

OTHER OPENING BIDS					
	HCP	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10+	3	Inverted raises (denies 4cM), next suit up is a wk NT, 2M Nat GF, 2N is 18-19, Wk jump shifts 4-7 HCP including 1♣-2♦ = wk,		
1♦	10+	3		2NT 0-5 raise, 3L raise is 6-9 with 5-card support, 3M NAT wk, 4M NAT to play. 1♦-3♣ shows 9-11 with 6-card suit.	
1♥	10+	5	} 1NT semi-forcing. 2NT GF raise (N4) } Splinters, Bergen (N5), Drury (N6), } 3NT = any splinter, double jumps = void		
1♠	10+	5			
3 bids	<9	5	Change of suit F1, 3♣-4♦, 3♦-4♣ RKCB, 3N gambling		
4 bids	<12	6	4N is RCKB over 4M but natural over 4m		

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN

OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT		CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall		4+	UCB, Fit Jumps	
Jump overcall		Weak – 5+ suit		2NT enquiry
Cue bid		Michaels, 2NT ENQ – 3m NAT & MIN, 3OM MAX & ♣ 3NT MAX & ♦		
1NT	Direct: Prot:	15-18 10-14	As for 1NT opener	
2NT	Direct: Prot:	Unusual 19-21	As for 2NT opener	
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣		X=MM, 1NT=mm, WJOs	1NT= raise of o/call	
Short 1♣/1♦				
Weak 1NT		2♣=MM, 2♦= 1 major, 2♥/♠ 2-suited, 2NT = GF or mm		
Strong 1NT & PH		Double = 5m and 4M. 2♣= pass/correct, 2♦=major ask		
Weak 2		X t/o & Lebensohl. Leaping Michaels.		
Weak 3		X t/o.		
4 bids		X t/o except 4♠		
Multi 2♦		X=13-16 or 19+ with Leb. 2NT 15-18. Delayed 2NT = mm		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCB	41-30-52-52+QT	DOPE/ROPE
Exclusion RKCB	30-41-52-52+QT	
5NT = Grand Slam Force	6♣ = 0; 6♦ = 1; 6♥ = 2 of top 3 OR asking for specific kings – we bid the one we haven't got with two	


COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents	
Level to which negative doubles apply	4♥
Special meaning of bids	UCBs, fit jumps, splinters
Exceptions / other agreements	1m - 1♥ - X shows 4♠s
Agreements after opponents double for takeout	
Redouble	9+ PEN
All other bids are system ON	
Other agreements concerning doubles and forcing passes	
Support doubles and redoubles to 2♥, Game try doubles	
After a penalty double or business redouble – next double is penalties except 1NT-X-2♣/♦/♥-P = forcing. Next double is for takeout and third for penalties	
X of splinter @ green suggests sacrifice, all others asks for lead of suit above 2♣ (any intervention)-X = 0-4 points without an Ace	

OTHER CONVENTIONS

N1 Kokish is 25+
N2 2NT enquiry over weak 2s We show a feature with a maximum
N3 After our 2NT opener/overcall 3♣-5 card Muppet Stayman – invert 3♥ & 3N 2NT-3♣-3♥-3S is a transfer to 3N, 2NT-3♣-3♥-3N shows 5♠ and 4♥ 4♣/♦/♥/♠ shows 6 cards in the linked suit (over 4♥/♠ showing minors, 4NT is NAT)
N4 1M-2NT 3♣ all minimums, 3♦ balanced maximum, 3♥ splinter in clubs, 3♠ splinter in diamonds, 3NT splinter in the other major
N5 Bergen raises 1♥-3♣ is 10-12 and a 3-card raise, 1♥-3♦ is 10-12 and a 4-card
N6 Drury By passed hand 1M-2♣ constructive 3 card raise, 1M-2♦ constructive 4+ card raise. Over drury, 2L rebids show singleton
N7 Fourth Suit Forcing: A bid in the fourth suit is artificial and game forcing
N8 Development over overcalls Opposite partner's overcall a UCB shows a good raise, simple changes of suit are NF at the 1&2L, 2NT 4-card raise (ALWAYS) Single jump bids show a fit, double jumps are splinters NT ranges in response to o/calls – 1NT = 11-14, 2NT = 14-17, 3NT = to play
N9 NT rebids after 1 level response 1NT = 11-13/14 After which 2♣ is a puppet to 2♦, 2♦ is a GF relay, other non-jumps are to play
N10 If the opposition bid two suits – we ask stoppers we have
N11 NT rebids after a 2over1 response 2NT = 11-14 or 17-19 We bid on to 4NT with 17-19
N12 Development over our 3NT overcalls 4♣ range enquiry, 4♦ either major, 4M natural, mild slam try

OPENING LEADS							
For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card.				Hatch over or shade this box if using non-standard leads.			
v. suit contracts	A <u>K</u>	<u>A</u> K x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 <u>x</u> x	10 <u>9</u> x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 <u>x</u> x x	H x <u>x</u>
	H x x <u>x</u>	H x x <u>x</u> x	H x x <u>x</u> x x	<u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u> x x	
v. NT contracts	<u>A</u> K x (<u>x</u>)	<u>A</u> <u>J</u> 10 x	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 10	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 <u>x</u> x	10 <u>9</u> x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 <u>x</u> x x	H x <u>x</u>
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Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-							
CARDING METHODS							
	Primary method v suit contracts		Primary method v NT contracts				
On Partner's lead	Reverse count and reverse attitude (high = odd)						
On Declarer's lead	Reverse count and attitude (high = odd or disc)						
When discarding	Reverse attitude 1 st then reverse count						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
A & Q leads ask for reverse attitude							
K for count (unblock versus NT)							
We give original count							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
N13 Transfer Lebehnsohl after 1NT and they intervene							
2NT is a transfer to clubs and so on. A transfer into their suit shows the other 4-card major. With no stopper and no (other) 4-card major, we bid 3♠							
N14 Further developments over our 1NT opener							
(i) 1NT-2♣-2♥-2♠ is Stayman in doubt, similarly 1NT-2♣-2♠-3♥.							
(ii) 2♣ then 3m is natural and forcing showing a singleton somewhere.							
(iii) A transfer to a minor followed by bidding a major is NAT and GF							
(iv) A transfer to ♣ followed by 3♦ shows 10 cards in the minors							
(v) A transfer to a minor followed by 3NT shows interest in an alternative contract							
(vi) Breaking the transfer to 2♥: 2NT shows min and 2♠ max, retransfers.							
(vii) Breaking the transfer to 2♠: 3♠ shows min and 3L bids are NAT with max & fit							

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS		
5 CARD MAJORS, 2/1 GF, Weak 2s in ♠/♥/♣		
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES		
Strength	15-17	
Shape constraints	No singleton	
Responses	2♣ Stayman (not promissory)	
2♦	Transfer to 2♥ that may be start of Baron relay, retransfer	
2♥	Transfers to 2♠ break into length with fit and max, retransfer	
2♠/2N	Transfers to the minors, break transfer without a fit,	
3♣	5/5 majors, GF+ 3♦ denies 4cM, 3♥/♠ shows 4, 3NT denies 3cM	
3♦	5-card Stayman	
3♥/♠	Fragment, over which 4M is natural,	
4L	4♣/4♦ transfers to the majors, 4♥/4♠ Nat, 4N simple blackwood	
Action after opponents double	Redouble is a 5 card minor, system ON	
Action after other interference	X t/o of NAT bid. Transfer Lebensohl (N13)	
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES		
	Meaning	Responses
2♣	GF or 23+ balanced	2♦ -ve., Kokish 25+
2♦	Weak 5-9) 2NT ask, change of suit at 2L NF
2♥	Weak 5-9) change of suit at 3L GF
2♠	Weak 5-9)
2NT	20-22; 3♣ 5-card Muppet Stayman 3♦/♥ Transfers, 3♠ minors (N3)	
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE		