# **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

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

Aggressive

Cue bid = Good 3-card raise or FG Direct jump-raises are pre-emptive.

1 over 1 & 3 over 2 (free bid) = F1

**1NT OVERCALL** (2<sup>nd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses)

15-18 HCP: System on

**JUMP OVERCALLS** (Style; Responses)

2**♥**/2**♠**= Weak

1M - 2NT = Two lowest unbid suits

3x = Constructive in other VUL.

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

1.4-2.4=Both Majors

1 ♦ - 2 ♦ = Both majors

1M-2M=Other major + C

Jump cue-bid=Asks for stopper.

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

Dbl= Strength

2♣= Both majors

2 ♦ /♥ = Transfer

2 ♠ = ♠ + minor

2NT= 2-suiter

## **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= 2-suiter

#### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Natural

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

Leads and Signals							
Opening Leads Style							
	Lead	In Partner's Suit					
Suit	Usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>					
NT	Usually 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), AKJx(x)					
King	AK, KQx(x), KQT9(x)	KQx(x), KQT(x), AKJTx					
Queen	QJ, QJT,	AQJ, QJ(x), KQT9, KQJx					
Jack	HJT(x), JT(x)	HJT(x), JT(x)					
Т	HT9x, T9x	HT9x, AQT(x), T9x					
9	9x, 98x(x), H98x	9x, 98x(x), H98x					
Х	Hxxxx, xxxxx	Hxxxx , xxxxx					
Signals in order of priority							

# Signals in order of priority

	Partners lead	Declarer	Discarding
Suit: 1st	Low encour.	Standard count	Low enc
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suit pref.	Suit pref	Standard count
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Standard count		Suit pref
NT 1 <sup>st</sup>	Low encour.	Smith	Low enc
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Standard count	Standard count	Standard count
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Suit pref	Suit pref

Lowest from xx on partners Ace lead in suit contracts.

Suit preference in trump

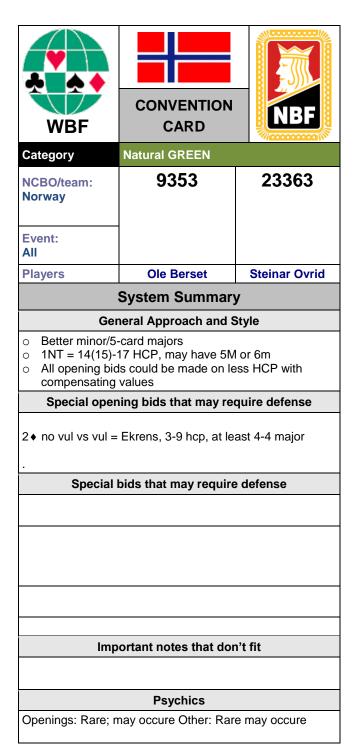
## **Doubles**

Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Light or normal T/O doubles → Cue-bid = Forcing

Special, Artificial and Competitive Dbl/Rdbl's

Responsive thru 4♦; Competitive thru 4♦ Support Doubles / Rdbl's to show 3-card fit All doubles below 2NT usually for take-out Lightner doubles



Opening	Artificial	Min. cards	Neg dbl thru	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1.4		3	4♠	9-22 hcp, better minor	2 ♣ = 2♥/♠ = 2 NT = 3 ♣ =		
1 •		3	4♥	9-22 hcp, better minor	2 ◆ = 2 ♥/♠= 2 NT = 3 ◆ =		
1•		5 (4)	4 •	9-22 hcp, 5card +	2 NT = GF 4+♥ 3 ♥ =		
1 🛦		5 (4)	4 •	9-22 hcp, 5-card +	2 NT = GF 4+♠ , 3 ♥ =		
1NT		-	4 •	(14)15-17 hcp, balanced, may have 5M or 6m	2♣ = stayman, 2♦/♥=transfer,		
2*	х			20-21 NT or strong hand	2 ♦ = waiting/weak,	2 ♣ - 2♦, 2M – 3♣ = sec negative	
2•		0 6 (5)		No vul vs vul: EKRENS (3-9) Other: 4-10 hcp, 5-card +	2♥/♣ = nat, non forcing, 2NT = relay, 3♣ = Ogust with support		
2♥		6 (5)		4-10 hcp, 5-card +	2 NT = relay,		
24		6 (5)		4-10 hcp, 5-card +	2 NT = relay,		
2NT				22-24 NT	Puppet stayman, transfer	Slam Conventions	
3♣/3♦		6			3.4-3.4=slamtry 3.4 - 4.4 = slamtry		
3♥, 3♠		6			Splinter, cue-bids.  3♥/♠ - 4♣ = slamtry support  Roman Key Card Blackwood (0-3, 1-4).  Exclusion BW		
3NT	Х			1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Running Major 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> : gambling	4 ◆ = Relay 5NT		
4.	Х			8-9 tricks in ♥	4 ◆ = slamtry, support		
4 •	Х			8-9 tricks in ▲	4 ♥ = slamtry support		
4♥, 4♠		6		Pre acc to vul			
4NT				Asking for ace			