

Michigan Youth Bridge, Inc. Curriculum_(c)

The tentative plan is to expand the curriculum with some detailed one day courses (MYB 300 and above). Over 500 conventions exist. MYB Survey courses will review selected common conventions or systems incorporating 4+ hands of practice. The purpose is to familiarize the camper with the convention and playing hands with multiple purposes – learning, fun and experience. The camper is not expected to become proficient in complicated conventions but become familiar and aware it exists so, when someone uses it, they are informed. Or the partnership can choose to incorporate it into their system.

THE BEST CONVENTION IS “BOTH PARTNERS PLAY THE SAME SYSTEM” SIMPLICITY IS THE BEST

Courses of 100 and 200 are week long. Courses of 300 and above are designed to be survey courses with playing 4 hands per item and last just one day. Classes will be held depending on interest enrollment. Courses of 301 and above require the camper have 2 years of bridge camp or 10 master points or equivalent experience and knowledge and pass a proficiency exam. Content will be added. Five of the 301 courses will be selected by the campers each year.

MYB 101 Introduction to Standard American Bridge and Duplicate Play (mandatory year one)

MYB 201 Elementary Declarer Play and Defense. (mandatory year two)
Doubles and Redoubles

MYB 301 Intermediate Declarer Play and Defense.

End plays.

Doubles

Redoubles

Leads and Lead analysis

Top of touching honors

3rd/5th leads

4th leads

Coded 9s & Ts

Discards:

Odd-Even

Upside down

Suit preference

Count

Lavinthal

Master solvers hands

MYB 302 NT Response Conventions Survey.

Stayman for majors, minors

Double barreled Stayman

Smolen

Jacoby and Texas Transfers

Responder Action over direct seat

Defense double 489

Gerber

MYB 303 NT Defense Conventions.

DON'T

Cappeletti

Landy & Ripstra

CRASH 1023

Suzy Transfers

Brozel

MYB 304 Defense Conventions over Strong 1 Club, Strong 1Diamond, and Strong 2C.
Suction
Cliff over 1C
Over precision 1D

MYB 305 Major Suit Responses

Jacoby 2N
Bergen Raises
Bergen Jacoby 2N
Splinter
Ambiguous Splinter (Singleton or void)
Jordan

MYB 306 Major Suit Defenses

Takeout Double
Cue bid weak or strong or
Michaels & variations
Colorful
Unusual One & Two No Trump Over Calls
Unusual over Unusual
Action by responder over 2 suited overcalls 491

MYB 307 Slam Bidding Systems.

Gerber & Blackwood Ace Identification
Roman Key Card Blackwood
Kickback
Minorwood
Exclusion Blackwood
Grand Slam Force
Queen Ask
Sign off
4 NT Open

MYB 308 Preempts and Defenses

Namyats
Suzy preempts
Gambling 3 NT
Takeouts
Fishbein
Cheaper minor Takeout
NT takeout
4 level takeouts

MYB 401 Introduction to 2/1 with text book provided.

MYB 402 Introduction to Precision. CC Wei summary provided.
DARE over interference

MYB 501 Using Probabilities for Conventions, Bidding, and Play of the Hand.

MYB 502 Lebensohl And Losing Trick Count,
Law of Total Tricks . Textbook: "To Bid or Not to Bid" Larry Cohen.

Reference book available: (We are trying to accumulate used books as we see them)

"Bridge Conventions Complete" by Amalya Kearse.
Older Encyclopedias of Bridge
"Play of the Hand" by Watson
"Standard Bridge Budding for the 21st Century" 2/1 System by Max Hardy
"Precision" by CC Wei, or CC Wei & Goren
"To Bid or Not to Bid" Larry Cohen