BIDDING IN DEFENSE AND COMPETITION
OVERCALLS

General style: Natural, solid

**1st level:** 5+card. 9+ HCP. 7-5 L. 4+card w/ 15+ HCP possible

**2nd level**: 5+card, 12+ or ≤6 L

2nd level jump: 6+card, preemptive or tactical, 7-8 L

**3rd level:** 5+card, 14+ or ≤6 LOSERS

**3rd level jump:** 6+card, preemptive or tactical 6-7 L

Responses to overcalls = natural, forse to 2M/3m

Cuebid in opener's suit = INV+ with fit (3+ UH)

**Jump to 2NT** INV+ with fit after Major, based more on distribution

Jump to 2NT after 1♦ overcall = 10-12 HCP no 4M

**3M iump** - preemptive

New suit jump = suit (5+) and fit (3+), NF

## 1NT/2NT overcall

15-18 HCP. (semi)balanced

Responses same as after opening

Transfer to opener Major is asking for good stopper minor(s)

(1 $\mathbf{v}$ )-1NT-(pass)-2 $\mathbf{v}$  = 54+ $\mathbf{v}$ / $\mathbf{v}$ .0+HCP => 2 $\mathbf{v}$  = show maximum, rest.

shows minimum;  $(1m) - 2NT = 50m5 \checkmark$ , 6 L or  $\leq 4$  L

 $(1 \checkmark /4) - 2NT = 55$  minors, especting 6 L or  $\leq 4$  L

# **CUEBIDS IN OPPS SUIT**

 $(1M) - 2M = 50M + 5m 6 L OR \le 4 L; (1M) - 3M = asking for stopper$ 

(1m) – 2m = 54+  $\forall$ / $\spadesuit$  and 7-8 L, 8-14 HCP

(1m) – 3m = 55+  $\forall$ / $\spadesuit$  and 6 L or <4 L

#### **DEFENSE** against NT

**Double** = 14+, with (S)BAL or  $\leq$ 5 L

 $2 \clubsuit$  = LANDY, 44+ ♥/Φ;  $2 \spadesuit$  = 5+♥, 8-6 LOS.; 2 ♥ = 5+♠, 8-6 L;

 $2 \triangleq 4 \implies 5 + m$ , 7-6 L; **REOPEN only LANDY, rest 5+ NAT** 

## **DEFENSE AGAINST PREMPTS**

Natural

**Leaping Michaels**: (2M)-4m = 5OM5m

## **DEFENSE AGAINST STRONG 1♣ = 16+**

**Double/1X** = 3cards in other suits;  $1NT = 44 + \sqrt[4]{4}$ ;

2X = 5 + card; 2NT = both minors

Pass = can be 15 + HCP

#### AFTER OPPS TAKEOUT DOUBLE

Natural, system on

LEADS AND CARDING						
FIRST LEAD STYLE						
	LEAD	In partners suit				
SUIT	1./2./4.	1./2./4.				
NT	1./2./4.	1./2./4.				
Broken seq.	Top from sequence	Top from sequence				

Other: Highest from sequence, low from honor

From Hxx, we can choose any card depending on situation

LEADS				
LEAD	Suit	NT		
Ace	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(), \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}(), \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$		
King	$\mathbf{KQ}(\mathbf{J})\mathbf{x}(), \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{KQ}10(\ldots), \mathbf{K}x, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{J}x(x)$		
Queen	$\mathbf{Q}$ Jx $()$ , $\mathbf{Q}$ x	AQJ(), QJ()		
Jack	KJ10(), J10(), Jx	A <b>J</b> 10(.), K <b>J</b> 10(), <b>J</b> 10()		
10	Q109(), 10x()	Q109(), 109xx()		
9	<b>9</b> xx()	<b>9</b> xx()		
High-Low	$\mathbf{X}$ x, x $\mathbf{X}$ xx	Xx, Xxx, xXxx		
Low-High	xXx, $HxxX(x)$ , $HxX$	HxxX(x), HXX		

SIGNALS AND CARDING					
	Partner's lead	Declarer lead	Discards		
Suit	<b>1. Low</b> = positive	Low = even	<b>1. Low</b> = positive		
	<b>2.</b> Low = even	High = odd	<b>2. Low</b> = even		
	3. suit preference				
	<b>1. Low</b> = positive	Low = even	<b>1. Low</b> = positive		
NT	<b>2.</b> $\mathbf{Low} = \mathbf{even}$	High = odd	<b>2.</b> Low = even		
	3. suit preference				

Signals (including trumps):

Suit preference if playing to ruff or in a situation when attitude or count does Not make sense

#### **DOUBLES**

# TAKEOUT DOUBLES

a) 12+ HCP, 3+cards in other suit

b) 18+ HCP, with SEB or UNB ≤4 LOSERS

#### SPECIAL DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

Negative double = 1 - (1 +) - double = 4 + (1 +)

 $1m-(1\heartsuit)$ -double =  $4\diamondsuit$ ,  $1\diamondsuit$  =  $5+\diamondsuit$ ,  $2\diamondsuit$  =  $6\diamondsuit$  INV

**Support double** = onuly in case second defender bids other Major

1m-(pass)-1M-(1/2OM)- double = 3card M and no extras needed

## WBF CONVENTION CARD



# **MMBA** Standard



(Natural, longer minor) WEAK 2♦/♥/♠

#### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

# General rules and style

1♣/◆ promise 3+card 11+ HCP, 7-5(4) L **1**♥/♠ promise **5**+card 11+ HCP, 7-5(4) L

**1NT** promise 15-17 HCP, balanced

Strong bids: 2♣/2NT

Natural preempts

Bidding 2 suits shows SEB, 1m-1♥-1NT/2NT can have 4♠

**Inverted minors:** limited, but forsing 9-14

Major raises based on tricks, not strictly HCP

2X over 1M is GF

New suit jump is 9-11 and 6-card

New suit jump double jump is preemptive with 7-card

Repeating major by responder on second level = weak

Repeating major by responder on third level = GF

Showing Major fit immediately has preference from new suit

Strongest minor raise via other minor and jump to 3/4m

Strongest Major raise via 2.

New suit forsing after overcall

New suit jump is preemptive after overcall

# SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

Limited Inverted Minors, Structured revers,

Two-Way-Checkback,

Unusual 2NT, Michaels Cuebids

GAZZILLI - 1M-1NT

Splinter, Exclusion BW

BW 1430, 5NT after BW = grand slam try

# 1M - 2M

2NT = INV + ask for values, NS = shortness, INV +3M = INV, need primary values

# **PSYCHES**

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OPENING	Minimum number of cards	HCP A=4, K=3, Q=2, J=1	BAL = balanced hand (4333, 4432, 5332) – 2 cards in all suits, max 8 cards in 2 suits  SEB= semi-balanced hand (5422, 5431, 6322, 6331, 4441) – 9 cards in 2 suits (4441 is an exception) or 6card in 1 suit  UNB = un-balanced hand (5521, 5440, 5530, 6421, 6430, 7321,7222, 7330) – 10 cards in 2 suits (5440 is an exception) or 7cards in 1 suit  GUL = goulash hand (6511, 6520, 7420, 7411, 8card) – 11+ cards in 2 suits or 8+ cards in 1 suit;  TH = top honor (A, K, Q); L = losers – missing A,K,Q; UH = useful honor – A, K, Q in trumps or partners long suit; SRT = shortness – mostly singleton or void			
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	BAL	12-14	(11)12-14, BAL		<b>after 1M: 1NT</b> = 12-14 BAL; <b>2NT</b> = 18-19 BAL; <b>3♥/♠</b> = ~6 L 54;	
1♣/♦	3-5♣/♦  SEB/UNB (4)5+♣	11-19(21) 7-5(4) L	18-19(20), BAL  SEB = 5♣4x or 6♣ or  4♣4♥4♠1♦  UNB = 6♣4x, 7♣	<b>1</b> ♥/♠ = 4+ HCP, 4+♥/♠; <b>2</b> ♥/♠ = 9-11 HCP, 7 L, 6c.; <b>3</b> ♥/♠ = 5-9 HCP, ~7L, 7c. <b>1NT</b> = 6-10 HCP; <b>2NT</b> = 11-12 HCP; <b>3NT</b> = 13-16 HCP; <b>1</b> ♦ = 17+ HCP <b>Limited Inverted Minors</b> = <b>3</b> ♠/♦ = 6-9, 5+♣-♦; <b>2</b> ♠/♦ = 9-14 HCP, 3-4 TH, 4+♣-♦; <b>1</b> ♦ followed by <b>3</b> ♠/ <b>2</b> ♠ followeb by <b>3</b> ♦ = 15+ HCP, 5+ TH, 4+♠/♦ <b>1</b> ♠- <b>1</b> ♦ = 6+, 5+♦; <b>2</b> ♦/ <b>3</b> ♠ = 9-11 HCP, 7 L, 6card; <b>1</b> ♦- <b>2</b> ♠ = 12+ 4+♠	4m = 6+m4M, 4 L; 4♥/♠ = 5 L, 6+m4M; REVERS = 15+, SE/UNB NS = SE/UNB, F1, 2♠/♠ = 11-15 = SEB, 3♠/♠ = 14-17, 6card 1♠-1♦-2♥/♠ = 18-20, 5♠4♥/♠; 1♠/♦-1♥-2♠ = 18-20, 5m4♠; 1♦-2♠-2♠ = 12-14, 2NT = 18-19, 2♥/♠ = 4card, 15+, 3♠ = 14+, 4+♠, 3♠ = 14+, 6+card 1♠/♦-1M-3NT = 18-19 BAL with 4card fit Structured revers, Two-Way-Checkback	
1♥	5+♥	11-19(21) 7-5(4) L	mostly SEB: 5422, 5431, 6322, 6331  BAL only with 5♥332  UNB with 6♥4x or 5♥5♣/♦	1♠ = 4+ HCP, 4+♠; 2♠ = 9-11 HCP, 7 L, 6♠; 3♠ = 5-9 HCP, ~7 L, 7♠  1NT = 6-11 HCP, no fit → GAZZILLI  2♠ = 12+, GF, BAL/with fit/5+♠; 2♠ = 12+, GF, 5+card  2♥ = 3+card, 1-2 UH; 3♥ = 1-2 UH, 4+card; 2NT = INV+, 2-4 UH, 3+fit;  2♠ a pak 3♥ = 5+ UH, 3+fit; 3NT = Splinter in ♠, 3 UH, 11-14;  4♠/♠ = Splinter, 3 UH, 11-14; 3♠/♠ = 9-11 HCP, ~7 L, 6card	GAZZILLI, 1♥/♠-1NT  2♠ = 15+ BAL or SEB  11-14 5M4♠  2♠ = 11-14 5M4♠  2♠ = 11-14 5M4♠  2♠ = 11-14 5M4♠  2♥ = 11-14 6♥ / 54♥  2♠ = 18-20 5♥4♠ / 11-14 6♠  2NT = GF, 17+ HCP,  UNB, 55, 4 L, or 7♥/♠ 4-5  I  3♠ 4♠/(♥ = 7M yoid 51.  3♠ = 15+, asking  3♠ = 5 L, any 64/55  3♥/♠/♠ = 5 L and void  3M = minimum, 7 L  3MT = 15-17, BAL, optional  4♥/♠ = 6 L  1M-2NT-3♠  3♠(4♠/(♥) = 7M yoid 51.  3♠ = 4 UH no SRT	
1≜	5+♠	11-19(21) 7-5(4) L	mostly SEB: 5422, 5431, 6322, 6331 BAL only with 5♠332 UNB with 6♠4x or 5♠5♠/♦	<b>1NT</b> = 6-11 HCP, no fit → <b>GAZZILLI 2.</b> = 12+, GF, BAL/with fit/5+ $\clubsuit$ ; <b>2.</b> $\spadesuit$ = 12+, GF, 5+card <b>2.</b> = 3+card, 1-2 UH; <b>3.</b> = 1-2 UH, 4+card; <b>2NT</b> = INV+, 2-4 UH, 3+fit; <b>2.</b> a pak <b>3.</b> = (4)5+ UH, 3+fit; <b>3NT</b> = Splinter in $\heartsuit$ , 3 UH, 11-14; <b>4.</b> $\spadesuit$ / $\diamondsuit$ = Splinter, 3 UH, 11-14; <b>3.</b> $\spadesuit$ / $\diamondsuit$ / $\diamondsuit$ = 9-11 HCP, 7L, 6card; <b>4.</b> $\heartsuit$ = 5-9 HCP, ~7L, $?$ $\heartsuit$	L  3 $\phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi = 12-14, 7 \phi / \phi, 5-6$ L  3 $\phi / \phi = 12-14, 7 \phi / \phi, 5-6$ L  3 $\phi / \phi = 12-14, 7 \phi / \phi, 5-6$ L  3 $\phi / \phi = 12-14, 7 \phi / \phi, 5-6$ L  3 $\phi / \phi = 12-14, 7 \phi / \phi, 5-6$ L  3 $\phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  4 $\phi / \phi / \phi = 7M$ , void, 5 L  4 $\phi / \phi / \phi = 7M$ , void, 5 L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi / \phi / \phi / \phi / \phi / \phi = 14-17, 55, \sim 5$ L  3 $\phi / \phi $	
1NT	2-4(5) <b>♥</b> /♠ 2-5♠/♦	15-17	(14)15-17 HCP, BAL 5♥/♠, 6♣/♦ possible	2 = stayman, INV+; $2 \cdot / \nabla =$ transfer, $5 + \nabla / \div$ ; $2 \cdot / 3 =$ transfer, $6 + \triangle / \div$ ; $2NT =$ INV no 4M; $3 \cdot =$ INV, $6 \cdot ; 3 \cdot / = 54 \cdot \triangle + \oint$ , GF+, SRT; $4 \cdot / = 1$ transfer to $4 \cdot / = 1$ to $4 \cdot / = 1$ transfer trans	<b>1NT-2♣-2♦-2♥/</b> ♠ = INV, $54$ ♥♠; <b>2NT</b> = INV; $3$ ♠/♦ = GF, $4$ +♠/♦; $3$ ♥ = $5$ ♠5♥ 7 L; $3$ ♠ = $5$ ♠5♥ ≤5 L; $4$ ♠/♦ = $5$ ♠5♥ 6 L and SRT	
2♣	-	22+ 18+ (<4L)	22+ BAL 18+ UNB 1suit ≤4 L (20)22+ SEB/UNB	2♦ = (4+ HCP) A, K or QQ and better, any distribution 2♥ = (0-3 HCP) max QJ, sometimes QQ 2♠ = (10+ HCP) 3 TH – A or K 2NT = 5♥5♠, max 2UH; 3♠/♦/♥/♠ = double-transfer with 6+cards ♥/♠/♠/♦ with no better option for other contracts	2♣-2♦-2♥/♣-4♥/♠ = 1 trick, $3$ ♥/♠ = 2 tricks, $2$ NT = fit, 2 UH/3+ tricks Transfers without fit, $2$ ♠/♠ = can be BAL without fit, $3$ ♠/♠/♥ = 5+card ♦/♥/♠ and min 1 TH or 6+card $2$ ♣-2♥-2♠ = GF $\rightarrow$ 2NT = nothing useful, $3$ ♣/♠ = $4$ +♥/♠ with Q or 5+c.; $3$ ♥/♠ = $6$ +♣/♠ $\rightarrow$ natural after 2N. $3$ NS = natural NF; $2$ ♣-2♥-3X = GF, nat $2$ ♣-2♠-2NT = (S)BAL, $3$ X = NAT, 5+card	
2NT	2-4♥/♠ 2-5♣/♦	20-22	20-22 HCP, (S)BAL	3♣ = stayman; 3♦/♥ = GF transfer s 5♥/♠; 3♠ = slam try with ♠/♦; 3NT = to play; 4♣/♦/♥/♠ = transfers to $\sqrt{\frac{4}{2}}$ without slam interest	2NT-3♦/♥-3NT = no fit, 3♥/♦ = 3+fit → SRT naturaly or 3NT no SRT 2NT-3♦-3NT-4♦/♦ = slam try with $6+\frac{1}{2}$ /♦, 6 L, $4$ ♥/♦ = 6 L, $54+\frac{1}{2}$ /♦, M SRT	
2*	6	(6)8-11	<b>PREEMPTIVE</b> , mostly 6322, 6331 or 6421	<b>2</b> ♥/♠ = 5+card NF; <b>2</b> NT = asking for SRT, INV+; <b>3</b> ♠ = GF with ♦ fit, slam try; <b>3</b> ♦ = PRE, <b>3</b> ♥/♠ = $6$ ♥/♠, INV, 6 L; <b>3</b> NT/ <b>4</b> ♥/♠ = to play	2M-2NT-3M = min, 8L, 3NS = SRT, max, 7L, 3NT = max, no SRT, 9-11 HCP	
2♥/♠	6	(6)8-11	<b>PREEMPTIVE</b> , mostly 6322, 6331 or 6421	2♠/3♥ = 6♠/♥, INV, 6 L; 2NT = asking for SRT without 3+fit, INV+; 3♠ = slam try with fit; 3♦ = INV with fit; 3♥/♠ = PRE; 3NT/4♥/♠ = to play; 4♠/♦ = suit+fit, can be tactical	2M-3♣-3M = min, 8 L, 3NS = SRT, max, 7 L, 3NT = max no SRT, 9-11 HCP  After overcall: double = penalty, 2NT = asking, INV+, NS = values + tolerance/fit. 4♣/♦ jump = suit+fit	
3♣/♦/♥/♠	7	(6)8-11	PREEMPTIVE	Natural		
4♣/♦/♥/♠	8	(6)8-11				