cs

2: 1M-2M: OM+ another, 1m-2m: Ss + another but 1C-2D Ms

1: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2D: Ms

1: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2m: Ms but 1C-2C can be just 5-4/4-5

1: 1M-2M: OM+m, 1m-2m: Ms but 1C-2C can be just 4-4+ Ms

1: 1M-2M: 4OM+longer m, 1m-2m: 5-4+ Ms

1: 1M-2M: unknown, 1D-2D: Ms, 1C-2C: D+S (unknown, but likely 1C-2D Ms)

1: 1M-2M: OM+ m longer m, 1m-2m: om + M

1: 1M-2M: OM+ another, 1m-2m: Hs + another

1: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2D: Ms or S+om

1: 1S-2S: H+D or strong H+C, 1H-2H: S+m, 1D-2D: Ms

1: Ss + other except over 1S, then Hs + m

1: 1S-2S : H+other, rest : S+other

1 : Highest unbid + other

1: 2 suiters (unspecified) except 1C-2C and 1D-2D if D artificial

1: Unknown

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli:

7: Gazzilli

7: 1C Transfers

3: 1M-2C Relay

2: 1D/1M-2C Relay

2: 1C Point Ladder responses

2: 1C(Big) Transfer Positives

1: 1D/S-1NT Relay, 1H-1S Relay

1: 1D-2C

1: 1m-1NT

1: 1M-2C might be 2 card suit

1: 1C(Big) Suit switch responses, 1D-1H(Ss or Relay), 1S-1NT Relay

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Morocco - World Championships System Review

There is no information on the methods of the Morocco team, even this close to the event. This posting will be updated if new information is obtained.

Team members on worldbridge.org:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=9746>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=10189>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=22903>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=16812>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=13079>

posted by Glen Ashton @ [8:42 PM](#) [0 comments](#) 

Mexico - World Championships System Review

There is little information on the methods of the Mexico team, even this close to the event. There is one cc, with almost no detail. This team will not be added to the system totals.

This posting will be updated if new information is obtained.

Marshall-Herrera

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=10809>

Summary: unknown/many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 11+ points, hand types undefined

1D: 11+ points, hand types undefined
1M: 11+ points, hand types undefined
1NT: 15-17
2C: Strong: undefined (likely 22+ Bal or strong unbal)
2D: Weak
2M: Weak
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overcall: undefined
Jump Overcalls: undefined
Cues: undefined
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: undefined

Watch for: a cc at the playing site

Other team members on worldbridge.org:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=11370>

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USA 2 - World Championships System Review

Hamman-Mahmood

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3774>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=325>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+
1D: 3+
1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd and 4th)
1NT: (14)15-17
2C: Strong: undefined (likely 22+ Bal or strong unbal)
2D: Flannery, 11-15, 5/6Hs, 4Ss
2M: Weak, (5)6M, may be constructive 2 suiter
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak NV, Intermediate+ Vul
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Ask hand types for 2C, Ask for 2M range

Katz-Nickell

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=10949>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3779>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+ (3 only if 4-4-3-2)

1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd and 4th)

1NT: (14)15-17

2C: Strong: undefined (likely 22+ Bal or strong unbal)

2D: Weak, (5)6D, fairly sound

2M: Weak, (5)6M

2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Sound except at Favorable

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Ask hand types for 2C, Ask for 2D and 2M ranges, ask if jump overcalls weak

Meckstroth-Rodwell

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3776>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3777>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club (points can be adjusted in any situation)

1C: 16+

1D: (1)2+, 11-15, singleton honor possible

1M: 11: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd), 11-15

1NT: 14-16, 15-17 in Vul 3/4

2C: 6+Cs, 10-15, 5C possible in 3rd

2D: Short D, 11-15, 4405, 4414, 4315, 3415

2M: Weak, 4-10, 5-7M

2NT: 19-20, 20-21 in Vul 3/4

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Preemptive

Cues: 1S-2S: H+D or strong H+C, 1H-2H: S+m, 1D-2D: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C(Big) Transfer Positives

Watch for: Big Club, variable NT, Multi (ask range), 2H short D, 2S D preempt, ask range of 2NT ms

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USA 1 - World Championships System Review

Boyd-Robinson

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=10255>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4208>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+, denies 5cM
1D: 3+, denies 5cM
1M: 5+
1NT: 15+-18-
2C: Strong: undefined (likely 22+ Bal or strong unbal)
2D: Multi, weak in a M
2M: 2H: Flannery, 11-15, 5Hs, 4Ss. 2S: 10-13, 6+Ss
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overall: 15+-18+
Jump Overcalls: 5-card suit possible (does not provide strength)
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Transfers

Watch for: Multi (ask range), 2H Flannery (Ask if 2H can be 5+Hs and/or 4+Ss), 2S 10-13 6Ss, Ask hand types for 2C, Ask if jump overcalls weak

Doub-Wildavsky

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14958>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3591>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: KS (Standard with weak NT)

1C: 3+
1D: 3+
1M: (4)5+
1NT: 12-14
2C: Strong: 22-36 or 9+ tricks
2D: Three suiter: 11-14, any 4441 or 5440
2M: Weak, 6M in 1/2, ?M in 3/4
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overall: 16-19
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 2D any three suiter, Ask 2M M length 3/4,

Stewart-Woolsey

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=9858>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4210>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club (variable NT)

1C: 16+
1D: 2+, 11-15, no 5cM, no 6C
1M: 5+, 11-15

1NT: 15-17 in 3/4, 10-12 NV 1/2, 14-16 Vul 1/2
2C: 6+Cs, 10-15
2D: Multi: weak in a 5+M
2M: 2H: short D, 11-15 4414, 4405 or 4315. 2S: Good D preempt
2NT: ms, could be 5-4
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Preemptive
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, variable NT, Multi (ask range), 2H short D, 2S D preempt, ask range of 2NT ms

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009

Russia - World Championships System Review

Gromov-Dubinin

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4060>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4452>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+ (will be 18+ in 3/4 if Bal)
1D: 4+, 11-15 Unbal, 1+ in 3/4 10-15 4+Ds or 10-14 Bal or 10-15 4-4-1-4
1M: 5+, 11-15, or 4-4-1-4 (likely in 1/2 only)
1NT: 12+-15 in 1/2, 15-17 in 3/4
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11-15
2D: Multi: 5-10, weak in a (5)6+M
2M: Weak, NV: 3-7 5+M + 4+m, Vul: 6-10 5+M + 5+m
2NT: Weak, 6-10, 5-5ms
1NT Overcall: 15-17
Jump Overcalls: Weak, 1C-2D Ms, except if permitted will jump over 1C as their openings
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ another, 1m-2m: Ss + another but 1C-2D Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, Multi, 2M, variable 1D

Khokhlov-Matushko

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4453>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8870>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modified Polish/Swedish with variable ranges

1C: 18+ Bal or 17+ unbal or 12-14 Bal or 11-16 4-4-1-4 or, NV 1/2 15-17 Bal (in which case 12-14 Bal is 13-14 Bal and 19-20 Bal opens 2NT)
1D: 4+, 9-16, may have longer Cs
1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd), 9-16

1NT: 15-17, except 10-12 NV 1-2
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 10-16
2D: Multi: 3-9, weak in a (5)6+M
2M: Weak, NV: 3-8 5+M + 4+m, Vul: 5-9 5+M + 5+m
2NT: 19-20 NV 1/2, 3/4 or Vul Weak, 6-10, 5-5ms
1NT Overcall: 15+-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak, except special against 1C artificial
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+another, 1m-2m: Ss+another
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 1C multi-way, variable NT, Multi, 2M

Kholomeev-Khiuppenen

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4591>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4592>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+
1D: 3+
1M: 5+
1NT: 15-17
2C: Strong: 22+ Bal or game force or weak 5+Ds
2D: Strong: 18-19 Bal no 5cM
2M: Weak, (5)6M
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overcall: 15-17
Jump Overcalls: Preemptive
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ another, 1m-2m: Ss+another
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 2C Strong or weak two in Ds, 2D 18-19 Bal

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Pakistan - World Championships System Review

Hussain-Mazhar

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8601>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=22880>

Summary: little/recent years of world class experience

Approach: Pakistan Club

1C: 18+ any or 12-15 5+Cs (this is 18+ for Hussain-Mazhar)
1D: 2+, 11-15, undefined (likely 12-14 Bal or 11-17 4+Ds unbal even though range on cc is 11-15)
1M: 5+, 12-17
1NT: 15-17

2C: Semi-Strong: 5+Cs, 16-18
2D: Weak, Ms, 5-5
2M: Weak, 6M
2NT: Weak, ms, 5-5
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Point Ladder responses

Watch for: 2D Ms, 1C two-way, 2C semi-strong, Ask what 4-4-1-4 12-18 opens, Ask what Ds 16-17 Unbal opens

Talpur-Jawad-Mazhar

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14973>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14974>

Summary: recent years of world class experience

Approach: Pakistan Club

1C: 19+ any or 12-15 5+Cs (this is 18+ for Hussain-Mazhar)
1D: 1+, 12-18, undefined (likely 12-14 Bal or 18 Bal or 12-18 5+Ds or any 4-4-4-1 12-18)
1M: 5+, 12-18
1NT: 15-17
2C: Semi-Strong: 5+Cs, 16-18
2D: Weak, Ms
2M: Weak, 6M
2NT: Weak, ms
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Point Ladder responses

Watch for: 2D Ms, 1C two-way, 2C semi-strong, Ask what 18 Bal opens

Mohiuddin-Puri

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=17534>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8539>

Summary: little years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+
1D: 3+
1M: 5+
1NT: 15-17
2C: Strong: undefined
2D: Strong: undefined
2M: Weak, 6M
2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Ask hand types for 2C and 2D openings

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

Norway - World Championships System Review

Austberg-Saelensminde

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3746>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3744>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+
1D: 3+
1M: 5+
1NT: (14)15-17
2C: Strong: undefined, likely 22+ Bal or strong Unbal
2D: Weak, Ms
2M: Weak, 6M
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overcall: 15-17
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+C, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Super weak Multi with no strong option (ask when 2D or 2M opened if 6-7 points), ask when Bal hands open 1D

Brogeland-Lindqvist

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3743>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3518>

Summary: many/many(most junior) years of world class experience

Approach: Modern

1C: 2+ (can have 2Cs and 4Ds, not clear which Bal opens 1D)
1D: 4+
1M: 5+
1NT: (14)15-17
2C: Strong: 22+ or 8.5+ tricks, but likely not 24+ Bal
2D: Multi: (2)3-7 with a 6M (may have 5M NV vs. Vul), or 24+ Bal
2M: Weak, 8-11, 6M
2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Light, but not bad Vul vs. NV
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Transfers

Watch for: Super weak Multi with very strong option, ask when Bal hands open 1D, the 1M-1 under response is natural or a weak M raise

Groetheim-Tundal

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8126>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=16872>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+, can be less with good playing strength
1D: 1+, (10)11-16, hand types undefined, likely 11-13 Bal or 11-15 Unbal max 5Cs usually no 5cM
1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd), 11-15, 9-15 NV vs. Vul
1NT: 14-16
2C: (5)6+Cs, 11-15, 9-15 NV vs. Vul
2D: Multi: weak, 2-10 with 5H or 5S
2M: Weak, 2M except 2H NV vs. Vul Weak, 2-8, Ms
2NT: 5H-5m, 9-12
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak, 1C-2D Majors, 1M-3C Both minors, 3X 13-16 except NV vs Vul Preemptive
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2D: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C(Big) Suit switch responses, 1D-1H(Ss or Relay), 1S-1NT Relay

Watch for: Big Club, 5cM Multi, 2NT H+m, ask 1D hand types

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New Zealand - World Championships System Review

Cornell-Bach

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3737>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=6048>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)
1D: 4+
1M: 5+
1NT: 15-17
2C: Strong: Game force (likely includes 23-24 Bal not game forcing)
2D: Multi: 2-7 with a 5+M
2M: Weak, 5-10, (5)6M
2NT: 20+-22

1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Transfers

Watch for: Super weak Multi with no strong option (ask when 2D or 2M opened if 6-7 points), ask when Bal hands open 1D

Stout-Miller

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=26597>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=26596>

Summary: recent years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+, can be less with good playing strength
1D: 1+, 11-12(13) Bal (11-13 in 3/4) or 4+D or any 4-4-4-1 (range for 1D not clear, likely 11-15)
1M: 5+, 11-15, can be less with good playing strength
1NT: 13-15 in 1/2, 14-15 in 3/4
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11-15
2D: Multi: weak in a M
2M: Weak, 5+M + 4+m
2NT: 5-5ms, weak or strong (range unspecified)
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ another, 1m-2m: Hs + another
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, ask Multi range and confirm no strong option

Whibley-Ware

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=22819>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=16858>

Summary: recent/little years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)
1D: 4+
1M: 5+
1NT: (14)15-17 (semi-bal)
2C: Strong: (17)18-19 Bal (semi-bal)
2D: Strong: Game Force (likely contains 23-24 Bal not game forcing)
2M: Weak, 6(5)M
2NT: (19)20-22 (semi-bal)
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Preemptive
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Transfers

Watch for: 2C 18-19 Bal, ask when Bal hands open 1D

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Netherlands - World Championships System Review

Bertens-Bakkeren

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4567>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=15719>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modern (i.e. 1C bal or Cs)

1C: 2+, natural or 12-14/18-19 bal

1D: 4+

1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd)

1NT: 14+-17- (semi-bal possible)

2C: Semi-Multi: Weak, 3-10 5+Ds, 20-21 Bal, 26-27 Bal, Game Force one suiter

2D: Semi-Multi: Weak, 3-10 5(6)Hs, 22-23 Bal, 28-29 Bal, Game Force two suiter

2M: 2H: Semi-Multi: Weak, 3-10 5(6)Ss, 24-25 Bal, 30-31 Bal, Game Force three suiter. 2S: Weak, 3-10, 5S+5m, NV vs. Vul 1/3 can be 5S+4m

2NT: 5-5ms, weak or game force, 5m4m possible NV vs. VUL in 3

1NT Overcall: range not provided, likely same as opening

Jump Overcalls: Weak, 1C-2D 5H + 4+S

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1D-2D: Ms, 1C-2C : Cs

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Semi-Multis 2C/D/H, Ask if Bal hands can open 1D, Ask 1NT overcall range

Brink-Drijver

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3391>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=16819>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modern (i.e. 1C bal or Cs)

1C: 2+, natural or 12-14/18-19 bal

1D: 5+ or 4-4-4-1

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17, 9-12 NV vs. VUL in 1st

2C: Strong: Any Game Force

2D: Weak, 3-10, 5+Ds

2M: Weak, 3-10, 5+M

2NT: 21-23

1NT Overcall: range not provided, over M 4OM+5+m, over m 4M+5+om

Jump Overcalls: Weak, 1C-2D Ms

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1D-2D: Ms, 1C-2C : Cs
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1D/1M-2C Relay

Watch for: Ask weak two style, Ask 1NT overcall range

de Wijs-Muller

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=21130>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4569>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+

1D: (3)4+, unbal, 11-15, only 3D if 4-1-3-5 or 1-4-3-5, can be light and/or Bal in 3rd

1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd), 11-15

1NT: 12+-15 (can be 11 in 3rd), semi-bal possible

2C: 6+Cs, 11-15

2D: Short D, 11-15

2M: Weak, 5-10, (5)6M

2NT: Weak, 7-10,5-5ms

1NT Overcall: 15-17

Jump Overcalls: Weak except Vul jumps to 2 Intermediate, 1C-2D Ms

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2D: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1D/S-1NT Relay, 1H-1S Relay

Watch for: Big Club, short D 2D

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

Japan - World Championships System Review

Chen-Furuta

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=22908>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=6331>

Summary: recent/many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+, could have longer Ds

1D: 3+ (unclear which bal hands open 1C instead of 1D)

1M: 5+, 4 possible in 3/4

1NT: (14)15-17 (can be off-shape)

2C: Strong: 22+ Bal or strong

2D: Multi: weak in a M

2M: 2H: Weak, 0-10, Ms. 2S: Weak, 0-10, S+m

2NT: (19)20-21

1NT Overcall: 14+-18-

Jump Overcalls: Weak NV, Intermediate Vul

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+m, 1m-2m: Ms but 1C-2C can be just 4-4+ Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: Gazzilli, 1C Transfers

Watch for: Ask which Bal hands open 1D

Ino-Imakura

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=10856>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3634>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard mini NT NV 1/2/3

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: 5+, 4 possible in 3/4

1NT: 10-12 1/2/3 NV, (14)15-17 (can be off-shape)

2C: Strong: 22+ Bal or strong

2D: Multi: weak M 1/2/3, Good 6D in 4

2M: 5M+5m, range unspecified

2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Ask 1NT range rebid after 1m opening 1/2/3 NV, ask range of 2M

Teramoto-Takayama

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=6064>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=6332>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: (4)5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: Game force or 24+

2D: Multi: weak with a M, or 22-23 Bal

2M: Weak, 4-10, 5M+5m or NV vs. Vul 5M+4m

2NT: 20-21 (19-20 NV vs Vul – cc does not then mention where 21 opens)

1NT Overcall: 15+-18

Jump Overcalls: Preemptive

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi, 2M

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Italy - World Championships System Review

Duboin-Sementa

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3733>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=5357>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2), if Bal (11)12-14

1D: 4+ (unclear which bal hands open 1C instead of 1D)

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: 22+ Bal or any game force

2D: Strong: 18-19 Bal no 5cM

2M: Weak, 5-10, 6M

2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-17

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2m: Ms but 1C-2C can be just 5-4/4-5

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: Gazzilli

Watch for: Ask which Bal hands open 1D

Fantoni-Nunes

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=103>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=5348>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Fantunes

1C: (13)14+ Cs or 15+ Bal, can be (12)13 in 3

1D: (13)14+ Ds, can be (12)13 in 3

1M: 5+M, (13)14+, can be (12)13 in 3, all suits can be both majors 11-13

1NT: 12-14 (semi-bal possible including 5M + 4m, 4-4-4-1 possible)

2C: Intermediate: (9)10-13, 5+C unbal, 0-12 in 3

2D: Intermediate: (9)10-13, 5+D unbal, 0-12 in 3

2M: Intermediate: (9)10-13, 5+M unbal, 0-12 in 3

2NT: 21-22

1NT Overcall: 15-17

Jump Overcalls: Weak, 1C-2D: Ms, 1D-3C: S+om, 1M-3C: OM+D

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+C, 1m-2D: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Transfers, 1D/1M-2C Relay, Gazzilli

Watch for: Forcing one of a suit, Intermediate 2 bids, usually with singleton/void if just 5 cards

Lauria-Versace

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4849>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=1132>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2), if Bal (11)12-14

1D: 4+ (unclear which bal hands open 1C instead of 1D)

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: Game force (likely includes 22-23 Bal not game forcing)

2D: Strong: 18-20 Bal

2M: Weak, 6M

2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: cc unclear

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: Gazzilli, 1M-2C Relay

Watch for: Ask which Bal hands open 1D

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009

India - World Championships System Review

Gupta-Dalal

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8590>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8589>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+

1D: 2+, 11+-16-

1M: 5+, 11+-16- (can be 4 in 3rd)

1NT: 14-15

2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11+-16-

2D: Short D, 11+-16- in 1,2,4, weak two 5/6D in 3rd

2M: Weak, 5/6M

2NT: 22-23

1NT Overcall: 15+-18

Jump Overcalls: Preemptive

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C(Big) Transfer Positives

Watch for: Big Club, short D 2D

Nadar-Satya Narayana

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=9640>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8591>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+ (cc claims C \geq D, but unlikely opens 1C with 5-5 minors)

1D: 3+ (3 only if 4-4-3-2)

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: 22+ Bal or 20+ Unbal

2D: Multi: weak with a M, or 20+ 4-4-4-1(any)

2M: 2H: Weak, 6-11, 5Hs+5any, 2S: Weak, 6-11, 5Ss+5m

2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-17

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1M-2C, 1C Transfers (but undefined on cc)

Watch for: Ask about 1C Transfers, Ask opening with 5-5 minors

Chokshi-Venkataraman

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=13110>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8592>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: 5+ (can be 4 in 3/4)

1NT: 14+-18-

2C: Strong: undefined

2D: Weak, 6-11, (5)6Ds

2M: Weak, 6-11, (5)6M

2NT: 19+-21

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Ask about 2C hand types

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Guadeloupe - World Championships System Review

Garnier-Leblondet

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3722>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8580>

Summary: many/some years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: (4)5+

1NT: 14+-17 (can be semi-bal)

2C: Strong: 22-23 Bal or strong in any suit or ACOL

2D: Strong: Any game force

2M: Weak, 5/6M, constructive if Vul

2NT: 20-21 (singleton possible)

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak generally (except 1C-2D Ms)

Cues: 2 suiters (unspecified) except 1C-2C and 1D-2D if D artificial

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 2C opening on playing tricks

Moers-Penture

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3725>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=16514>

Summary: many/some years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: 22-23 Bal or ACOL (16+ HCP, playing value)

2D: Strong: Any game force

2M: Weak, 5-10, (5)6M

2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-17

Jump Overcalls: Preemptive, except 1C-2D Ms

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+C, 1m-2D: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: Gazzilli

Watch for: 2C opening on playing tricks

Rey-Rey

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=23423>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=28853>

Summary: some/little years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: 20+ or 8+ tricks

2D: Semi-Multi: Weak two H or strong 3 suited (HCP not specified)

2M: 2H: Weak, 5-11, Ms. 2S: Weak, (5)6S

2NT: 20-21

1NT Overcall: 15-17

Jump Overcalls: Preemptive

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 2D Weak H or Strong 3 suited (ask hand types), 2H Weak Ms

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Germany - World Championships System Review

Gromoeller-Kirmse

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=129>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=5237>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Swiss ACOL

1C: 3+

1D: 4+

1M: 1S: 5+, 1H: 4+

1NT: 11-13

2C: Strong: 19-20 Bal, any SF(?), GF H, 25-26 Bal, solid M 8-9 tricks

2D: Semi-Multi: Weak two H, any GF (not Hs?), 23-24 Bal or 27-28 Bal

2M: 2H: Weak, 6-11V 5-9NV, 0-14 in 3, Ms, 2S: Weak, 5-9 0-14 in 3, 5+Ss

2NT: 21-22

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak NV, 14-16V

Cues: 1S-2S : H+other, rest : S+other

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi, 2M M+m, Ask which bal hands open 1D

Piekarek-Smirnov

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=7668>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3480>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modified Polish

1C: 0+, 12-14(15) Bal, 11-18 Cs, 16+ 4-4-4-1, (18)19+ any (not 21-22 Bal)

1D: 4+, 11-18 5+, 11-15 4-4-4-1 or 1-4-4-4, 11-12 two-suiter with Ds

1M: 5+, 11-18

1NT: 15-17(18)

2C: Weak, 5-11, 5-5+, H+any (but 2H opening Ms)

2D: Multi: 5-11 with a M, or 21-22 Bal

2M: 2H: Weak, 5-11, Ms, 2S: Weak, 5-11, 5+Ss+4+m

2NT: Weak, 5-11, 5-5+ ms

1NT Overcall: (6)8-15, over M 4OM+5+m, over m 4M+5+om

Jump Overcalls: Preemptive

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2D: Ms or S+om

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Polish 1C, Multi, 2C H+any, 2H Ms (ask when open 2C not 2M), 2S S+m

Wladow-Elinescu

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4495>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=4496>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 15/16+ (see 1NT and 2D openings)

1D: 1+, 11-15 (can be light, see 2NT opening)

1M: 5+, 11-15 (can be light, see 2M opening)

1NT: 15-17 (16-17 in 3/4)

2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 10-14

2D: Semi-Strong: 18-19NV/20-21V bal, 6+m 15-18 or 6M 15-20

2M: 6M or 5M+4m, 10-14 except 6-10 NV vs. V

2NT: 6D or 5C+4C 10-14


1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1M-2C might be 2 card suit

Watch for: Big Club, 2D Semi-Strong, 2M and 2NT often 10-14

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009

Egypt - World Championships System Review

El Kourdy-Nabil

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8577>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=24311>

Summary: many/some years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)

1D: 4+ (not clear which bal hands open 1C or 1D)

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17 (can be semi-bal)

2C: Strong: 22+ or 3.5 losers

2D: Multi: weak in a M

2M: Weak, 6-11, 5M + 5m

2NT: 19-21 (can be semi-bal)

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak except Vul vs. NV

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi, 2M M+m, Ask which bal hands open 1D

Hishmat-Nadim

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=12847>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=18391>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)

1D: 4+ (not clear which bal hands open 1C or 1D)

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17 (can be semi-bal)

2C: Strong: 22+ or 3.5 losers

2D: Multi: 0-7 with a M, or 19-21 with a 6+M or a 5M-4

2M: Weak, 8-11, 6M

2NT: 19-21 (can be semi-bal)

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak except Vul vs. NV. 1C-2D Ms

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2D: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi (0-7 if weak), 2M 8-11, Ask which bal hands open 1D

Noshy-Yousry

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14946>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14950>

Summary: some years of world class experience (juniors, u28)

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)
1D: 4+ (not clear which bal hands open 1C or 1D)
1M: 5+
1NT: 15-17 (can be semi-bal)
2C: Strong: 22+ or 3.5 losers
2D: Multi: 0-7 with a M, or 19-21 with a 6+M or a 5M-4
2M: Weak, 8-11, 6M
2NT: 19-21 (can be semi-bal)
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak except Vul vs. NV. 1C-2D Ms
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ D, 1m-2D: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi (0-7 if weak), 2M 8-11, Ask which bal hands open 1D

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Chinese Taipei - World Championships System Review

Gong-Hu

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3930>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=10840>

Summary: many years of world class experience (mostly women's events)

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+ or 8+ playing tricks, except not 22-24 Bal
1D: 0+, 11-15
1M: 5+, 11-15 (4 possible in 3rd)
1NT: 14-16 (can be semi-bal)
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11-15
2D: Ms, 0-10
2M: Weak, 0-10, 5+M
2NT: 22-24
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, 2D Ms

Shen-Yang

(Gong, Hu, Shih team members also listed on this cc, but on other cc)

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3935>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=15097>

Summary: many/some years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+ or 8+ playing tricks, except not 22-24 Bal

1D: 0+, 11-15

1M: 5+, 11-15 (4 possible in 3rd)

1NT: 14-16 (can be semi-bal)

2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11-15

2D: Ms, 0-10

2M: Weak, 0-10, 5+M

2NT: 22-24

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Usually Intermediate

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, 2D Ms

Shih-Yeh

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=23000>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=15736>

Summary: some years of world class experience

Approach: Standard short club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)

1D: 4+ (not clear which bal hands open 1C or 1D)

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: 22+ or 9 tricks

2D: Weak, 6(5)Ds

2M: Weak, 6(5)M

2NT: 19-21

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Preemptive

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ C, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Ask which bal hands open 1D

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China - World Championships System Review

Zhong-Zhao

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=9279>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=15187>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modern(1C bal or Cs)

1C: 2+, natural or 11-14/18-19 bal
1D: 4+ (not clear which bal hands open 1C or 1D)
1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd)
1NT: (14)15-17
2C: Strong: unknown
2D: Multi: weak with a M, or 22-23 bal
2M: 2H: Weak, Ms. 2S: Weak, 5+Ss + 4+m
2NT: 20-21 (can be semi-bal, can have singleton)
1NT Overall: 16-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 1C-1D is negative or natural, ask which bal hands open 1D

Wang-Zhuang

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=11899>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=10023>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+
1D: 2+, 11-15, not clear if/when 1D can be bal
1M: 5+, 11-15, 1H: can be 4-4-1-4
1NT: 13-15
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11-15
2D: Multi: 5-10, one M
2M: Weak, 5-10, 5+M + 4+m
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overall: 16-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, Multi, 2M M+m openings, ask if 1D can be bal

Dai-Yang

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=9166>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3705>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+
1D: 1+, 11-15, not clear if/when 1D can be bal

1M: 5+, 11-15, 1H/S: can be 4-4-1-4
1NT: 13-15
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 11-15
2D: Multi: 5-10, one M
2M: 2H: Weak, Ms. 2S: Weak, 5+Ss + 4+m.
2NT: Weak, 5-10, 5-5+ ms
1NT Overcall: 16-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, Multi, 2H Ms, 2S S+m, ask if 1D can be bal

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Chile - World Championships System Review

Bascunan-Severin

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=28854>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=28855>

Summary: little world class experience

Approach: Standard Short Club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)
1D: 4+
1M: (4)5+
1NT: 15-17
2C: Strong: unknown
2D: Weak, 6-11, Ms, 5-4/4-5+
2M: Weak, 5+ suit
2NT: 20-21
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak to Intermediate
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Ask which hands open 1C if just 2, ask range of jump overcalls

Caracci-Robles

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=9101>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=9758>

Summary: some years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+
1D: 3+
1M: (4)5+

1NT: 14+-17
2C: Strong: 21+
2D: Weak, 4-8, Defensive Flannery, but 5Hs + 4S can be +/- a card = Ms
2M: Weak, 4-8, (5)6 suit
2NT: 19-21
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Preemptive to Intermediate
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m longer m, 1m-2m: om + M
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: treat 2D open as Ms (not Flannery), ask range of jump overcalls

Pacareu-Robles

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14931>


<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14929>

Summary: some years of world class experience

Approach: Standard Short Club

1C: 2+ (not clear if 2 just 4-4-3-2)
1D: 4+
1M: 5+, 4 (3/4)
1NT: 14+-17-
2C: Strong: unknown
2D: Weak, 5+ suit
2M: Weak, 5+ suit
2NT: 20-21 (can be less in 3/4)
1NT Overcall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak to Intermediate, VUL: 12 -16
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Transfers

Watch for: Ask which hands open 1C if just 2, ask range of jump overcalls

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Bulgaria - World Championships System Review

Karaivanov-Trendafilov

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3562>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3563>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modified Polish with variable ranges

1C: NV: 15-20 Bal or Cs or any GF, VUL: 12-14/18-20 Bal or Cs or any GF
1D: 4+ except FAV(1/2) can be 12-13 Bal (notes say 11-14 but NT range is 9-12)
1M: 5+
1NT: VUL: 15-17, FAV(1/2): 9-12, Other: 11-14. Singletons possible

2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, NV: 10-15, VUL: 15-17
2D: Weak or strong (less than opening or 16+), 4-4+ majors
2M: Weak, 5+ suit
2NT: 20-22
1NT Overall: 15-17 (14-18)
Jump Overcalls: Preemptive, UNFAV: intermediate
Cues: Highest unbid + other
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1C Transfers, 1X-2C Cs or bal

Watch for: 2D Majors, variable ranges, treating 4-4-1-4 11-14 as balanced

Danailov-Karakolev

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=19597>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=15735>

Summary: Karakolev: many years of world class experience, Danailov: recent world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 16+ or any good hand 14+
1D: 0+, 10-15, no 5cM, or 11-13 Bal (not clear which hands open 1D if void in Ds)
1M: 5+, 10-15
1NT: 14-16
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 10-15
2D: Multi: 4-9, 6(5)+ suit or 24+ BAL
2M: Weak, 4-9, 5+M + 4+m, 5-14 (3/4)
2NT: 20-21 (can be semi-bal, can have singleton)
1NT Overall: 15-18
Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms (but if m can be 2, natural)
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, Multi, 2M M+m openings

Aronov-Stefanov

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=14095>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=17822>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Big Club

1C: 15+ Unbal/17+ Bal
1D: 0+, 10-15, no 5cM, or 11-13 Bal (not clear which hands open 1D if void in Ds)
1M: 5+, 10-15
1NT: (13)14-16 (semi-bal, singleton possible)
2C: 5Cs+4cM or 6+Cs, 10-15
2D: Multi: 3-10, 6(5)+ suit (no strong option). Weak 3-10 Ms (3/4)
2M: 2H: Weak, 3-10, Ms. 2S: Weak, 3-10, 5+Ss + 4+m. Natural weak (3/4)
2NT: 19-20 (can be semi-bal), 20-21 (3/4)
1NT Overall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak
Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms (but if m can be 2, natural)
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Big Club, Multi (1/2), 2H Ms (2D in 3/4), 2S S+m

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Brazil - World Championships System Review

Brenner-Figueiredo

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=6237>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8573>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17 (but front of cc says 14+ to 18-)

2C: Strong: ART any shape or 23+ Bal (likely means GF any shape)

2D: Weak, 5+ suit

2M: Weak, 5+ suit

2NT: 21-22

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: Gazzilli

Watch for: 1H-1S/1H-1NT Inversion (1S is forcing NT)

Campos-Villas-Boas:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3558>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3557>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: ART any shape or 22+ Bal (likely means GF any shape)

2D: Weak, 5-11, 5+ suit

2M: Weak, 5-11, 5+ suit

2NT: 20-21 (can be semi-bal)

1NT Overcall: 16-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1D-2D: Ms, 1C-2C : Cs
1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1D-2C

Watch for: 1H-1S/1H-1NT Inversion (1S is forcing NT)

Chagas-Branco

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3556>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3555>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+

1D: 3+

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17 (but front of cc says 14+ to 18-)

2C: Strong: ART any shape or 23+ Bal (likely means GF any shape)

2D: Weak, 5+ suit

2M: Weak, 5+ suit

2NT: 21-22

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 1H-1S/1H-1NT Inversion (1S is forcing NT)

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 08, 2009

Australia - World Championships System Review

Appleton-Reynolds

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8966>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=28880>

Summary: little world class experience

Approach: Semi-Modern (i.e. 1C Cs or bal Cs 11-14 including 3-3-4-3 and 4-4-3-2)

1C: 2+, natural or 11-14 Cs bal, 2Cs only if 4-4-3-2 exactly, can be 3-3-4-3

1D: 4+, but not 3-3-4-3 or 4-4 in minors

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-most 18

2C: Strong: Game force or 23-24 bal or strong 1 suiter

2D: Multi: 5-11 with a 6 major or 21-22 bal or unspecified strong hand

2M: 7-11, 5 major and some 6 major

2NT: 18+ to 20

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1M-2C Relay, 1C Transfers

Watch for: Multi, 5 card 2M, 1m never bal if 15+

Brightling-Thomson:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=15463>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=16016>

Summary: recent only world class experience

Approach: Standard

1C: 3+, standard, 3-3 minors opens 1C, 4-4 minors opens 1D

1D: 3+

1M: 5+, can be 4 in 3rd and 4th

1NT: 15-18

2C: Strong: Game force or 23+ bal

2D: Multi: 6-10 with a 6 major

2M: 8-11, 5 major

2NT: 21-22 (can be semi-bal)

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: Ss + other except over 1S, then Hs + m

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi (no strong option), 4 card 2M

de Livera-Robinson

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=28887>

Summary: little world class experience

Approach: ACOL, weak NT

1C: 4+

1D: 4+

1M: 4+

1NT: 12-14

2C: Strong: ACOL 2 bid or strong bal (range not clear since 2NT for minors)

2D: Multi: 6-11 with a 6 major

2M: 2H: Weak, 6-11, both majors, 2S: 5Ss 6-11, can have minor

2NT: Weak, 6-11, 5-5 minors

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: OM+ m, 1m-2m: Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi (no strong option), weak NT, 2H both majors, 2S: 5Ss, 2NT: minors, ask for bal range of 2C

Argentina - World Championships System Review

Lambardi-Ventin

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3535>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=300>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modern (i.e. 1C bal or Cs)

1C: 2+, natural or 12-14/18-19 bal

1D: 5(4)+

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: Game force or 23-24 bal

2D: Multi: 3-7 with a 5+ major or 25-26 bal or unspecified strong hand

2M: 8-12, 6+ major

2NT: 20-22

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: 1M-2M: 4OM+longer m, 1m-2m: 5-4+ Ms

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: Multi, constructive twos, 1C 2+

Muzzio-Bianchedi:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8563>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=3538>

Summary: many years of world class experience

Approach: Modern + 18-19 bal 2C

1C: 2+, natural or 12-14 bal (cc not clear if 1D unbal always)

1D: 4+

1M: 5+

1NT: 15-17 (can be semi-bal)

2C: 18-19 bal or semi-bal

2D: Any GF (cc not clear but likely has 23-24 bal in here)

2M: 0-10NV, 6-10V, 5+ major

2NT: 20-22 bal or semi-bal

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak, except 1M-3C: D+OM, 1D-3C: C+S

Cues: 1M-2M: unknown, 1D-2D: Ms, 1C-2C: D+S (unknown, but likely 1C-2D Ms)

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: 1m-1NT, Gazzilli

Watch for: 2C as 18-19 bal, 1C 2+

Ravenna-Pellegrini

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=6059>

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/person.asp?qryid=8541>

Summary: considerable world class experience

Approach: Modern + 1D can be bal if 5 or good suit

1C: 2+, natural or 12-14 bal (no 5+ suit except clubs but can have 4Ds if suit not good)

1D: 4+

1M: 5+ (4 possible in 3rd)

1NT: 15-17

2C: Strong: Any GF (cc not clear but likely has 23-24 bal in here)

2D: Weak, 6+ suit

2M: Weak, 6+ M

2NT: 20-22

1NT Overcall: 15-18

Jump Overcalls: Weak

Cues: Unknown

1X Relays/1C Transfers/Gazzilli: None

Watch for: 1C 2+

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World Championships System Review

Since there is no Canadian team in the Bermuda Bowl this year, I'm going to do some of what I do for research in blog form here. Since the material will be dry (no hands, no stories), I would understand anybody who skips the next twenty or so blog posts. However you might want to skim read the posts if you intend to enter the World Team Championships Predictor 2009 contest, at the Beer Card blog:

<http://thebeercard.blogspot.com/2009/08/world-team-championships-predictor-2009.html>

It seems Paul's blog should be named the Beer Card and Wine Prize blog but let's not quibble yet. Of course that would make this blog the Dry Bridge Items blog.

Once you've entered for wine, enter for books at the bridgeblogging site:

<http://linda.bridgeblogging.com/?p=1371>

Those are excellent prizes, and some team members this year will want to write "Win the Bermuda Bowl with me too".

The convention cards examined for the System Review are found in the systems folder of:

<http://www.ecatsbridge.com/documents/docdefault.asp?page=2009Brazil>

The worldbridge.org site will be used to search the participants and I find out there experience in world events:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/people/>

As players gain experience at world events, they get better at these events, feeling comfortable, and

understanding what they need to do to make the playoffs.

Teams will be covered in alphabetic order, except for Mexico and Morocco, who will be left for the last as they don't have a full set of posted cc's yet, even this close to the event. Key gaps in a cc will be noted - that is where a cc is not clear or does not provide the necessary information. Ideally cc's should be submitted to a screening committee, that reviews the cc and asks for additional information as appropriate - the current setup of just accepting anything that is submitted can result in poor disclosure, and, in some cases, misinformation.

At the bottom of each post will be the running total of methods - after all teams are finished, the running total will present a picture of systems used in the Bermuda Bowl. For example, we will know in how many systems the 1C openings still promise 3+Cs.

The system review will present a summary of each system, and then note anything opponents should watch out for: that is methods they should have pre-determined defences to. BridgeMatters has simple defences to everything mentioned and if you want to know what any particular one is, please leave a comment to request. By simple, it does not mean best. Since specialized methods are unlikely to occur in any particular match, it doesn't help a team much to employ sophisticated methods against infrequent methods. Instead a simple defence requires less effort to get ready, yet is good enough if it needs to be used that match. Often partnerships will have their own defences, and they should use them when they have them.

The best teams have super expert coaches such as the Kokish/Kraft team or the Martels, who prepare many pages of defences and notes about the opponents. Their level of detail is amazing, and the defences offered to their teams are state-of-the-art. For a top team, having coaches like these can be a critical success factor for winning.