

CNTC – A  
PRE-ALERTS TEAM #4 – Turcotte  
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## System

- 1 ♣ = Strong ♣ (15+)
- 1 ♦ = 4+ ♦ Unb. 11-22
- 1M = 5+ cards Unb. 11-14 or 18-22
- 1N = 12-14 Bal, 5M and 4414 possible (See Superchart)
- 2 ♣ = 6 ♣ or 5 ♣ +4M, 11-15

## GCC but highly unusual

- 1 ♦ -1 ♠ = NF, 5+ ♠
- 1 ♥ -1N = NF, 5+ ♠, 5-11
- 1 ♠ -1N = Forcing, unlimited
- 1M - 2m = NF, Natural 5-11
- 1 ♠ -2 ♥ = NF, Natural, 5-11

## Midchart

- 1 ♦ -1N = F1, 6+ ♣, 5-11, or Inv. 6+ ♥
- 2NT = F1 with a bad 3-level one suiter preempt in either minor  
Defense: Use ACBL pre-approved defence 2N = 3m pre-empt  
<http://web2.acbl.org/defensedatabase/mc18.pdf>

## Superchart

- 1 ♦ -1 ♥ = Could have less than 3 ♥ with 2+ ♦, or GF  
Defense: X = T/O of ♦; 1N = ♠ + ♣; 2 ♥ = Natural
- 1 ♥ -1 ♠ = Could have less than 3 ♠ with 2+ ♥, or GF  
Defense: X = T/O of ♥; 1N = ♦ + ♣; 2 ♠ = Natural
- 1N = 12-14 Bal, 5M and 4414 possible  
Note: Responding to 1N does not have a way to ask for the 4414 hand  
Defense: Use your own method against weak NT

## Other

- After an overcall, many bids are in transfers.  
Defense: XX = Responsive; Bidding the suit we are showing at the cheapest level shows a Limit+ raise;  
Other bids are natural

SPECIAL DOUBLES		NOTRUMP OVERCALLS		NAMES : Stéphane Turcotte + Ilia Ivanov (Superchart)			
Negative thru 4♥		Dir: 15-18 pts, Balance: 11-14 pts		NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS			
Responsive thru 3♣		Standard NT responses		1NT		DEFENSE TO 1NT (X)	
Support X/XX thru 2♣		DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP		12-14 pts, May have 5M or 4414		P	NF, Any 4333 or pts
SIMPLE OVERCALL		Vs: Weak		2♣ Signoff in ♦, Inv hands or GF		XX	At least 2 suits 4-4+
1 level: 9-17 pts (Usually)	X	Penalty		2♦ Transfer to ♥, W (5+) or GF (4+)		2x	Natural (5+)
Often 4 cards	2♣	Long ♦ or ♥+♠ or ♠+♣ or ♣+♦		2♥ Transfer to ♠, W (5+) or GF (4+)		1NT (X) P (P)	
New Suit: Force if not passed hand	2♦	♦+♥ or ♦+♠		2♠ Invitational with ♠ (5+)		XX	5 card suit by opener
Jump Raises are Weak	2♥	Natural		2N Transfer to ♣, At least invitational		2NT	
JUMP OVERCALL		2♠ Natural		3♣ Transfer to ♦, At least invitational		Weak preempt in a minor	
Weak		2N ♥+♠		3♦ Puppet Stay man		4♣	Slammish in ♥
OPENING PREEMPTS		Vs: Strong		3♥ Minors, Short in ♠		4♦	Slammish in ♠
Disciplined when vul	X	5M+4x		3♠ Minors, Short in ♥		4♥	To play
OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE		2♣ 5♣+4M		3N To play		4♣	To play
Transfer Responses		2♦ 5♦+4M		1♥ OPENING BIDS		1♣ OPENING BIDS	
VS OPENING PREEMPTS		2♥ Natural		Expected Min. Length: 5		Artificial: 15+ pts (Strong)	
Double is Takeout thru 4♥	2♠	Natural		Unbal, 11-14 pts or 18-21 pts		1♦ Transfer to ♥ (4+) or pts	
Xfer Leb. Or Better minor Leb.	2N	Both minors		1♠ CBS with 2+♥ or GF		1♥ Transfer to ♠ (4+), W or GF	
SLAM CONVENTIONS		DEFENSE VS 1♣ or 1♦ artificial		1N NF with 5♠		1♣ Denies a 4 card major, W or GF	
Spiral Scan	Bid	Vs: 1♣ Vs: 1♦		2♣ NF with 5♣-5♦ or 6♣		1N Single-suited ♣ (6+), W or GF	
RKC1430	X	Mjrs (4-3+) Mjrs (4-3+)		2♦ NF with 6♦		2♣ Single-suited ♦ (6+), W or GF	
OTHER CONVENTIONS		1x Natural Natural		2♥ Natural, Fit, Weak raise		2♦ Single-suited ♥ (6+), W or GF	
A lot of transfers	1N	Any 5-5 Any 5-5		2♠ NF, 4-8 pts with 6♣		2♥ Single-suited ♠ (6+), W or GF	
Shape Showing Bids	2x	Natural Natural		3♦ or 4♦ are preemptive ♥ raises		2♣ GF with 4+♦-5+♠, Short ♥	
LEADS				3♥ or 4♥ are mixed-raises		2N GF with 2245	
Versus Suits		Versus Notrump		1♣ OPENING BIDS		1♦ OPENING BIDS	
x x	x x x x	x x	x x x x	Expected Min. Length: 5		Expected Min. Length: 4	
x x x	x x x x x	x x x	x x x x x	Unbal, 11-14 pts or 18-21 pts		Unbal, 11+ pts but not GF	
A K x	T 9 x	A K J x	A Q J x	1N Forcing		May have 4♦-5♣	
K Q x	K J T x	A J T 9	A T 9 x	2♣ NF with 5♣-5Red or 6♣		1♥ CBS with 2+♦ or GF	
Q J x	K T 9 x	K Q J x	K Q T 9	2♦ NF with 5♦-5♥ or 6♦		1♣ NF with 5♣	
J T 9	Q T 9 x	Q J T x	Q T 9 x	2♥ NF, 4-9 pts with 6♥		1N 6♣ (5-11 pts) or 6♥ (9-11 pts)	
K Q T 9		J T 9 x	T 9 x x	2♠ Natural, Fit, Weak raise		2♣ Weak ♦ raise, 3+♦	
GENERAL OVERVIEW OF LEADS				2N To play 3♣ or GF, void in ♣		2♦ Constructive ♦ raise, 3+♦	
Leads of K or 10 are strong and ask for unblock or count				3♥ or 4♥ are preemptive ♠ raises		2♥ NF, 4-8 pts with 6♥	
Leads of Q from KQ (Not a solid suit) unless AQJ9				3♠ or 4♠ are mixed-raises		2♣ NF, 4-8 pts with 6♣	
Leads of J from QJ or J10 (Not a solid suit)				LEVEL 2 OPENINGS			
Attitude leads vs NT				2♣ 6♣ or 5♣+4M, 11-15		→ 2♦ Ask → 2♥ Min, 0-3♥	
Count leads vs Suits				2♦ 6♦, Weak		2M Ogust in M 2N Ogust in ♦ 2♠ Min, 0-2♠	
DEFENSIVE CARDING				2♥ 6♥, Weak		2♠ Ogust in ♠ 2N Ogust in ♥ 2N Min, 2+♥/♠	
UDCA, Trump Suit Pref				2♠ 6♠, Weak		2N Ogust in ♠ 3m 5+m, Force 3♣ Max, 4M	