



		OPENING LEADS STYLE				
DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		Lead	In Partner's Suit			
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		Suit	3rd-5th with honour (maybe 10)	3rd-5th		
			second without honour	top of seq.		
			RNOW		Category:	Green
		NT	2nd/4th best	3rd-5th	Country:	Romania
		Subseq			Event:	
		Other:			Players:	Ionut Coldea - Marius Briciu
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		LEADS			SYSTEM SUMMARY	
15-17HCP		Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
		Ace	A with K - even nr. of cards	AKx attitude for Q or suit length	1♣ forcing	
		King	AK - odd nr of cards	KQx(+), AKxx(+)	5-card M	
			KQJ(+), KQ, Kx	ask attitude for A or J		
		Queen	KQx(+), QJ, Qx	AQJ(+), KQ109, QJ(+)		
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)		Jack	QJx(+), Jx	J10(+)		
1-Suit:		10	J10x(+), 10x	109(+), HJ10(+)	1NT Openings: 15-17 balanced	
2-Suit:		9	109x(+), 9x	98x(+), 9x, H109(+)	2 OVER 1 Responsef1	
		Hi-x	even	even	SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE	
Reopen:		Lo-x	odd	odd	2♣ - weak diamonds or strong M or 21-23 ,5332 any	
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			2♦ - weak M or 21-23 balanced with 4 diamonds or strong minor	
MICHAELS CUE			Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	
		Suit: 1st	Hi=DISCRG	Hi/lo=E	italian	
		2nd				
		3rd				
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)		NT: 1st	Hi=DISCRG	Hi/lo=E	Lavinthal	
Versus 1NT strong any pos.		2nd				
2♣ - both majors, 2♦ one major, 2♥ = hearts+m, 2♠ = spades+m, double = 5m(+)+4M		3rd				
		Signals (including Trumps):				
		DOUBLES				
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)		TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)				
		SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES				
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS		SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES				
		1m-(1♥)-DBL: exactly 4♠, SUPP DBL: 3-card support non-MIN; or STR BAL			IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE	
		1♣-(1♦)-DBL: 4+-cards in both Ms, NEG DBL THRU 4♠				
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE						
		Psychics:				
		LEADS AND SIGNALS				

1♣ opening

1. Description

ether:

- natural
- 18-20 balanced (no 5 card major)
- >21 PO , any

Cannot be

- 15-17 balanced
- 11-14 balanced

2. Answers

- 1♦ - 0-5 points (or possibly a bad 6) with a four-card major or 0-9 points without one
- With 6-9 points and a 4-card or longer major suit, bid the suit

1M - A decent 6 points or more with four or more cards in the suit bid

1NT - 10-15 HCP, no four-card major, no five-card minor or good 4-card club

- 2♣ - 10 or more points, no four-card or longer major, four good clubs
(no-trump will always be an alternative) or any five clubs, but with 10-12
points and 5332 distribution consider bidding 1NT
- 10 or more points, no four-card or longer major, any five diamonds,
but with 10-12 points and 5332 distribution consider bidding 1NT

- 2♦ - 6 cards in any major 6-8 HCP
- 18+HCP balanced

2♥ - 6 cards 9-11 HCP

2♠ - 6 cards 9-11 HCP

2NT - 15-17 bal, no four-card major, no five-card minor or good 4-card
club suit.

3♣ - 5 cards , invitation to game

3♦ -

3M -

3NT -

3. Subsequent actions

a. 1♣ 1♦

- 1M - 5+ clubs, 4M spades or 4-4-1-4 (if M=♥), any strength within 10-17
- 1NT - 18-20 balanced
- 2♣ - 6+clubs , any strength within 10-17
- 2♦ - GF , ask for aces
- 2M - 18-21HCP , M+♣
- 2NT - 23-24 bal
- 3♣ - 6+ clubs , 18-21 HCP
- 3X - Key-Card Blackwood (RKCB) in X; answers: (0 , 1 , 2 , 2+Q)
- 3NT - Asks for specific Aces. 4C denies one; 5C shows the club Ace; and 4NT shows two Aces. 5C over 4NT asks which two; responder bids in the order Color (two Aces of the same color) RANK (two major or two minor Aces) or SHAPE (two Aces of the same "shape," spades/diamonds or hearts/clubs). Over any of these bids, the next step similarly asks for specific Kings
- 4♣ - Key-Card Blackwood (RKCB) in ♣; answers: (0 , 1 , 2 , 2+Q)

Special seq.

- 1♣ 1♦
 - 1M 1♠/2♣/2♦/2♥/2♠ - 0-5HCP natural
 - 1NT - 6-9HCP

- 1♣ 1♦
 - 1NT 2♣ - trf. 2♦; after , 2♥ mean 44 major 0-5HCP , 2NT inv.
 - 2♦ - Texas
 - 2♥ - Texas
 - 2♠ - trf 3♣
 - 2NT - trf 3♦ maximal ; cu minimal se liciteaza 2♣

b. 1♣ 1NT

2♣ - nat max 14HCP

2♦ - relay GF	2♥ -10,11 HCP
	2♠ -12,13 HCP
	2NT -14-15HCP

2M – inverted bid (clubs +M)

2NT- inv.

c. 1♣ 2♣

2♦ - GF 2♥/♠ is ♣/♦ , 3m is semisolid suit and 10-12 HCP

2M – values < 15HCP ,

2NT- <15HCP values for NT

3♣ - 6 good cards <15HCP

After any of this 2NT, 3♣, 3♦ is invitation ; 3♥/♠ shows GF with ♣/♦

1♣ - 1♦
2♦ - 2♥ week
- 2♠ 2 controls
- 2NT 3 controls
- 3♣, 3♦ semisolid suit
- 3♥, 3♠ minimum DV10XXX
- 3NT - 2 A

1♣ - 1M
2♦ - 2M waiting
- 2NT 8-10 HP
- 3♣, 3♦ 5 cards min 8 HP
- 3M 5cards 3honors
- 3NT 11-13 HP

1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ strong relay
2♦ - no 3♥ no 4♠
2♥ asking - 2♠ - min 4-4 Majors - 2NT relay
- 2NT - 4♥ without 4♠
- 3♣ - 1 honour 5 cards
- 3♦ - 2 honours 5 cards
- 3♥ - 3 honours 5 cards
- 3♠ - 1 honour 6 cards
- 3NT - 2 honours 6 cards

1♣ - 1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ strong relay
2♦ - no 4♥ no 3♠
2♥ 4cards - 2♠ 5 cards - 2NT relay - like before
2♠ relay - 2NT 4cards
- 3♣, 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ like before

1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♦ week relay
2♥ - 3 cards
2♠ - 4♠ without 3♥

1♣ - 1♠ - 1NT - 2♦ week relay
2♥ - 4 cards
2♠ - 3 cards without 4♥

1♣ - 1M - 2NT fit 4 gf. - 3cl = 5cardsM min 3 contr.
3di = 4cards min 3 contr
3he = 5cards weak- 3sp
ask sgl in
ordine
3sp = 4 cards weak cu sgl
3NT = 4 cards weak fara
Sgl
4m = splinter 3 controls
4M = splinter 3 controls
OM

1♦ opening

Subsequent actions

1♦

2♣

- 2♦ -15+ HCP , no fit
- 2M - best major
- 2NT - 11- 13PO no fit
- 3♣ - natural fit (can have QJ doubleton in club)
- 3♦ - 6+cards 11-15HCP good colour
- 3♥ - splinter fit 3+
- 3♠ - splinter fit 3+
- 3NT - 13-14PO doubleton club

other

1♦

2♣

2M

3M - 4 cards , no stopper in OM

2NT - invitant

3♣ - invitant

3NT – fit 4 in M , stopper in OM

1♦

1M

1NT

2♣ - ask for 2♦

2♦ - GF

2NT ask for 3♣

3m – inv. 5M+5m

1 M opening

Responses

1NT	- forcing after 1 st , 2 nd - semiforcing after 3 rd and 4 th
2♣	- nat 1,2 - Drury after 3,4;
2♥ (over 1♠)	- 5 crds forcing
2M	- fit 3, 8-10 points
2NT	- GF fit 4
3♣	- inv
3♦	- <inv
3M	- preempt
3NT	- fit 3 13-15HCP

Subsequent actions

a. 1M – 2NT

3♣	- interesting hand 11-14
3♦	- 15+ PO notbalanced
3M	- (11-14 HCP , 5-6 controls with sgl) or (11-14 , 4-6 controls with void)
3 OM	-18-20 PO balanced
3NT	-15-17 PO balanced
4m	-6 key cards asking
4M	-bad hand
4CM	- 6 key cards asking
5 any	- key cards exclusion

1M	2NT
3♣	-3♦ ask fo sgl. - , no sgl , club, diamond , other M

1M	2NT
3M	3NT- ask for shortness - club,diamond ,other major , sgl - 4M void

1NT

- 2♣ ask for 5 cards M
- 2♦/♥ texas
- 2♠ trf to 3♣
- 2NT trf to 3♦
- 3♣ - minors weak
- 3♦ - minors strong
- 3♥ - 1345 or 1354 GF
- 3♠ - 3145 or 3154 GF
- 4♣ - Gerber

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	P
?			

Call

- 2 ♦
- 2 ♥, 2 ♣

Meaning

- relay (usually no 5-card major)
- 5 card suit

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	P
2 ♦	P	?	

Call

- 2 ♥
- 2 ♣
- 2 NT
- 3 ♣
- 3 ♦
- 3 ♥
- 3 ♠
- 3 NT
- 4 ♣

Meaning

- exactly 4 spades or no major interest
- exactly 4 hearts
- 4-4 or 5-4 in majors; I
- 5-4 or 6-4 in majors; GF
- 4-4 in majors; GF
- 5+ *clubs*; no 4 card major; slam try
- 5+ *diamonds*; no 4 card major; slam try
- sign-off (was looking for 5 card major)
- Gerber

Memory aid: After the 2♦ relay responder's next suit bid is always artificial. Note that a 2♥ or 2♠ bid denies interest in the major bid and denies five cards in the major shown.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	P
2 ♦	P	2 M	P
?			

<i>Call</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
2 ♠	spade fit*; minimum; NF
2 NT	no fit; minimum; NF
• 3 ♣	no fit; maximum
3 ♥	heart fit; minimum; NF
3 ♠	spade fit*; maximum
4 ♥	heart fit; maximum

*if responder has 4 spades

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	P
2 ♦	P	2 NT	P
?			

<i>Call</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Pass	no major fit; minimum
• 3 ♣	relay; maximum; responder bids <i>shorter</i> major (Smolen) or 3 NT with 4-4
3 ♥, 3 ♠	that fit; minimum
3 NT	maximum (no interest in 5-3 fit)
4 ♥, 4 ♠	that fit; maximum

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	P
2 ♦	P	3 ♣	P
?			

<i>Call</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
• 3 ♦	relay; responder then bids <i>shorter</i> major (Smolen style)
3 ♥, 3 ♣	that fit*
3 NT	no interest in 5-3 fit; if responder bids again it is natural

*If responder has slam interest, he may continue with a minor-suit splinter, opposite major (natural) or key-card Blackwood.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	P
2 ♦	P	2 M	P
Fit	P	?	

<i>Call</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
2 NT, 3 NT	corrective*; NF
3 ♣, 3 ♦	5+ cards; slam try
• Unfit major	ambiguous slam try
3 ♣ (fit)	trump-quality concern; I
4 ♣, 4 ♦	splinter; slam try
4 ♥ over 2 ♠	splinter; slam try
4 fit	sign-off
4 NT	key-card Blackwood (fit suit key)

*denies spade fit; 3 NT offers choice of game after heart fit

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	P
2 ♦	P	2 M	P
No Fit	P	?	

<i>Call</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
3 ♣, 3 ♦	5+ cards; 4 card major; GF
• 3 ♥*	4 clubs; 4 card major; slam try

- 3 ♠ 4 *diamonds*; 4 card major; slam try
- 3 NT sign-off
- 4 ♣ over 2 NT Gerber
- 4 NT quantitative

*If 3 ♣ is not available (i.e., if opener bid 3 ♣) then 3 ♥ shows 5+ clubs and 4 ♣ shows exactly 4 clubs.

After interference:

All doubles or redoubles by either player are for penalty.

If responder's L-H-O doubles 2 ♣ or bids 2 ♦, the structure is unchanged (assuming no further enemy bid). Opener should make his normal rebid or pass, double or redouble. If responder rebids 2 ♦ it is to play (he would have passed 2 ♦).

If either opponent bids 2 ♥ or higher (after the Stayman 2 ♣ bid), the structure is off and the bidding reverts to a natural style. If opener cannot make his normal rebid, he should pass or double. If responder bids a major suit, he shows 4 cards in that suit (3 ♥ could be both majors after a 3 ♣ or 3 ♦ overcall); this is invitational at 2 ♠ or forcing at the 3 level. Opener may raise, return to notrump, or show the other major if appropriate.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	P	2 ♣	2 ♥ up
P/D	P	?	
<i>Call</i>		<i>Meaning</i>	
2 ♠		4 spades; I	
2 NT		invitational (ambiguous over 2 ♠)	
3 m		5+ cards; GF	
3 M		4 cards; GF	
cue		asks for stopper	
3 NT		sign-off	

2♣

1.description

- 2♣ - weak ♦
- any 5332 , 21-23 balanced
- strong major

2. subsequent actions

N	S	N
2♣	- 2♦ weak relay	- PAS
	- 2♥/♠ NF constructive	- 2♥/♠ semiforcing with M
	- 2NT trf in 3♣	- 2NT
	- 3♣ releu	- 3♣ weak diamonds
		- 3M strong
		- 3NT 21-23 5332
		- 3♦ very weak diamonds
		- 3♥ weak diamonds maximum hand but weak colour maxim AJxxxx
		- 3♠ weak diamonds good colour
		- 3NT 21-23 balanced
	- 3♦ to pass	
	- 3♥/♠ nat. GF.	- cuebid with sgl.
	- 3NT to play	
	- 4♣ key cards	
	- 4♦ preempt	

2♦ opening

- Weak major
- 21-22 bal , exactly 4 diamonds
- Strong minor

2♦

- **2♥**: Pass or correct. Opener passes with a weak two in hearts or corrects to his denomination.
- **2♠**: Pass or correct. Opener passes with a weak two in spades or corrects to his denomination.
- **2NT**: Asking bid. Asks opener to describe his hand
- **3♣**: Natural and forcing.
- **3♦**: Natural and forcing.
- **3♥**: Pass or correct. Opener passes with a weak two in hearts or corrects to his denomination.
- **3♠**: Pass or correct. Opener passes with a weak two in spades or corrects to his denomination.
- **3NT**: To play opposite a weak two. Opener continues only if holding a strong hand.
- **4♣**: Requests opener to transfer to his major, so that responder can declare.
- **4♦**: Requests opener to bid his major, so that opener can declare.
- **4♥**: Natural and to play opposite a weak two. Opener continues only if holding a strong hand.
- **4♠**: Natural and to play opposite a weak two. Opener continues only if holding a strong hand.
- **5♣**: Natural and to play opposite a weak two. Opener continues only if holding a strong hand.
- **5♦**: Natural and to play opposite a weak two. Opener continues only if holding a strong hand.

2♦ - 2NT

- 3♣ = weak ♥ 's, upper point range
- 3♦ = weak ♠ 's, upper point range
- 3♥ = weak ♥ 's, lower point range
- 3♠ = weak ♠ 's, lower point range
- 3NT = strong NoTrump hand
- 4♣ = strong hand with a good long ♣ suit
- 4♦ = strong hand with a good long ♦ suit

2NT

21-22 balanced , no 4 diamonds , no 5 cards in any suit

2NT

3♣ relay

3♦ any 4333 (*)

3♥ 4hearts+4clubs

3♠ 4spades+4clubs

3nt 4spades+4hearts – 4♦/♥ trf to 4♥/♠

2NT

3♦/♥ texas

3♥/♠ - 2cards ♥/♠

(*) 2NT 3♣

3♦ 3♥ exactly 4 spades or no major interest

3♠ exactly 4 hearts

3NT 4hearts+4 spades

4♣ 4hearts+4 spades slam try - 4♦/♥/♠ means 4cards in ♣/♥/♠