

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING                                 |  | LEADS AND SIGNALS                                                                                                               |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | JBF TEAM CONVENTION CARD                                        |                                   |                              |
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| OVERCALLS - General style: 6+ HCP                                 |  | OPINING<br>LEADS                                                                                                                | SUIT               | 4 <sup>th</sup> usually           |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 | Name of player<br>May AbuGharbieh | Name of player<br>Mais Bitar |
| Responses: Raise or bid new suit = 8-11 HCP                       |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    | Middle from 3 small               |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| Cue bid opponents' suit with 12+ HCP                              |  |                                                                                                                                 | NT                 | 4 <sup>th</sup> usually           |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    | Top of sequence or inner sequence |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| Balancing: May be weak                                            |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | SYSTEM SUMMARY                                                  |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE                                      |                                   |                              |
| DOUBLES                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 2/1 GF (Except in competition)                                  |                                   |                              |
| Take-Out: May be strong or distributional.                        |  | SIGNAL WHEN FOLLOWING SUIT OR DISCARDING<br>USE 1= ODD NO. OF CARDS, 2 = EVEN NO, OF CARDS<br>D = DISCOURAGING, E = ENCOURAGING |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | Opening 11+ points 1S/1H=5+ cards, 1D=4+ cards 1C=2+ cards      |                                   |                              |
| Could be weak in balancing position, 9+ points                    |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | Light overcalls if not vulnerable                               |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | Light opening in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat                           |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | Very light preempts in 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> seat |                                   |                              |
| Also Support and Competitive Doubles                              |  | CARDS                                                                                                                           |                    | HIGH                              | LOW      | ODD         | EVEN                                                                       |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  | SUIT                                                                                                                            | On partner's lead  | D                                 | E        |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| 1NT OVERCALL                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                 | On declarer's lead | 2                                 | 1        |             |                                                                            | STRONG OPENING BIDS                                             |                                   |                              |
| Direct: 15-17 HCP                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                 | Discarding         |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 1NT=15-17 balanced or semibalanced, may have 5-card Major       |                                   |                              |
| Balancing: 12-14 HCP                                              |  | NT                                                                                                                              | On partner's lead  | D                                 | E        |             |                                                                            | Stayman, 4-way Transfers                                        |                                   |                              |
| Responses: Stayman and Transfers                                  |  |                                                                                                                                 | On declarer's lead | 2                                 | 1        |             |                                                                            | Lebensohl                                                       |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 | Discarding         |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 2NT=20-22 (Puppet Stayman, Transfer to Majors)                  |                                   |                              |
| JUMP OVERCALL                                                     |  | SIGNALS IN TRUMP SUIT<br>Hi-Lo odd number, Lo-Hi even                                                                           |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 2C=23+ HCP or 3-3.5 loser hand (2D=Waiting, 2H=Bust)            |                                   |                              |
| Weak                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| Responses: Natural                                                |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| 2NT OVERCALL                                                      |  | OTHER SIGNALS                                                                                                                   |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | PREEMPTIVE OPENINGS                                             |                                   |                              |
| Both minors                                                       |  | O/E First discard                                                                                                               |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 2D = 5-11 HCP, weak in one of the Majors or balanced 21-22      |                                   |                              |
| DIRECT CUE-BID                                                    |  | OPENING LEADS VS. NO-TRUMPS<br>Underline leads against suit contracts if different                                              |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 2H = 5-11 HCP, H and lower, at least 5-5                        |                                   |                              |
| Michael's                                                         |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 2S = 5-11 HCP, S and any, at least 5-5                          |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | 3-level bids are natural and preemptive                         |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  | A K x                                                                                                                           | K Q x              | Q J x                             | J 10 x   | 10 9 x      |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| VS. STRONG NT                                                     |  | K J 10 x                                                                                                                        | Q 10 9 x           | K Q 10 x                          |          | A Q J x     |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| Double=Majors, Otherwise natural                                  |  | 10 x                                                                                                                            | x x                | x x x                             | x x x x  | x x x x x   |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  | A K                                                                                                                             | 10 x x             | 10 x x x                          | 10 9 x x | 10 9 8 x    |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| VS. WEAK NT                                                       |  | Q x x                                                                                                                           | Q x x x            | Q x x x x                         |          | Q x x x x x | OTHER CONVENTIONAL CALLS                                                   |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| Natural                                                           |  | A K J 10 x                                                                                                                      | A J 10 x x         | K 10 x x                          |          | K 10 9 x    | 4 <sup>th</sup> suit forcing for 1 round at 2-level and to game at 3-level |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  | K Q J x                                                                                                                         | A K J x            | J 10 x x                          |          | J 10 9 x    | Check back Stayman                                                         |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| VS. PREEMPTS                                                      |  | IMPORTANT NOTES                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | Bergen Raises                                                   |                                   |                              |
| T/O Double up to level of 4D                                      |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| Vs minor suit preempts, cue bidding the suit promises both Majors |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | SLAM APPROACH & CONVENTIONS (including slam–interest bids)      |                                   |                              |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS                                    |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | Splinters                                                       |                                   |                              |
| Mainly Natural                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | Cue bids                                                        |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            | RKCB                                                            |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE-OUT DOUBLE                                   |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| Redouble = 9+ HCP, Raise Partner's suit = 6-9 HCP                 |  |                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
| New Suit at 1 or 2 level = 0-9 HCP, not forcing                   |  | PSYCHICS:                                                                                                                       |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |
|                                                                   |  | Very rare                                                                                                                       |                    |                                   |          |             |                                                                            |                                                                 |                                   |                              |



| Opening | TICK IF<br>NATURAL |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES<br>(Including any modifications over competition) | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION              | MODIFICATIONS OVER<br>COMPETITION AND WITH<br>PASSED PARTNER |
|---------|--------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1♣      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 1♦      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 1♥      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 1♠      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 1NT     |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 2♣      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 2♦      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 2♥      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 2♠      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 2NT     |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 3♣      |                    |  |             |                                                             | ‘SPECIAL’ OR ARTIFICIAL DOUBLES |                                                              |
| 3♦      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 3♥      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 3♠      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 3NT     |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 4♣      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| 4♦      |                    |  |             |                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
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