



Category: Senior

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**SYSTEM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE**

ACOL-based system with limit raises

1♠=5+, 1♥=4+, 1♦=4+, 1♣=3+

1NT=15-17 hcp

2 over 1 = 10+

**SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE**

2♦ = Multi (weak ♥/♠ or strong ♦ or strong NT)

3♣ = Solid minor (♣ or ♦)

**SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES**

Negative doubles with forcing pass through 2♠

**IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE**

1x-1NT, 2♣♦-2NT = maximum with trump support

1x-1y, 1NT: 2♣ artificial game invit and 2♦ = artificial game force

1x-1y, 2NT-3♣ = artificial gameforce

PSYCHICS: Seldom

**LEADS AND SIGNALS**

**OPENING LEADS STYLE**

	Lead	In Partner's suit
Suit	1st/3rd/5th	1st/3rd/5th
NT	1st/3rd/5th	1st/3rd/5th
Subseq	1st/3rd/5th	1st/3rd/5th

Notice: Through declerer: always 2nd/4th

**LEADS**

Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx, Ax, AKJT	AKx, Ax
King	KQJx, KQx, AK,	AKJT, KQJT, KQT9
Queen	QJx, QJ, Qx	KQx, QJx, Qx, KQTx
Jack	JTx, JT, Jx	JTx, AQJx, Jx,
10	T9x, Tx, HJTx,	T9x, Tx, HJTx,
9	HT9x, 98x, 9x	HT9x, 98x, 9x
Hi-x	xx	xx
Lo-x	xxx, xxxxx	xxx, xxxxx

**SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY**

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1 lo/hi=E	lo/hi=Even	lo/hi=E
	2		
	3		
NT	1 lo/hi=E	Hi=oddball	lo/hi=E
	2	Lo/hi=Even	
	3		

Lavinthal in certain situations

On partners lead: Odd honour is sometimes interest for low suit

and even honour is sometimes interest for high suit

**DOUBLES**

**TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Response; Reopening)**

1x-D = 12+hcp (cue from responder promis a rebid)

After takout double of 2 major: 2NT is Lebensohl or scramble

**SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE (RE-)DOUBLES**

1) Negative double with forcing pass through 2♠

2) 1♣♦-(1♥)-DBL: exactly 4♠

3) 1♣♦-(1♠)-DBL suggests 4+♥ and 6+hcp

4) Competitive doubles

5) Lead directing doubles

6) Responsive doubles

**DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

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

Principle: Natural and solid overcalls on 1- ond 2-levels

Responses: New suit forcing, cue = forcing one round + support

4th position: Overcall at 1-level may be weaker than i 2nd position

4th position: Jump at 2-level = semi-strong (13-15hcp)

**1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)**

2nd position: 15-18 hcp, Responses: Puppet Staymen

4th position: 11-14 hcp, Responses: Puppet Stayman

Reopening position: 2-suiter

**JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)**

Jump overcalls (except 2NT, 3♣, 3♦) are pre-emptive

2NT = 2 lowest unbid suits

3♣ = at least 5-5 in highest and lowest unbid suit

3♦ = at least 5-5 in two higest unbid suits

**DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)**

1minor-2minor = Michael (at least 5-4 in major, 5-11 hcp)

1♥-2♥ = 4♠ + 5♣♦, 12-16 hcp (2NT asking for minor)

1♠-2♠ = pre-empt in ♣ or ♦ (Respons: 2NT asking for suit)

**VS. NT (vs. Strong/ Weak; Reopening; PH)**

DONT against strong NT (14+hcp): 2♣-♣+other, 2♦=♦+major, 2♥=♥+♠,

2♠=♠, DBL=one suiter

Against weak NT: D=strong, 2♣=♥+♠, 2♦=♥ or ♠, 2♥=5♥+mi, 2♠=5♠+mi

**VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)**

Doubles = strong take-out

2NT = 15-18 hcp, 3NT = 18-22 hcp

Suit = Natural, solid

Jump = Pre-emptive

Cue-bid = strong, asking for stopper (maybe one- or 2-suiter)

**VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS**

VS strong 1♣: D=strong, 1x=nat, 1NT=♣, 2♣=♣+other, 2♦=♦+other,

2♥=♥+♠, jump = pre-emptive

**OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE**

pass = 0-8 hcp or 12+hcp, RD = 9-11 hcp, 1x = 5+ nat, jump = pre-emptive,

2NT = 9+hcp with trump support

OPENING	TICKET	ARTICLE	OF MINORS	NEG. DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3	4♠		11+hcp, natural	Inverted minor raises (2♣= strong, 3♣= weak) 1♣-2♦=strong ♦ or strong limit support in ♣	After 1♣-2♣: 3♣= show slam interest, 2♦/♥/♠=natural, 2NT=12-14 hcp, 3X=stopper	1♣-2♣=weak
1♦		4	4♠		11+hcp, natural	Inverted minor raises (2♦= strong, 3♦= weak) 1♦-2♥=strong ♥ or strong limit support in ♦	After 1♦-2♦: 3♦= show slam interest, 2♥/♠=natural, 2NT=12-14 hcp, 3X=stopper	1♦-2♦=weak
1♥		4	4♠		11+hcp, natural	ACOL limit raises, 2NT=GF+support, splinter (changes when oponents interfere)	1♥-2NT: 3NT=min, 3♣=extra, 3x=single, 4x=void	1♥-2♠=unknown single + ♥
1♠		5	4♥		11+hcp, natural	ACOL limit raises, 2NT=GF+support, splinter	1♠-2NT: 3NT=min, 3♣=extra, 3x=single, 4x=void	1♠-2NT=unknown single + ♠
1 NT					15-17 hcp	Puppet Stayman: 2♣= relay, 2♦/♥/NT = transfer to ♥/♠/♣, 3♣/♦/♥/♠=strong, slaminvit	1NT-2♣, 2♥/♠=5-card (else opener bids 2♦) Many conventional biddings in other situations	Same answers
2♣	✓	2	2♣		Strong ♣ or strong NT	2♦=relay 2♥/♠/NT/♣=sign off in ♥/♠/♣/♦ (changes when oponents interfere)	2♣-2♦: 2♥/♠=natural with longer clubs, 2NT=20-21 hcp, 3♣=forcing, 3NT=26-27 hcp	Same answers
2♦	✓	0			Weak ♥/♠ or strong ♦ or strong NT	2♥=sign off in ♥/♠, 3♥=pre-empt in ♥/♠, 2♣=relay, 2NT = relay	2♦-2NT: 3♣=max, 3♦=weak ♥, 3♥=weak ♠, others=strong 2♦-2♠: 2NT=weak ♥, 3♣=weak ♠, others=strong	Same answers
2♥		5			ACOL, forcing one round	2NT=neg, suit=GF, 3♥=6-9hcp, 3♠=10+hcp + support jumps=splinter, 3-6 hcp	2♥-2NT: 3x=forcing one round, 3♥=non forcing	Same answers
2♠		5			ACOL, forcing one round	2NT=neg, suit=GF, 3♠=6-9hcp, 3NT=10+hcp + support jumps=splinter, 3-6 hcp	2♠-2NT: 3x=forcing one round, 3♠=non forcing	Same answers
2 NT					22-23 hcp	3♣=asking, other suit bid = transfer		Same answers
3 bids		6			Pre-emptive	3x = forcing, natural		Same answers
3NT					Natural, semi-strong (with minor suit)	4♥/♠=natural		Same answers
3♣	✓	0			Solid minor (♣ or ♦)	3♦=asking for singleton, 3♥/♠=nat, forcing		Same answers
4♣		7			Pre-emptive	4♥/♠=natural		Same answers
4♦		7			Pre-emptive	4♥/♠=natural		Same answers
4♥		7			Pre-emptive	4♠=natural		Same answers
4♠		7			Pre-emptive			Same answers
4NT	✓				Asking for aces	5♣=0, 5♦=♦A, 5♥=♥A, 5♠=♠A, 5NT=♣A 6♣=2 aces same colour, 6♦=2 aces same rank, 6♥=2 different aces	1) Danish asking bids for control and aces (positive response with control and stepwise showing the number of aces) 2) Cue-bid as support bid and control 3) Cue-bids from NT-hands and pre-empt hands 4) 4NT = 5 ace Blackwood 5) 5NT (as jump) = asking for top honours in trump (grand slam invit)	