# **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

**OVERCALLS** (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level)

1-level: Aggressive 2-level: Sound Responses to 1-level overcalls:

Cue bid = a) Good raise b) BAL INV c) any GF 2NT = 4-card support major, Jump = Mini-Splinter

New suit at 2 level = NOT FORCING

1 over 1 = F1

## **1NT OVERCALL** (2ND/4TH Live; Responses)

15-18

## **JUMP OVERCALLS** (Style; Responses)

1♣ - 2♦= 55 major

1x - 2NT = Both minors (c+h over 1 → if natural)

1M/2M - 4m = m+other M

## **DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS** (Style; Responses;)

1♣ - 2♣ = Natural

1♣/1 ♦ - 2 ♦ = 55 majors

1M-2M = Other major + Clubs

Jump cue-bid = Asks for stopper (1 - 3 = preemptive)

## VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)

Dbl= 4♠ + longer minor, 2♣ = Both majors

2 • /2 • = Transfer • /• . 2 • = Clubs.

Dbl = Take-out if 1NT weak (Max 14).

Both have passed: Dbl = ★ + another, 2★ = ♣+♥, 2♦ = ♦+♥

## VS. PREEMPTS ( Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)

T/O doubles;

2NT: 15-18 HCP

Cue-bid; Asks for stopper at 3-level; 2-suiter at 4-level

4NT=Strong 2-suiter

## **VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS**

vs. 1♣: Dbl = Majors; 1NT = 4♠ + minor; 3NT=To play

vs. 2♣: Dbl = Majors; 2NT = 4♠ + minor

## **OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE**

1-level bids = F1

1 v − Dbl − 2 • = Balanced INV with 3-card support

1 - Dbl - 2 = Balanced INV with 3-card support

 $1 \checkmark /1 \land - Dbl - 1NT = Unbal INV with 3-card support$ 

| Leads an | d Sig | nals |
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## **Opening Leads Style**

|        | Lead  | In Partner's Suit                |  |  |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Suit   | Normally 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>                                       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> |  |  |
| NT     | Normally 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>                                       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> |  |  |
| Subseq | Attitude when opening a new suit  |                                  |  |  |
| Other  | Against 5- level contracts or higher: Ace: asks enc./disc. King: asks for count |                                  |  |  |

#### Leads

| Lead  | Vs. Suit             | Vs. NT                |  |  |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Ace   | Ax(x), AKx(x), AKJTx | Ax(x), AKx(x)         |  |  |
| King  | AK, KQx(x), KQT9(x)  | KQx(x), KQT(x), AKJTx |  |  |
| Queen | AQJ, QJ, QJT,        | AQJ, QJ(x), QJT,KQ109 |  |  |
| Jack  | HJT(x), JT(x)        | HJT(x), JT(x)         |  |  |
| 10    | HT9x, AQT(x), T9x    | HT9x, AQT(x), T9x     |  |  |
| 9     | H98x, 9x             | H98x, 9x              |  |  |
| Х     | Hxxxx, xxxxx         | Hxxxx, xxxxx          |  |  |

## Signals in order of priority

|                 | Partners lead        | rtners lead Declarer Discardi |           |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Suit: 1st       | Low = enc            | Count                         | Low = enc |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Suit pref (S/P)      | S/P                           | S/P       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Count                |                               | Count     |
| NT 1st:         | Same                 | Smith/count                   | Same      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Same                 |                               | Same      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Same |                               | Same      |

# $\label{eq:high-low} \mbox{High-low} = \mbox{even}, \ \mbox{Low} = \mbox{encrg}. \ \ \mbox{Smith vs NT: High} = \mbox{Like}$

## **Doubles**

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light style, Cue-bid only force

Special, Art. and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

Negative/responsive thru 4◆

Competitive thru 4

Support doubles to show 3-card fit



# Convention Card



**EBL** 

## **System: Natural**

| Category Green |                 |                  |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Country Norway |                 |                  |
| Event          |                 |                  |
| Players        | Christian Bakke | Bjørn Olav Ekren |

# **System Summary**

## **General Approach and Style**

Light opening style

5-card majors, 1 = 2+, 1 = 4+ (usually not 3343)

1NT = 14-16

2**√**/2**♠** = NAT weak, 3-9

## Special opening bids that may require defense

2 red = NAT weak, 3-9

2 ◆ green = At least 44 in the majors, 3-9

## Special bids that may require defense

1 ♣ - 1 ♦ = a) 6-9 NT b) NAT c) Strong balanced

1♣ - 1♥/1♠ = May have longer diamonds

1♣ - 2♦ = 6-card major, weak

1 ♣/1 ♦ - 2 ♥ = GF with support

1 ♣/1 ♦ - 2 ♠ = INV with support

 $1 \checkmark /1 ♠ - 2 ♣ = a$ ) INV+ with 3 card support

b) Natural, F1

c) Balanced GF

## Important notes that don't fit

## **Psychics**

Rare

| Opening                | Artificial | Min. cards | Neg. dbl. thru | Description                                 | Responses  | Subsequent Auction  | Passed Hand Bidding         |
|------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 1*                     | X          | 2          | <b>4</b> ♠     | 44 majors if 2 clubs<br>All 4333 shapes     | 1 ◆= a) 6-9 NT, b) Natural c) Strong balanced, 1NT = 10-11, 2♣= 8-11, 5+clubs, NF 2 ◆= 6-card major, weak 2 ▼= GF with 5+clubs, 2♠= INV with 6+clubs, 2NT = BAL GF   |   |                             |
| 1 •                    |            | 4          | 4              | 4+card, usually not 3343                    | 2♣= Natural, F1,<br>2♣= 6-10, 4+diamonds, NF<br>2♥= GF with 4+diamonds, 2♠= INV with 4+diamonds, 2NT = BAL GF  |   |                             |
| 1♥                     |            | 5 (4)      | 4              | 5+cards<br>(may have 4 in 3.rd seat)        | 1NT= Nat, N. 2♣=a) INV+ with 3 hearts b) Natural, F1 c) Balanced, GF 2♠ = 4H, 5-8 any singleton, 2NT= GF with 4+H 3♣= 7-11 4+H, no singleton, 3♦= 9-11, 4+H, any singleton;  |   | 2♣ = Toronto 3-card support |
| 1 &                    |            | 5 (4)      | 4♥             | 5+cards<br>(may have 4 in 3.rd seat)        | 1NT=Nat, NF. 2 $\clubsuit$ =a) INV+ with 3 spades b) Natural, F1 c) Balanced, GF 2 $\spadesuit$ /2 $\clubsuit$ = 5+cards, F1 2NT= GF with 4+S, 3 $\clubsuit$ = 4+S, 5-8 any singleton, 3 $\spadesuit$ = 7-11, 4+S, no singleton, 3 $\spadesuit$ = 9-11, 4+S, any singleton |   | 2* = Toronto 3-card support |
| 1NT                    |            | -          | 3♠             | 14-16, any 5332, 5422 & 6322 shape possible | 2♣=Stayman, 2♦/2♥ =Transfer, 2♠ = INV+ 6-card minor;<br>2NT = INV, 3x =Singleton GF; 4♦/4♥=Transfer ♥/♠  |   |                             |
| 2*                     | Χ          | -          | 7NT            | Strong artificial                           | 2 ◆= 0-7, 2NT= 8+ BAL, 3 ♥/3 ♠=Singleton, 5-8, 3NT = 55 majors, 5-8  |   |                             |
| 2•                     |            | 6 (5)<br>- |                | Green 4+♥ 4+♠, 3-9<br>Red Weak two, 3-9     | Green: 2NT=F1, $3 = INV$ major or any GF, $3 = GF$ minor, $3 = Pre$ Red: 2NT=F1, $2 = Nat$ . NF, $3 = Nat$ . NF, $3 = Nat$ . INV, $3 = Pre$  | Red: $2 - 2NT \rightarrow 3 = Bad suit$ , $3 - Bad suit$ |                             |
| 2♥                     |            | 6 (5)      |                | Weak two, 3-9<br>(may have 5 in 3.rd seat)  | 2NT= F1, 2♠=Nat. NF, 3♣ /3♦ = NF, 3♥ = Pre, 3♠= NAT INV  | 2♥ - 2NT → 3♣/3♦/3♠=Singleton   |                             |
| 2♠                     |            | 6 (5)      |                | Weak two, 3-9<br>(may have 5 in 3.rd seat)  | 2NT= F1, 3♣ /3♦ = Nat, NF, 3♥ = F1, 3♠=Pre   | 2♠ - 2NT → 3♣/3♦/3♥=Singleton   |                             |
| 2NT                    |            | -          | 3♠             | 22-24 BAL                                   | 3♣ = Puppet, 3♦/3♥ = Transfer, 3♠= Minor;<br>4♣= Gerber, 4♦/4♥=Transfer ♥/♠  | Slam Conventions  |                             |
| 3x                     |            | 6          |                | Pre   | 3♥/3♠=NF, 3♣ - 3♦= Key-Card, 3♦/3♥/3♠ - 4♣= Key-Card   | Cue bids: 1st and 2nd round controls up the line  |                             |
| 3NT                    |            | -          |                | Solid major                                 |  | Splinter 5NT Key-Card Blackwood Exclusion Blackwood   |                             |
| <b>4</b> ♣, <b>4</b> ♦ |            | 7          |                | Pre-emptive                                 | 4♣ - 4♦ = KC, 4♦ - 5♣ = KC,<br>4NT = To play   | DOPI/ROPI   |                             |
| 4♥, 4♠                 |            | 6          |                | Gambling                                    | New suit = Cue-bid, 4NT=KC   |   |                             |
| 4NT                    | Χ          | -          |                | Asks for specific aces                      | 5.=0 Aces, Suit= the Ace, 5NT=2 Aces   |   |                             |