DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING


| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | 3rd and low | 3rd and low, top from 3 low if raised |
| NT | 4th and MUD | 3rd and low, top from 3 low if raised |
| Subseq | ATT/count | ATT/count |
| Ont |  |  |

Other:

| LEADS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace | AKx, Ax | AKx, AK $x x$, AQx |
| King | AK, Kx, KQx | STRONG: AKJTx, KQT9x, etc. |
| Queen | QJx, Qx | KQ weaker, AQJ, QJ(x) |
| Jack | KJTx, JTx, Jxx, Jx | QJxx, JT $(x)$ |
| 10 | KT9x, QT9x, T9x, Tx | HJT(x), JTxx, AQT9, T9(x) |
| 9 | KJ9x, 9x | HT9(x), T9xx, A98x, J98x, 9x, AKT9 |
| Hi-X | Hi from $x x$ or 3rd/even | 8 from K98x, Q98x, MUD |
| Lo-X | Low from odd | 4th best |

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | low = ENC | low = even | low = ENC |
| Suit 2 | low = even | low = low S/P | low = even |
| 3 | low = low S/P |  | low = low S/P |
| 1 | same | same | low = low S/P |
| NT 2 | same | same | low = ENC |
| 3 | same |  | low = even |

## Signals (including Trumps):

If lead $A$ and see $Q$ on the table when vs. suit, give the count signal

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Takeout double through 4 $\mathrm{\Omega}, \mathrm{~T} / \mathrm{O}+$ optional at 4-level
Doubleton in unbid $m$ is OK
Doubler raises freely in comp

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Opponent overcall IM after $\mathrm{I} \diamond$ opening, $\mathrm{X}=$ negative
Support X/XX through 2
Opponent overcall after l\& opening, $X=$ optional, usually (semi)BAL

After opponent $\mathrm{IM}-\mathrm{IN}: \mathrm{X}=$ strong BAL, pass then $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}$ in M
After (1 $\Delta)-2 \bigcirc-(2 \Delta), X=\triangle$ constructive raise
After Pass-IM-( $2 x$ ), $X=M$ constructive raise


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { O } \\ & \text { Z } \\ & \text { Z } \\ & \text { O2 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | V |  |  | ART FI, 16+any | $1 \diamond=0-7,2 \mathrm{M}=5-76+\mathrm{M}$, else=ART FG: $2 \wedge=8-\mathrm{II}$ BAL | (note 9) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $1\rangle=5+$ or $12+B A L, 1 \otimes / 1 \mathrm{~N} / 2 \sim=5+\mathrm{C} / 2 /\rangle, 2 \mathrm{~N}-3\rangle=4441$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $3 \mathrm{C}-3 \mathrm{~N}=$ some solid suit (note 9) |  |  |
| $1 \diamond$ | V | 2 | 12 | 11-15, 2+ ''s $^{\text {s }}$ | IM=NAT, may only 3 or psyche if 0-7 HCP, IN=8-10, | (note 10) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2^=relay, 2$\rangle=$ one M WJS or SJS, 2 $2 / 2 \wedge=$ rev Flannery |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ PRE or 13+BAL, $30=44+\mathrm{m}$ 's PRE (note 10 ) |  |  |
| 18 |  | 5 (4 3rd) |  | 11-15, 5+8's |  |  | IN=semi-F |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2/ / = = Drury, 3/4+support |
|  |  |  |  |  | $3 ¢=$ PRE, $3 \wedge=$ one stiff SPL, $3 \mathrm{~N} / 4 \pm / 4\rangle=$ void (note 12) |  | $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ one m to play, JS=fit-showing |
| 14 |  | 5 (4 3rd) |  | 11-15, 5+¢'s | IN=F, 2 $4=8-10,2 \mathrm{~N}=4+\mathrm{FG}, 38=9 \mathrm{SJS}$ |  | IN=semi-F |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2*//=Drury, 3/4+support |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3 - PRE, 3N=one stiff SPL, 4\%/4//4\%=void (note 12) |  | $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ one m to play, JS=fit-showing |
| INT |  |  |  | 9-12 I/2 seat NV, 14-16 else | $2{ }^{2}=$ ask for 5 M or 6 m , INV or less, $\mathrm{NF}, 2 \wedge=$ FG relay | (note 13) | $2 \wedge=$ one M to play or FG with some |
|  |  |  |  | 5 M or 6 m is OK | 2M=to play, 2N=semiBAL CoG, 3x=NAT INV (note I3) |  | majors, $2 \mathrm{M}=1 \mathrm{NV}$, $2 \mathrm{~N}=55+\mathrm{m}$ 's weak |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (note 14) |
| 2 |  | 6 |  | 11-15, 6+2's | $2 \wedge=$ relay, $2 \mathrm{M}=5+\mathrm{M}$ or fit, $\mathrm{NF}, 3 \mathrm{~s}=$ INV | (note 15) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $2 \mathrm{~N}=\stackrel{\text { comp or }}{ } \stackrel{\text { INV }}{ }$ or M CoG (note I5) |  |  |
| 2 | V |  |  | mini-multi: 3-10, 6+\%'s or 6+¢'s |  | (note 16) |  |
| 28 | V | 3 |  | II-15, 4414, 4405, 4315, 3415 | $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ relay, 3$\rangle=44 \mathrm{M}$ 's $\operatorname{INV}+, 3 \mathrm{M}=1 \mathrm{NV}, 4{ }^{\circ}=$ PRE ( note I ) | (note I) |  |
| 24 | V | 3 |  | 11-15, 3145, 3154 | 2N=relay, else=to play (note 2) | (note 2) |  |
| 2NT | V |  |  | 0-9, 6+ ' 's $^{\text {d }}$ | $3{ }^{2}=$ relay, 3$\rangle=$ to play, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ NAT, F | (note 3) |  |
| 3* |  | 6 |  | NAT PRE |  |  |  |
| 3 | V |  |  | $\bigcirc$ PRE | $4 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{CAB}$ |  |  |
| 38 | V |  |  | $\triangle$ PRE | $4 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{CAB}$ |  |  |
| $3{ }^{1}$ | V |  |  | any solid suit w/o side A/K | 40=P/C, 4 $=$ =ask for suit, |  |  |
| 3NT | V |  |  | one solid minor with side A/K | 42=P/C, 4 $\=$ ask for splinter, 4M=CAB | 4介: 4®/4^=short, 4N=short om, $5 ¢ / 5\rangle=$ no short |  |
| 40 |  | 7 |  | NAT PRE |  |  |  |
| 4 |  | 7 |  | NAT PRE |  |  |  |
| 48 |  |  |  | NAT PRE |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  | NAT PRE |  |  |  |
| 4NT |  |  |  | Blackwood |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Cue bid style: A, K, singleton, or void. XX shows first control if opponent X. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Two honors in self suit, one honor in partner's suit. (not trump suit) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | If partner denied a necessary control, the next cue bid only shows that control. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | RKCB 1430, EKB |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | DOPI if opponent bid under our 5-trump. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | DEPO if opponent bid our 5-trump or higher. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | After double, pass = 1st step, $\mathrm{XX}=2 \mathrm{2nd}$ step |  |

## Supplementary notes for Wei-Bung Wang and Chien-Yao Tseng (TPE)

Note:.. I: 2 $\downarrow$ opening: II-I5, short in $\diamond$, 4-4-I-4, 4-4-0-5, 4-3-I-5, or 3-4-I-5.
Response: $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ relay, $3 \diamond=44 \mathrm{M}$, INV or better, $3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{INV}$, $4 \stackrel{\circ}{\circ}=$ PRE, $4 \diamond=$ Blackwood.
After 2 N response:
3@=MIN not 4-4-0-5, 3 $\langle=4-4-0-5(3 ¢ / 3 N=M A X / M I N), 3 M=M A X ~ 3-c a r d, 3 N=M A X ~ 4-4-I-4$.
After relay for shape and range:

Over $X$ : $X X=$ Pen, Pass to play if opener has $4 \checkmark^{\prime}$ s, $2 N=$ system on, else NF.
Over overcall: $X=P e n, 2 N=$ system on, else NF.
Note:..2: 2¢ opening: II-I5, short in $\uparrow$, 3-I-4-5 or 3-I-5-4.
Response: $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ relay, else=to play.
After 2 N response: bid 5 cards minor.
Responder rebids $3 \checkmark$ for range ask ( $39=M A X, 3 N=M I N$ ), then
$4 \Leftrightarrow=$ any INV, $4 \diamond=$ any $S / O$ (unless rebid $4 N=R K C B \$$ ), $4 \checkmark / 4 \triangleq / 4 N=R K C B \$ / \diamond / \checkmark$.
Note:..3: 2N opening: 0-9, 6+ $\diamond$ 's. Response: 38=relay, 3M=NAT, F.
After $3 \mathcal{R}$ response: $3 \diamond=$ bad PRE, else opener bid misfit major.
Note:..4: Over opponent Im-IN:
$X=T / O, 2 \Leftrightarrow=$ both M's with different length, $2 \diamond=$ both M's with the same length.
Note:..5: Over opponent IM-IN: (including inverted I $\vee$-I © $^{*}$ )
$X=S T R$ BAL, $2 m=m+o M 54+$ or $45+, 2 M=o n e S T R$ suit, ask for stopper, $2 N=$ any two suits $55,3 m=$ intermediate, Pass then $X=T / O$ in $M$. IN over $I \vee-\mid \Phi^{*}=$ one $m w / s t o p p e r$.

Note:..6: Transfer response. Example I $4-(X)-2 \diamond=\checkmark$. Used mostly after we overcall IM/2m, IM-(X), or opponent overcall our le.

Note:..7: 2 N for takeout. Example IN P P 2 $\downarrow$; P P 2N, showing two minors.
Note:..8: Optional double over artificial opening.
Note:..9: Response to $1 \mathbf{2 0}$ :

$2 \diamond=8-I|B A L, 2 N=444|$ short in $m, 3 \%=4-I-4-4$ or $15+H C P|-4-4-4,3 \diamond=8-|4 H C P|-4-4-4$,
3

After 19 - $\mid \diamond$; IM:

After positive response:
NT=usually BAL, next 3 suit steps=unbid suits (ART, with precedence to unbid M). Replies show fit/values.

Note:..l0: Response to $\mid \diamond$ :
I M=NAT, but may only 3 cards if $0-7 \mathrm{HCP}$, or psyche with very bad hand, $\mathrm{IN}=8-\mathrm{II}, 2 \mathbf{2}=$ no

 $3 / 4 \diamond=$ NAT PRE, $3 \vee / 3 \Leftrightarrow=\Leftrightarrow / \diamond$, short in $\diamond / \stackrel{\rho}{s}$, ST, $3 N / 4 M=$ to play, $4 \Leftrightarrow=$ puppet to $4 \checkmark$ to play or I I cards in M's ST.

Note:..II: After $\mathrm{I} \diamond-\mathrm{I} \vee$ :
2 =3 cards support, unBAL (may 2-4-(52) if NV), $2 \boldsymbol{2}=55+$ in $m, 2 N=6+\diamond$ 's, MAX, $30=6$ 's $4 \boldsymbol{e}$ 's, MAX, $3 \vee / 3 \bigcirc=4$ cards support, short in $/ \mathbf{~} / \mathbf{~ , ~ M A X . ~}$

After 1$\rangle-1 s$ :
 MAX(V), or 4-2-(52) MAX(NV), 3 $/ 313=4$ cards support, short in $\$ / \vee$, MAX.

After $\mid \diamond-2$ : $(1) \mid / 2$ seat NV (2) else
$2 \mathrm{C}=(\mathrm{I}) \mathrm{MIN} 4-\mathrm{I}-3-5, \mathrm{I}-4-3-5,4-4-4-\mathrm{I}$, (2) II-I3 BAL or 4-4-4-I,
$2 N=(1)$ I3-I5 BAL, (2) MIN 4-I-3-5, I-4-3-5,
$2 \wedge=5+\bigcirc$ 's MAX, $3 \uparrow / 3 \diamond=44+$ m's unBAL, MIN/MAX, $3 \subset / 3 \uparrow / 3 N=I-4-3-5 / 4-I-3-5 / 4-4-4-I$, MAX.

Note:..I2: Response to IM:
$\mathrm{IN}=\mathrm{FI}, 2 \mathrm{M}=8-\mathrm{I} 0,2 \mathrm{~N}=4+$ cards support $\mathrm{FG}, 3 \mathrm{M}-2=\mathrm{BAL}, \mathrm{INV}$ with support or $16+$ exactly 3 cards support, $3 \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I} 3$ - I5 BAL exactly 3 card support, $3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{PRE}, 3 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{I}=$ one stiff splinter,


Note:..I3: Response to IN:
2e=ask for 5M or 6 m , OPENER CAN PASS, $2 \wedge=\mathrm{FG}$, relay, 2M=to play, 2N=FG, semiBAL CoG, may 543 I 444 I sometimes, $3 \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{INV}$, may bad hand, $3 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{O}, 4 \AA / 4 \curvearrowright=$ transfer to $4 \mathrm{P} / 4$ e, $4 \mathrm{M}=$ to play.

After $2 \diamond$ response: relay for distribution \& strength.


After opponent's $X$ : $2 \Leftrightarrow=$ to play or $44(43) \diamond+M(X X=\diamond+\oslash, 2 \diamond=\diamond+\infty), 2 \diamond=$ to play or 44(43) M's.

Note:..I4: Response to IN: (passed hand, Ie.l
$2 \diamond=(1)$ Flint, one $M$ to $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{O}$, or (2)FG with some majors, $2 \mathrm{M}=5+$ suit INV, $2 \mathrm{~N}=5-5$ m's weak, else the same.

After $2 \triangleleft$ response, opener P/C facing case I, then
$30=44+\mathrm{M}$ 's, $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ puppet stayman, the following are the same as $\mathrm{IN}-2 \mathrm{~N}$.
After $2 \triangleleft$ response and $3 \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\text { rebid: opener } 3 \diamond=\text { waiting, else NAT, responder } 3 M=S m o l e n \text {, }}$ $4 \Leftrightarrow=5-5 \mathrm{M}, 4 \diamond / 4 \bigcirc=$ transfer.

Note:.. I5: Response to 2e:
$2 \diamond=$ relay, $2 \mathrm{M}=7$ - 12 NAT or bad hand with club fit, NF, $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ puppet to $3 \boldsymbol{2}$, comp, $\diamond \mathrm{INV}$, or


After 2e-2 $\stackrel{\text { : }}{ }$
$2 \bigcirc=$ one $4+$ M's, $24=$ MIN, $2 N=$ two side stoppers, $3 \rho=$ semiBAL, else, $3 \vee / 3 \bigcirc=$ stopper, short in others, $3 \Phi / 3 N=\$$ 's stopper, short in $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{s}$.

## After 2e-2 9 :


 suiter, $3 \bigcirc=3 \nabla$ 's $M A X$, not short ${ }^{4}$.

After 2e-24:
 $2 \mathrm{~N}=$ lebensohl, puppet $3 \boldsymbol{2}$, then Pass=play, $3 \vee / 3 \vee=5-6$ two suiter, $3 \boldsymbol{2}=3$ 's MAX , no short.

Note:..16: Response to 2$\rangle$ :
$2 M / 3 M / 4 \curvearrowright=P / C, 4 \varrho=$ to play, $2 N=$ relay, 3 =fit both $M I N V, 3 \diamond / 4 \diamond=$ fit both $M$, partner comp
freely, $4 \boldsymbol{e}=$ ask for transfer.
After $2 \diamond-2 N$ :

After $2 \diamond-2 \mathrm{~N} ; 3 \mathrm{e}-3 \diamond$ (relay):
3M=NAT, 3N/4@+=one-loser $\mathbf{\$} / \mathrm{P}$.
After $2 \triangleleft-3 \boldsymbol{2}$ :

$4 \kappa / 4 \diamond=$ MAX BAL $\rho / \Delta$, then $4 \diamond / 4\rangle=$ mild slam try.
Note:..I7: Opponent overcall IN:



Note:.. 18: Transfer lebensohl when (I) Ix $\times 2 x(2) I x \times 2 x P ; P \times P(3) I N 2 x(4) I x I N 2 x(5) 2 x \times P$ (6) $2 x \mathrm{P} P \times ; \mathrm{P}$ (7) $\mathrm{I} \diamond 2 \mathrm{x}$.
$2 \diamond=T / O, 2 M=$ to play, $2 N=$ puppet $3 \AA$, but if opponent bid club, $2 N=\diamond$ 's INV+ or better,
3e=stayman if opponent bid minor, $3 \boldsymbol{6} \sim 3 \bigcirc=$ next suit INV or better, but ask for 4-card major if the next suit is opponent's suit, $3 \mathrm{~s}=$ ask for stopper, $4 \mathrm{~m}=$ leaping Michael, if opponent bid $M, 4 m=m+o M$; if opponent bid $m, 4 \varrho=o m+M, 4 \diamond=b o t h ~ M$.
 transfer/directly bid.

Note:..19: Unusual vs. unusual: (after opponent's two-suit bid)
If partner have bid, then lower/higher cue bid=higher/lower suit.
Else, lower/higher cue bid=lower/higher suit.
Note:..20: Transfer response example.
After $(1 \diamond)$ - 14 , opponent pass/double or bid under 24:
$2 \checkmark=\checkmark, 2 \bigcirc=9+$ support points, $2 \wedge=4-8$ support points, $2 N=12+$ support points with $4+$ trump,
$30=$ fit-showing or NAT, $3 \wedge=9$-I I support points with $4+$ trump, $3 \bigcirc=$ fit-showing, $34=4-8$
support points $4+$ trump. If opponent raise $2 \diamond$, then $X=\gtrdot$ (cue bid double). If opponent free bid $2 \vee$, then $X=9+$ support points still, if opponent free bid $2 \%$, then $X=5+\vee$ 's, $2 \varphi^{\prime}$ 's.

Note:..2I: Transfer response example.
After (I $\vee$ )-2 $\triangleq$, opponent pass/double or bid $2 \vee$ or under:
 and $\diamond$ support. Cue bid double applies.

Note:..22: Response to Michael.
After ( 1 m )-2m: $2 \mathrm{M}=$ to play, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ constructive, $3 \boldsymbol{2} / 3 \wedge=1 / / \mathrm{INV}+$.


After 2 N relay: $3 \boldsymbol{s} / 3 \diamond=$ weak with $\boldsymbol{s} /\rangle, 3 \nabla / 3 \boldsymbol{s}=$ strong with $\boldsymbol{s} /\rangle$.
Note:..23: Astro after opponent's weak no trump (14+-I7, I4-16, I3-17, or worse):
$X=$ strength, $2 \Leftrightarrow=4+\odot$ 's and another suit, or $1-4-4-4,2 \diamond=4+\Phi$ 's and another suit, or 4 44 I , $2 M=6+M, 2 N=65$ two suits but not $\stackrel{+}{ } \downarrow$ or $\diamond+\&$.

Note:..24: Gladiator after opponent's strong no trump (15-I7 or better):
$X=4+\Phi$ 's and another suit, $2 m=m+\oslash, 2 M=N A T, 2 N=$ both $m$.

