# Defensive and Competitive Bidding

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| Leads and Signals | **WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION**  **Standard Card**  Sebastian Kristensen & Stefano Tommasini |
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| Opening Leads - style |
| Lead In Partner’s Suit |
| Suit 3rd / 5th 3rd / 5th |
| NT 4th |
| Subseq |
| Other Attitude. |
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| System Summary |
| Leads |
| Lead Vs. Suit Vs. NT |
| General approach and Style |
| Ace Ask for attitude for the Q or for xx against suit | 2/1 5-card Majors, transfers over 1C. |
| King Ask for attitude for the J |
| Short clubs (2+), 1D = 4+ unbalanced. |
| Queen Ask for attitude for the 10 against NT. |
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| Jack J10; J10x(+); KJ10x(+) J10;J10x(+); KJ10x(+) |
| 1NT response = not forcing |
| 10 109; 109x(+); H109x(+); 10x109; 109x(+); H109x(+) |
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| 9 9x |
| 1NT Opening: 15 - 17 |
| Hi-x Sx; xxS Sx; Sxx; xSxx |
| UDCA carding. |
| Lo-x HxS; HxSx(+); xxSx(+) HxS; HxxS(+); xSxx(+) |
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| Signals in order of Priority |
| Special Bids that may require defence |
| Partner’s Lead Declarer’s Lead Discarding |
| 2♣ Opening = strong, GF or 22-23 bal. |
| 1 Low = encouraging Count |
| 2♦ Opening = Multi with ♥/♠ (2-10 HCP) |
| 2 Original count (UDCA) |
| 2♥ Opening = Weak 5♥ + m (2-10 HCP) |
| 3 S/P |
| 2♠ Opening = Weak 5♠ + m ( 2-10 HCP) |
| 1 low = encouraging Count Attitude. |
| 3NT Opening = Solid minor no A/K outside |
| 2 Original count (UDCA) |
| 3NT Opening = Gambling in 3rd and 4th |
| 3 S/P |
| 2NT Overcall = two lower unbid suits |
| Signals (including trumps): |
| Michaels Cue  Michaels Cue |
| Play in the trump suit shows suit preference |
| Lebensohl after 2-lvl overcall of 1NT (Note 2) |
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| Negative Doubles to 4♠ |
| Takeout Doubles (Style; responses reopening) |
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| May be light with classic shape |
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| Cue = F1 | Special Forcing Pass Sequences |
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| Reopen: same as above |
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| Special, artificial and competitive doubles/redoubles |
| Important notes that don’t fit elsewhere |
| Responsive Dbl: After T/O Dble thru 4♠; after o/call thru 4♠ |
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| Repeat same suit dble by Neg doubler = Take out |
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| Over minor Michaels: Low = strong with low. |
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| Over Major Michaels: cue bid in opponents’ major = limit raise  or better | Psychics: |
| Rare |
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Overcalls (Style; responses: 1/2 level; reopening)

General Style = aggressive

Reponses: Jump Raise = Preemptive

Cue-Bid = Forcing any good hand.

New Suit = Forcing 1/4 lvl, NF 2/3 lvl, 2- jump shift = strong.

In Balancing Position: Same

## Take-out double:

General Style = Can be light / shaped

Responses: Natural. Cue bid = Forcing

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

2nd Position = 15 - 18

Responses: Bid as 1NT opening

Natural

4th Position = over m 10 – 14, over M 11 -16

Responses: Bid as 1NT opening, 2♣ range ask over M.

Jump Overcalls: (Style; responses; unusual NT)

1-Suit : Natural;

Responses - New suit = Forcing 1/4 lvl, NF 2/3 lvl,

2- jump shift = strong.

2-suit: - (1♣) - 2♣ = Natural

(1♣) - 2♦ = 5+♠/5+♥

Reopen: 2NT = 19-21

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

Direct Cue Bid = Michaels (Note 1)

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

Multi Landy (Note 3)

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

Take out doubles thru 4♠

## Vs Artificial Strong Openings

## Over Opponents take out double

New suit forcing at 1-level (transfers over 1♣)

Jump Shift Special

Double Jump = Weak / 2NT = limit raise or better

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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 |
| Pass |  |  |  | Not an Opening Bid |  |  |  |
| 1♣ |  | 2 | 4♠ | 11 - 21 HCP, Could have 5♦ if balanced. | Transfers, 1♠ = no majors.  See note 4. | 4th suit forcing: game forcing; Reverses by opener forcing;  by responder = Game forcing; |  |
| 1♦ |  | 4 | 4♠ | 11 - 21 HCP, Unbalanced. |  | As above |  |
| 1♥ |  | 5 | 4♠ | 11 - 21 HCP | 1NT not forcing, 2NT = 10-11 with 3+♥ |  | Cue bid over Comp = Any strong hand. |
| 1♠ |  | 5 | 4♥ | 11 - 21 HCP | 1NT not forcing, 2NT = 10-11 with 3+♠ |  |  |
| 1NT |  |  |  | 15 - 17 balanced | Jacoby Transfers: Note 7 | Over Stayman: rebid 2M over 2♦ = NF. | Dble at 3-level shows values. Dbl at 2-level is T/O |
| 2♣ |  |  |  | Artificial, strong, GF or 22-23 balanced. | 2♦ = 5+ or an ace, 2♥ = 0-4 or no ace. |  |  |
| 2♦ |  | 0 |  | 2 - 10 HCP Multi with ♥/♠ | 2NT asking bid. |  |  |
| 2♥ |  | 5 |  | Weak 5♥ + m  2 - 10 HCP | 2NT asking bid. |  |  |
| 2♠ |  | 5 |  | Weak 5♠ + m  2 - 10 HCP | 2NT asking bid. |  |  |
| 2NT |  |  |  | 20 - 21 balanced | Jacoby Transfers; Puppet,  Note 8 |  |  |
| 3♣ |  | 5 |  | Pre-emptive | New Suit forcing, NF when NV |  |  |
| Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids) | |
| 3♦ |  | 5 |  | Pre-emptive | New Suit forcing, NF when NV |
| RKCB 1430 (Note 5) Cue Bids  Splinters | |
| 3♥ |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | 3♠ Natural. |
| 3♠ |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | 4♥ Natural. |
| 3NT |  | 7(6) |  | Solid minor, gambling in 3rd and 4th | Natural |
| 4♣ |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | Natural |
| 4♦ |  | 6 |  | Pre-emptive | Natural |
| 4NT |  |  |  | Ace asking |  |
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### WBF Standard Card

### Supplementary Sheet

### Note 1: Michaels Cue Bids:

(1♣) – 2♦

(1♦) – 2♦

Both majors 5(+) / 5(+)

(1♥) – 2♥ = 5♠ + 5 minor

(1♠) – 2♠ = 5♥ + 5 minor

All jumps in known suits are PRE (but may be tactically strong)

### Note 2: Lebensohl:

2NT forces 3♣. Responder may now pass or make a minimum bid in a suit, NF

2-level new suit bids are not encouraging. 3-level new-suit bids transfers or asking bids.

### Note 3: Multi Landy: (vs No Trump)

Penalty Double

2♣ shows at least four cards in each major suit

2♦ = ♥ or ♠

2♥ = 5♥ and 4+ m

2♠ = 5♠ and 4+ m

1NT - 2♣ - ?

2♦ = relay to play the better major or some invite hands.

2NT = strong inquiry

### Note 4: Responses after 1♣ openings

1♣ - 1♦ = 4+♥

1♥ = 4+♠

1♠ = No majors

1NT = 5+♣ GF

2♣ = 5+♦ GF

### Note 5: R K C B (4NT asks for 5 key cards, 4 Aces + King of Trumps)

Responses: 5♣ = 1 or 4

5♦ = 0 or 3

5♥ = 2

5♠ = 2 + Queen of Trumps

5NT = 1/3/5 + a void

6x = 0/2/4 + a void

### Note 6: Take Out Double

1♣ - (1♥) - X = Shows 4+♠

1♣ - (1♥) -1♠ = denies 4+♠

Support doubles.

### Note 7: Responses to 1NT

### a) Stayman

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|  | 1NT | - 2♣: | 2♦ = No Major |  |  | Same |
|  |  |  | 2♥ = 4+♥ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 2♠ = 4+♠ |  |  |  |
| b) Transfers | | | | | | |
|  | 1NT - | | 2♦ = 5+♥  2♥ = 5+♠ |  |  | |
|  |  | | 2♠ = Range asking. |  |  | |
|  |  | | 2NT = 6+♦ |  |  | |
|  |  | | 3♣ = Asking 5M. |  |  | |
|  |  | | 4♣ = 5+♥ & 5+♠ |  |  | |
|  |  | | 4♦ = 6+♥  4♥ = 6+♠ |  |  | |

**c)** 1NT - 3♦ = 5+♣, 5+♦

1NT - 3♥ = 1-3-(4)-(5)

1NT - 3♠ = 3-1-(4)-(5)

**d) Subsequent Bids:**

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|  | 1NT - 2♣ |  |  |
|  | 2♦ - 3♥ = 4♥ & 5♠ F |  |  |
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1NT - 2♣

2 any – 3x = forcing

### Note 8: Responses to 2NT Opening

2NT - 3♣ = Asking 5M.

3♦ = 5+♥

3♥ = 5+♠

3♠ = 4+♣, 4+♦

4♣ = 6+♥ slam try

4♦ = 6+♠ slam try

4♥ = 6+♣ slam try

4♠ = 6+♦ slam try

### Note 9: Drury

After an opening bid of one in a major in third or fourth position the partner's 2♣ shows 8/11 HCP and 3/4 card support.

Subsequent bids:

2♦ from the opener shows a normal hand with proper opening values.

2 in the opening major is a sign off

2♥ (after a 1♠ opening bid) is natural with ♥