# Defensive and Competitive Bidding

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| Leads and Signals | **WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION**  **Standard Card** |
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| Opening Leads - style |
| Lead In Partner’s Suit 3rd/5th |
| Suit 3rd / low |
| NT Super ATT, lowest = H10xx or better |
| Subseq |
| Other vs NT= 2nd from weak holdings |
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| System Summary |
| Leads |
| Lead Vs. Suit Vs. NT |
| General approach and Style |
| Ace A+,AK, ask ATT ask ATT | Natural 2/1, 5 card M |
| King AK+, ask count Strong, ask unblock |
| 1♣ open= balanced 12-14 or 18-19, 4441 red singleton or nat |
| Queen KQ+ KQ+ |
| 1♦ open= 4♦441 black singleton or 5+♦ unbal |
| Jack QJ+, KJ10+ QJ+, AJ10+, KJ10+ |
| 1M-1NT response = Semiforcing |
| 10 J10+, no top H J10+, no top H |
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| 9 109+,K109+,Q109+ 109+, K109+,A109+,etc |
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| Hi-x even 3+ xxx |
| 1NT Opening: 14+ - 17- |
| Lo-x odd ATT |
| 2 over 1 response: GF |
| Signals in order of Priority |
| Special Bids that may require defence |
| Partner’s Lead Declarer’s Lead Discarding |
| 2♦ Open= 5-8 HCP 6+M (0-8hcp NV vs V) |
| 1(suit) High=Encourage Even Enc |
| 2M Open= 9-12 HCP 6+M |
| 2 Hi/lo = Even Same Same |
| Transfers after our 1♣ open |
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| 3NT Opening = 7/8 m with Ace |
| 1(NT) High=Encourage Even Enc |
| Michaels |
| 2 Hi/lo = Even Same Same |
| 1M-3♦= 3 card limit raise |
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| 1M-3♣= Mixed Raise 7-9hcp 4+card supp |
| Signals (including trumps): |
| Many Transfer bids in competitive auctions |
| Standard signals, std echo smith, std suit preference |
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| Std present count |
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| Takeout Doubles (Style; responses reopening) |
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| May be light with classic shape |
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| Cue = by responder F1 and promises a 2nd bid | Special Forcing Pass Sequences |
|  | In clear forcing situations where opponents sacrifice: |
| Reopen: Natural, can be lighter |
| Pass=’ I want to double’ / Double= ‘I want to bid’ |
| Special, artificial and competitive doubles/redoubles |
| Important notes that don’t fit elsewhere |
| Supp DBL until 2♥ |
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|  | Psychics: |
| Rare |
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Overcalls (Style; responses: 1/2 level; reopening)

Natural

Reponses: Jump Raise = Preemptive

Cue-Bid = Forcing raise 3+ card support

New Suit = F1 - jump shift = fit showing

In Balancing Position: Same

## Take-out double:

General Style = Can be light / shaped

Responses: Natural. Cue bid = F1, promises a 2nd bid

## 1NT overcalls (2nd/4th live; responses; reopening)

2nd Position = 15 – 18hcp

Responses: sys on

4th Position = 11 – 14hcp

Responses: sys on

Jump Overcalls: (Style; responses; unusual NT)

1-Suit : natural preemptive

Responses - New suit = F1

2-suit:- 1X-2NT= 5/5 lowest unbid suits

Reopen: Nat

Direct and Jump cue Bids (Style; responses; reopen)

Direct Cue Bid = Michaels, vs short 1♣ open we bid 2♦ michaels

## Vs NT (vs Strong/weak; reopening; pH

DBL= Nat, 2♣=MM, 2♦=1M, 2M=M+m; PH: DBL= 1m or MM, 2,♣=♣+other

2♦=♦+M, 2M=NAT

## Vs preempts (doubles, cue-Bids; jumps; NT bids

Natural. (2M)-3M=minors, (2M)-4M=strong 1 suiter

Leaping Michaels in many auctions

## Vs Artificial Strong Openings

## Over Opponents take out double

Mostly Transfers

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| Opening | Tick if  Artificial | Min. No.  Cards | Neg. Dbl. Thru’ | Description | Responses | Subsequent Auction | Modifications over Competition and  with Passed Partner |
| 1♣ | X | 2 | 7♦ | 11 - 22 HCP:   * 5+♣ nat (or 4441 red singleton) * 12-14 bal * 18-19 bal | 1♦=4+♥, 1♥=4+♠, 1♠=5♦/4M GF, bal GF or some inv or less hand with no 4M  2♣=GF,2♦=ST 6+♦,2M=6+M or 5M4m ST  2NT=Nat, 3♣=weak, 3♦=10-12hcp 6+♦  3♥=1444 GF, 3♠=4144 GF  3NT=13-15hcp 4♣ | Many distribution ask relays |  |
| 1♦ |  | 4 | 7♦ | 11 - 22 HCP, 5+♦ (or 4441 black singleton)  11-14 5♣4♦(31M) is possible | 1M=nat, 2♦=4-9HCP 3/4♦, 2M=as above  2NT=4+♦ GF  3♣=9-11hcp 4♦  3M=preempt | Many distribution ask relays / Gazzilli |  |
| 1♥ |  | 5 | 7♦ | 11 - 22 hcp unbal  11-13(14) or 16-19 bal | 3♣=7-9 4M, 3♦= 10-12 3M  2NT=10-12 4M or 16+4M Bal  support | Many distribution ask relays / Gazzilli |  |
| 1♠ |  | 5 | 7♦ | 11 - 22 hcp unbal  11-13(14) or 16-19 bal | Same as 1♥ | Many distribution ask relays / Gazzilli |  |
| 1NT |  |  | 5♦ | 14+ - 17 hcp | 2♣=Stay, 2♦/♥=Xfer, 2♠/2NT=♣/♦  3♦=5/5MM inv+´, 3M=Short (13)(54)  4♣/♦/♥/♠=6+ ♥/♠/♣/♦ ST |  |  |
| 2♣ | X |  | 7♦ | Strong | 2♦=gf, ace or better  2♥=0-5hcp no ace  2NT=♥ | Some transfer auctions and Kokish |  |
| 2♦ | X | 5 |  | 6+M 5-8 hcp (NV v V 0-8hcp) | 2♥/2♠=p/c, 2NT= F1 ask | 3♣= 5/6hcp, 3♦=0-4 hcp, 3M=Max 6oM |  |
| 2♥ |  | 6 |  | 9-12 hcp 6+♥ | 2NT=GF ask | 3♣=6/4, 3♦=short m, 3oM=short M |  |
| 2♠ |  | 6 |  | 9-12 hcp 6+♠ | same | same |  |
| 2NT |  |  |  | 20 - 21 hcp Bal | 3♣=muppet stayman, 3♦/♥=Xfer, 3♠=minors  4♣/♦/♥/♠=6+ ♥/♠/♣/♦ ST |  |  |
| 3♣ |  | 6 |  | Weak, NV v V can be wild | 4♦ conditional BW |  |  |
| Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids) | |
| 3♦ |  | 6 |  | Weak, NV v V can be wild | 4♣ conditional BW |
| RKCB 1430, 4NT for ♠ and 4♠ for ♥  Redwood KC for minors when we agree below 3NT  4♠ KC for minors when we agree after 3NT  Exclussion RKCB= 0,1,2,2+q  DOPI= DBL 0-3, PASS 1-4, 2, 2+q afterwards  DBL KC in some auctions: 14, 035, 2/5 + 0 or 1 Q, 2/5 + 2Q  DEPO | |
| 3♥ |  | 6 |  | Weak, NV v V can be wild | 4♣ conditional BW |
| 3♠ |  | 6 |  | Weak, NV v V can be wild | 4♣ conditional BW |
| 3NT |  | 7/8 |  | Preempt in 1 minor with A | 4/5♣=p/c, 4♦=ST, 4NT RKCB |
| 4m |  | 8 |  | Very weak without A | Natural |
| 4M |  | 7 |  | Preempt | Natural |
| 4NT |  |  |  | 6+/6+ minors |  |
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