

#### Acol Weak 1NT Opening – A Reminder

Point Range: 12 or 13 or 14 HCPs; Shape Balanced

Under English regulations the opener's partner must announce the agreed strength, so typically they would say "Twelve to Fourteen".

An opening 1NT is assumed to be balanced, some players may use it with a five-card major.

Opponents open 1NT to force you to go to the 2 level if you come into the auction. This can be daunting. But sometimes you will have something to say...



## A Simple "Defence"

#### Competing with a Shapely (Unbalanced) Hand

A suit overcall at the two level normally promises an opening hand, at least five cards in the suit bid, and "quality" in the suit bid.

2♥ is a sensible overcall.

- ♠ KQJ10
- ▼ KQ9543
- **♦** 3
- **4** 74

#### Competing with a Strong, Balanced hand

With a strong (16-18 high card point), balanced

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♥ KQ108

♦ A 9

♣ A87

hand, you double your opponents opening 1NT. This double is NOT a take out double.



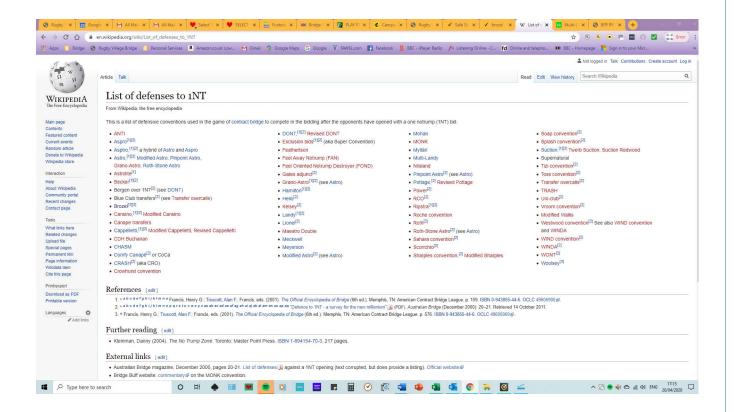


#### There are many, more sophisticated, methods

A quick check on the internet revealed 65 different approaches to this one problem.

You will find champions of each and may find yourself playing against opponents using an unfamiliar one.

Remember that, at your turn to bid, if you need to know, you can ask and keep asking until you understand their method.





### Multi Landy

A method that covers most situations and is fairly easy to remember. Over the opening 1NT, with at least an opening quality hand, overcalls are as follows:

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Overcall	Meaning
Double	A strong balanced hand (19+ HCP vs. strong notrumps, and 15+ HCP vs. weak no-trumps).
2 A ALERT	At least 5-4 or 4-5 in hearts and spades. (This is the Landy aspect of the convention.)
2  ALERT	6 hearts or spades (rarely 5) without a side suit. (This is the Multi aspect.)
2 V ALERT	5 hearts and a 4+ card minor. (This is the Cappelletti aspect.)
2 A ALERT	5 spades and a 4+ card minor. (This is also the Cappelletti aspect.)





At least 5-5 in clubs and diamonds.



**NOTES** 



#### Responding to Multi Landy Overcalls 2.

 $\underline{N}$   $\underline{E}$   $\underline{S}$   $\underline{W}$ 

1NT 2♣ ALERT Pass

The Multi Landy 2. overcall is artificial and must be alerted.

It is also forcing showing 5:4 holding in the majors.

West should bid any longer major.

<u>N</u> <u>E</u> <u>S</u> <u>W</u>

1NT 2♣ ALERT Pass 2♥

♠ QJ10

Q9543

**♦** 543

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With no preference (equal length, or 3:2 in the majors) West bids 2 ♦ asking East to bid the five-card major.

 $\underline{N}$   $\underline{E}$   $\underline{S}$   $\underline{W}$ 

1NT 2♣ ALERT Pass 2♦ ALERT

♠ QJ109

Q954

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#### Responding to Multi Landy Overcalls 2

The Multi Landy 2 ◆ overcall is artificial and must be alerted. It shows a six+ holding in one of the majors.





If asked, West explains it's a "pass or correct" bid. East will pass if the long suit is hearts, but will bid spades otherwise.



**NOTES** 



### Responding to Multi Landy Overcalls 2♥/♠

 $\underline{N}$   $\underline{E}$   $\underline{S}$   $\underline{W}$  1NT 2 $\checkmark$ /2 $\spadesuit$  Pass ?

The Multi Landy 2♥/♠ overcall has extra meaning and must be alerted. It shows a five-card suit in the bid major AND a four or

more card minor suit. It is not forcing.

West should pass or raise the major with at least three cards, and suitable HCPs.

♠ QJ10

Q9543

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$$\underline{N}$$
  $\underline{E}$   $\underline{S}$   $\underline{W}$ 

1NT 2  $\checkmark$  ALERT Pass 4  $\checkmark$ 

With no fit and length in the minors West bids 2NT asking East to bid the minor suit intending to pass.

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♠ QJ109

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♦ K543

♣ QJ74



# Responding to Multi Landy Overcalls 2NT

The 2NT overcall shows both minors, at least 5:5. It is forcing.

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West must bid the better minor.

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1NT 2NT ALERT

Pass

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♠ QJ10

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#### Responding to Multi Landy Overcalls X

The Multi Landy double is a strong balanced hand. It's recommended to be at least 2HCP better than the top of the range of opening 1NT. It's not forcing.

 $\underline{N}$   $\underline{E}$   $\underline{S}$   $\underline{W}$  1NT X Pass ?

West makes a decision based on his strength and shape and the vulnerability.