

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS Natural, constructive. New suit 1RF, unassuming cue bid, major suit raises as for opening bids of 1M. Reopening: Min can be weaker, responses same style but slightly stronger
1NT OVERCALL 15-18 bal/semi-bal (or a weak one or two suiter if convention restrictions allow). If possible comic see supp notes for resp, otherwise resp have same structure as for 1NT opening. 11-14 in balancing chair.
JUMP OVERCALLS Weak 5+ card (typically 6+). New suit 1RF, over 2M responses as for 2M opening. Reopening or over pre-emptive opening: intermediate. New suit 1RF Jump to 2NT: 5/5, lowest 2, constructive+
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS Direct and reopening: 5/5, constructive+, over m ♠+another, over M M+m. Resp in possible suit pass or correct, NT invite plus ask, cue GF. Jump cue: solid suit no stopper.
VS. NT X 15+ pen style (v str NT or by passed hand (one that includes a 16 count or better in std hands) Dbl=minor suit overcall), 2♠=♥+♠; 2♦=M5+/m4+, 2M natural (tends 6+); 2NT=♣+♦ 5/5; 3 level pre-emptive
VS.PREEMTS Dbl takeout (at higher level just values but non-pen), intermediate jump overcalls, Leb v weak two level openings, cue bid of m=Ms, cue bid on M=M/m, NT bids natural
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS - 1♣ or 2♣ (1♣ art): 1 level natural 4+ card, 1NT random 1 or 2 suiter, 2 level natural 5+ card (tends to be one suiter) (2♣ art): dbl ♣, suit natural, 2NT any 2 suiter
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE 1m (X) XX= inverted minor raise (2m now standard 2/1) 1M (X) XX= GF pen interest not fit.

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	3/5 th	3/5 th	
NT	3/5 th	3/5 th	
Subsequent	3/5 th or attitude	3/5 th or attitude	
Other:			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit and NT		
Ace	A... or AK... (asks attitude)		
King	AK... or KQ... (asks count, or unblock v NT)		
Queen	AQJ..., KQ..., or QJ... (asks attitude)		
Jack	AJ10..., KJ10..., or J10...		
10	A109..., K109..., Q109..., or 109...		
9	9x or 3 rd		
Hi-X	Xx or 3 rd		
Lo-X	3 rd /5 th (including from non-honour suits)		
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit 1	Requested signal	Reverse count	Reverse count
Suit 2	Reverse count	Std suit pref	Std suit pref
Suit 3	Std suit pref		
NT 1	As above	As above	As above
NT 2			
NT 3			
Signals: reverse (upside down) attitude and count, standard suit preference, Smith peters (Hi-Lo encourage in key suit)			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
10+ HCP with emphasis on unbid Ms. Responses at one level 0-7, jump to 2 level 8-10 4 card, double jump to 3 level 8-10 5 card, cue 11+ force thru 2NT. Same style in reopening with dbl weaker and responses stronger			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
1♣ (1♦) X and 1♦ (2♣) both 4+♥ and ♠. Support X and XX after 1m (X/P) 1M (Bib<2M). 1suit (P) 2suit X of overcall invite+ penalty interest (typically balanced). 1NT (X) XX to play. After NT Dbl sequences next Dbl pen or takeout pass 1RF.			

W B F CONVENTION CARD	
CATEGORY:	Open
NCBO:	New Zealand
PLAYERS:	David Ackerley and Scott Smith
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
Natural system: 1NT opening (11)12-14, may have any 5 card suit 2+♠, 4+♦, 5+♥♠	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE	
Multi 2♦ opening, either: a) Weak with 5+M (no 4+ in other major); or b) 20-21 bal	
1NT overcall (if brown sticker conventions are permitted) either: a) 15-18 balanced/semi-balanced; or b) weak 1 or 2 suited (undisciplined)	
4♠: good 4♥ opening 4♦: good 4♠ opening	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
1NT (X) pass forces XX or call of a 5 card suit; vs clear sacrifices pass shows uncertainty or slam interest; (1NT) X (bid thru 2♠) pass 1RF	
IMPORTANT NOTES	
4 th suit force thru 2NT, reverses primarily natural	
PSYCHICS: rare	

OPENING	ARTIFICIAL	MIN. CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	Yes	2	4♥	Natural (or 15+ 4432, 4423, 4333, or 3433)	1M may bypass 4♦, 1NT 6-9 NF, 2♣ 10+ with support, 2♦ 7-9 with support, 2M natural 2-6, 2NT 10/11 with support, 3♣ 0-6 with support, 3♦♥♠ splinters, 3NT 12-15 with support, 4♣ RKCB	1♣-2♣: 2♦ unbal GF, 2M natural 1RF, 2NT GF bal, 3♣ NF, 3♦♥♠ splinters, 3NT gamble	No INVM: 1♣ 2♣ natural
1♦	No	4	4♥	Natural	Same style as 1♣	Same style as 1♣	Same style as 1♣
1♥	No	5	4♦	Natural	1♠ 4+ card 1RF, 1NT 6-9 NF, 2/1 8+ natural, 2♥ 6-9(10) 3 card sup, 2♠ invite SPL/16+ SPL/12-15 with 4 card support, 2NT GF with support, 3♣ 6-9 with 4♥, 3♦ 10/11 with 3+♥, 3♥ 0-6 4+♥, 3♠4♣♦ 10-15 SPL, 3NT 12-15 bal with 3♥	New suit 1RF, jump new suit weak 5/5, 4 th suit force to 2NT, reverses natural in principle, 1♥ 2♠: 2NT ask, new suit SPL, 3♥ NF, 1♥ 2NT: 3♣ any SPL, 3♦♠4♣ 5/5, 3♥ slam try, 3NT mild slam try, 4♥ min no shortage	GF raise now invite 5+ card
1♠	No	5	4♦	Natural	Same style as 1♥	Same style as 1♥	Same style as 1♥
1NT	No		2♠	(11)12-14 bal, may have 5M	2♣ Stayman/relay, 2♦♥ transfers to ♥♠, 2♠ general strength invite or invite 6+m, 2NT invite with 4♥, 3 any to play, 4♣ Gerber, 4♦ 5/5 Ms no slam interest, 4M to play, 4NT quantitative slam ask	Stayman may start full relay, after transfer new suit invite NF	2NT weak with ♣ and ♦
2♣	Yes	0	4♥	Game force	2♦ neg or waiting		
2♦	Yes	0	2♠	Weak in M, 5+ card (typically 5 card, weaker than 1 opening), or 22/23 bal/semi-bal	All suits pass/correct for M or better minor, 2NT ask, 3NT to play	After suit response pass with suit called (or if it is the better minor) or correct via next suit held or better minor	
2♥	No	5	Nil	Weak, typically 6+ card	2♠ ask, 2NT ♠ 1RF, 3♣♦ natural 1RF, 3♠4♣♦ SPL	After 2♠: 2NT min + shortage, 3♣ max + shortage, 3♦ max no shortage, 3♥ min no shortage	
2♠	No	5	Nil	Weak, typically 6+ card	2NT ask, new suit 1RF	Same style as for 2♥	
2NT	No		3♠	20/21 bal/semi-bal	3♣ puppet Stayman, 3♦♥ transfers to ♥♠, 3♠ minor suit Stayman, 3NT to play, 4♣ Gerber, 4♦ natural, 4♥♠ to play, 4NT quantitative	3♣: 3♦ 4 card M, 3M 5 card. 3♣ then 4♣ natural	
3♣-♠	No	6	Nil	Natural, pre-emptive	New suit 1RF, natural at three level	After new suit a 3 level 3NT denies support	
3NT	Yes		Nil	4 level pre-empt in minor	Minor suit bids correctable		
4♣	Yes	0	Nil	Good 4♥ opening	4♦ slam try, new suit cue		
4♦	Yes	0	Nil	Good 4♠ opening	4♥ slam try, new suit cue		
4♥/♠	No	6	Nil	Natural	New suit cue		
4NT	Yes		Nil	Specific ace ask	5♣ nil, 5♦♥♠ natural ace, 5NT♣, 6♣♦♥ 2 aces CRO		
						HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
						RKCB (03/14), cues can be 1 st or 2 nd round, GSF	

Supplementary Notes: Ackerley/Smith, New Zealand, Open

If brown sticker conventions are not allowed to be played our 1NT overcall is 15-18 (11-14 in balancing position), if brown sticker conventions are allowed we play the following...

15-18 Balanced or Comic In Overall Position (remains 11-14 in reopening)

Comic may be any single suiter or two suiter, not including a natural suit that is opened, which is not good enough for an overcall

Responses

[1Y]-1nt-[P]

2♣ 8+ points, NF enquiry
P comic including ♣
2♦♥♠ comic including suit
2nt min 15-18 balanced [bidding now as for 2nt opening]
3any max 15-18, most descriptive [new suits now GF]
2♦♥ transfer bids
only super accepts are 2nt/3M, trial bids forcing with 15-18 points, 3 new suit=comic
2♠ enquiry [strong]
2nt min comic [m then p/c, M natural invite]
3suit max comic
3cue 2 suiter
3nt 15-18 balanced

[1Y]-1nt-[X]

P 1RF of comic, to play opposite 15-18
P 15-18 balanced
XX 2 suiter [bids now p/c]
suit single suited comic
XX 1RF of comic, to play opposite 15-18 [asks comicer to provide no definition of 1 or 2 suitedness but rather just to bid their best suit]
cue 3+ support for all lower unbid suits
2nt 3+ support for all unbid suits

[1Y]-1nt-[P]-P-[X]

Nter bids as for [1Y]-1nt-[X]-P-[P]

BROWN STICKER OVERCALL ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

Names:	Ackerley / Smith		
Country: New Zealand	Event		
After opponents opening bid of	1 suit	showing	any
Our overcall of	1NT	at	any vulnerability
Shows:	15-18 bal/semi-bal, or any weak 1 (5+) or 2 (4+/4+) suited hand – entirely optional		
Applies:	All the time, but opposite pass hand may range widely in strength		
Detailed Description:			
<p>15-18 bal/semi-bal, <u>or</u> any weak 1 (5+) or 2 (4+/4+) suited hand.</p> <p>Choosing to overcall on weak hands is entirely optional</p>			
Responses and Rebids When Responder Passes			
Partner passes with no suit to bid and less than an invite opposite 15-18			
Meanings of other advances and follow ups: see supplementary sheet to system card			
Competitive Agreements (see supplementary sheet for detail)			
Responses after opponent's DBL:			
See supp sheet. Pass and XX F if comic, NF if 15-18, suits natural			
Responses after opponent's bid:			
Dbl t/o, NT bidder is to assume that their partner knows whether the NT is weak or 15-18			
Rebids after opener DBLs the overcall (1X)-2Y-(P)-P-(DBL)-?:			
Bid with 1 suiter, xx with two suiter, Pass with 15-18			
Rebids after opener DBLs advancer's bid: See supplementary notes			
Rebids after opener's suit rebid: Double takeout – NT bidder is to assume that their partner know which of the two options they have			
Proposed Defence			
You should use your standard defence to a 15-18 1NT overcall, whatever that may be, but should discuss whether a new suit over the 1NT is forcing or not (both agreements being sensible).			