DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)
1st lvl: (4)5+suit (8)10-15HCP, transfer responses starting opp suit
2nd lvl: 5+ suit (10)11-17HCP, natural responses, jump shift=fit-bid
Reopening: agressive if short in opp suit
suit = 4+ suit, 8+ HCP
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)
Direct: 15-17 w/ stopper
Responses: Stayman, Transfers
Reopening: 1NT=(11)12-14 bal.
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1-Suit: weak
2-suit: Leaping Michels, 2NT - showing youngest available two suits
Vs. art. 1♣: same as vs. 1NT except: 2♣=nat.
Vs. nat. 1♣: same as vs. 1NT
Reopen: intermidiate
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)
(1M)-2M = 5♠+5m, strong or weak => 2NT F1 => min/min/max/max
(1M)-2NT = minors, below opening
(1M)-3M =asks stopper, usualy long minor
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; Passed Hand)
vs. 1NT: DBL=Competitive points; 2♣=Majors; 2♦=One Major;
2♥/♠=5♥/♠ 4+minor; 2NT = minors
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)
DBL: Take-out up to 4♥
Leaping Michels vs 2♥/♠ and 3♥/♠ openings
(2M)-2NT: 16-18
(2M)-3M: asks stopper, usualy long minor
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
Vs. 1♣: Dbl nat.; 1st lvl nat., 1NT = minors; 2nd lvl. = same as vs. 1NT
Vs. 1♦: same as vs. 1♣
Vs. 2♣: 2NT = any twosuiter
Vs. 2NT: DBL=One suiter, 3x=x+y
OVER OPPONENTS TAKE OUT DBL
1♣-(DBL): 1♦=5+ unbal, 8+HCP, 2♦=both minors 55+ 8+HCP
1♦-(DBL): RDBL 10+HCP, at least 3 cards in other suits, SYS ON
1M-(DBL): RDBL 10+HCP, 3+ cards in suits, trasnfers and fit-jumps
1NT-(DBL): 2♣=nat. or ♦+M, 2♦=nat. or M+M, 2♥/♠=nat.

LEADS ADN SIGNALS				
OPENING LEADS STYLE				
		Lead	in Partner's suit	
	Suit	4th from Honor holdings; 2nd from broken sequences; 1/3 from sequences; top from doubleton;		
	NT			
	Subseq			
	Other:	any from Hxx		
LEADS				
Lead		Vs. Suits same as Vs. NT		
Ace		A+; AK+		
King		AK+; KQ+; Kx		
Queen		QJ+;Qxx; Qx		
Jack		J10x+; AQJ+; Jxx; Jx		
10		HH10+; 109+; 10x		
9		HH9+; 987+; 9x		
Hi-x		xXx; Xx; HXx		
Lo-x		HxxX; HxxXx; HxX		
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY				
		Partners Lead	Declerers Lead	Discarding
Suit:	1st	Count	Count	Attitude
	2nd	Attitude	Lavinthal	Count
	3rd	Lavinthal		Lavinthal
NT:	1st	Count	Smith	Lavinthal/Italian
	2nd	Attitude	Count	
	3rd	Lavinthal	Lavinthal	
SIGNALS (Including trumps)				
Count:		Low/High = Even		
Attitude:		Low/High = Enc		
Smith:		Low from both hands = enc. first lead		
Lavinthal:		Small even = preference in younger suit		
Italian:		odd = preference in same suit		
high-low in trumps shows ruffing potential or lavinthal				
we like to falscard leads&signals when we feel it could be right or fun				
DOUBLES				
TAKOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)				
12-15 HCP at least 3 cards in other suits or 16+ HCP				
Reopening starting 8HCP				
Responses: Natural; jump shifts = 8-10 HCP; opp suit = FG				
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DBL/RDBL				
Neg DBL, than new suit = F1				
1♦-(1♥)-DBL: 4♠ 8+HCP				
Lightner DBL				
Balancing DBL				
Slam Double (X=1trick, P=0 or two tricks)				
1♣-(1♦♥)-DBL: 6-7 HCP				
1♣-(DBL)-RDBL: 6-7				
1♣-(DBL)-p-(p)-RDBL: 19+				
1♣-p-1♦-(DBL)-RDBL: 19+				

CONVENTION CARD	
Category:	BLUE
Country:	LATVIA
Event:	World Bridge Games
Players:	Uldis BETHERS - Jurijs BALASOVS
SYSTEM SUMMARY	
GENERAL APROACH AND STYLE	
Precision Club	
Strong Club with natural responses (Except 1♠ and 1NT (swiched))	
1♦ = 4+♦ unbalanced	
5-card Majors	
2♦=both majors; 2NT=both minors	
jump shift answers to 1♥/♠ opening = natural with support (fit-jumps)	
1NT Openings: (12)13-15	
2 OVER 1 Responses: F1	
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE	
1♣	16+ HCP
1NT	(12)13-15
2♦	Both Majors below opening
2NT	Both minors below opening
3NT	Gambling w/o stopper
(1M)-2M: 5OM&5m under opening or 16+ (Michaels)	
(2/3M) – 4m: 55+m&oM	
1M-2NT: both minors 55+ either weak or 16+	
Transfers above oponents suit in competitive auctions	
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES	
When we have forced to game	
After fit-bid	
After freely bid VUL GAME vs non-vul	
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSWHERE	
1♦ opening includes 5♣ and 4♦	
Transfers in competitive auction	
(1m)-DBL-(1M)-2M: Natural	
Psychics: Rare, occurs only if passed partner	
Agresive overcals in favourable vulnarability	

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS							
Opening	Art.?	Min.	Neg. dbl Thr.	Description	Responses	Subsequent Austion	passed hand bidding
1♣	Yes	0	4♥	16+p. any distribution	1♦: 0-7p.; 1♥: 8+p., 5+♥; 1♠: 8+p., bal.; 1NT: 8+p. 5+♠; 2♣/♦: 8+p., 5+♣/♦; 2♥/♠: 8+p.; 4♥/♠ 5+♦; 2NT: 11+p., any 4441; 3x: 8-10p., 4441x	1♣-1♦: 1♥=19+p., 1NT=16-18 nat, 1♣-1♦-1♥: 1♠=0-5 any or 6-7 balanced; 1NT=55+ any; 1♣-1♠: 1NT=reley, 2♣/♦/♥/♠=minimum or 3suiter hand, 2NT=16p. 4♠ NF; 1♣-2♣: 2♦=reley	1♣-1♠-1NT: 2♣=10-11(12)
1♦	No	4	4♥	(9)11-15, 4+♦ unbalanced, 4cards if 5♣4♦ or 4♦441, w/o 5332 or 4432	1♥/♠: 6+p., 4+c.; 1NT: 8-11p.; 2♣: 10+p., 4+♣; 2♦: F1, 4+♦; 2♥/♠: FG, 6+c.; 2NT: SO ♣ or ♦ or GF w ♥+♠; 3♣: inv. w ♥+♠; 3♦: weak; 3♥/♠: short ♥/♠; 3NT: solid minor 2227	1♦-1♥: 1NT=4♣; 2♣=5♣; 2♠=max,4♠; 2NT=max, 6+♦, 3♥; 3♣=max 55+minors; 1♦-1♠: 1NT=4♥; 2♣=5-4minors; 2♥=max, 4♥; 2NT=max, 6+♦,3♠; 1♦-2M: OM=reley w support;	responder bids=NF; 1♦-2M: weak
1♥	No	5	4♥	(9)11-15, 5+♥	1♠: 7+p., 4+♠; 1NT: 8-11; 2♣: F1, 2+♣ (short if w ♠ supp.); 2♦: F1, 4+♦; 2♠: fit-bid; 2NT: inv.+, 3+♥; 3♣/♦: fit-bid; 3♥: weak; 3♠: 12-14, void any suit; 3NT: 12-14, 1♣; 4♣/♦: 12-14, 1♦/♥	1♥-1♠: 1NT=11-13; 2♣=Gazilli (min, 6♥ or, any max w/o 5-5 and 6-4); 2♦=11-13 4+♦; 2♥=min., 5♥4+♣; 2NT=max, 6♥, 3♠ or 4m; 3♣/♦=max 5+suit; 1♥-2x: 2NT=max, any 6-4 or max, 5332; 1♥-2NT: 3♣/♦=semi-nat, values, 3♥=min	"Drury" (art. 2♣ bid, with support => 2♦=11-12; 2♥=below opening; other: semi natural, ask partner for help)
1♠	No		4♥	(9)11-15, 5+♠	2♥: F1 5+♥; 3NT: void any suit	similas as above	"Drury" (see above)
1NT	No	1	4♥	(12)13-15, balanced, can have 5m332	2♣: staym.; 2♦/♥: 5+ ♥/♠; 2♠: inv.+, 6+♣ or bal.; 2NT: inv.+, 6+♦; 3x: weak	1NT-2♣-response:+2=ask distribution; 1NT-2♣-2♦: 2♥=NF w both majors, 3♦=GF 55+ majors, 3♥/♠=GF, 5-4 Majors	same
2♣	No	5	4♥	(9)11-15, 5+♣; if 5♣ than w 4c Major	2♦: 10+p., reley; 2♥/♠: SF, 5+♥/♠; 2NT: weak 3+♣ or FG 55+♥/♠; 3♦/♥/♠: FG, 6+♦/♥/♠	2♣-2♦: 2NT=min, 6+♣; 3♣=max, 6+♣; 3♦/♥/♠=max, 6-4; 3NT=max, solid suit; 2♣-2M: p=2c supp; 3M=3c supp;	same
2♦	Yes	0		(3)6-10, both majors	2NT: inv+, reley; 3♣/♦: F1, nat.; 3♥/♠: NF;	2♦-2NT: 3♣=min; 3♦=max 5-5; 3M=max., 5M4OM	same
2♥	No	6		(3)7-11, 6♥	2♠: F1 nat, 2NT: reley, 3x: nat F1 3♥: weak	2♥-2NT: 3x shotnes; 3♥ no shortness; 3NT=2 top honors (3max)	same
2♠	No	6		(3)7-11, 6♠	2NT: reley, 3x: nat F1 3♠: weak	2♠-3x: +1=w/o fit and ace, +2=ace, w/o fit +3=fit, w/o ace, else=ace nad fit and extra	same
2NT	Yes	0		(3)8-10(12), 55+ minors	3♥: FG, reley	2NT-3♥: 3♠=1♥2♠; 3NT=2♥1♠; 4♣=1♥1♠; 4♦=0♥3♠;	same
3♣	No	6		(3)6-10, 6+♣ 2/3 Top H	3♦: FG, reley; 3♥/♠: FG, 6+c.; 4♣:pre; 4♦: RKCB	3♣-3♦: 3♥=3c♠; 3♠=3c.♥; 3NT=no 3c.M; 4♣-3316; 4♦=3307	same
3♦	No	6		(3)6-10, 6+♦ 2/3 Top H	3♥/♠: FG, 5+c.; 4♣: S/S reley;	3♦-4♣: 4♦=1♣; 4♥/♠=short; 4NT good hand, nat; 5♣=void	same
3♥/♠	No	7		(3)6-10, 7+♥/♠	4♣: S/S relay		may have 6c opening
3NT	Yes	0		solid minor, no side A/K	4♣: p/c; 4♦: relay	3NT-4♦: 4♥/♠=short; 4NT=no shortnes; 5♣/♦=nat, short om	may have side kontrol
4♣	No	7		7+♣, destructive			i have seen once 5332
4♦	No	7		7+♦, denies 2/3 Top H			
4♥	No	7		pre			
4♠	No	7		pre			
4NT	Yes	0		minors 65+			

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING
Cue-bid: 1st or 2nd round
RKCB(usualy 4NT bid in agreed suit): 1430 (5 aces); +1 asking Q, than +1 aks for K => bids suit where he has K or 2 other kings
PIDO-PIRO: If opp Dbl our RKCB => p=1, Rdbl=0; 5♣=2A w/o Q; 5♦=2A w/ Q; if opp bids over our 4NT=> p=1, Dbl=0, 5♣=2A w/o Q, 5♦=2A w Q, SYS ON
Exclusion Blackwood: Ask aces without specific suit, usually with 5th lvl bid
If opp dbl Cue-bid: pass ask for 1st round control => Rdbl=1st round kontrol from both hands, bidding
Lightner DBL (ask partner to give a ruff on first trick)
Slam DBL (in competitive high lvl (slamm lvl) auction DBL shows 1 trick, and pass shows 0/2 tricks)