

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP		Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	12*-19		4	For choice of opening see note 1.	1NT response = 6-9	
1♦	12*-19		4	Light openings poss. * see note 2	2NT response = 10-12	
1♥	12*-19		4	For opener's NT rebids – see note 3	Limit raises	
1♠	12*-19		4			
3	6 – 10		7	Pre-emptive		
4	6 – 10		8	Pre-emptive		

*(Enter your normal HCP range in the HCP column. If you have special agreements involving different values in particular positions (e.g. light openings in third seat) include further details under Supplementary Details).

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN

OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT		CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall		Wide range from 8+ at 1 level		
Jump overcall		Intermediate 12-16, good 6 card suit		
Cue bid				
1NT	Direct: Protective:	16 – 18 11 – 14 see note 4	As for 1NT opening	
2NT	Direct: Protective:	20 - 22 balanced 20 - 22 balanced	As for 2NT opening	
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣		Natural		
Short 1♣/1♦		Natural		
Weak 1NT		Double = penalties, suits natural		
Strong 1NT		Double = penalties, suits natural		
Weak 2		Double = take-out		
Weak 3		Double = take-out		
4 bids		Double = take-out		
Multi 2♦				

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses
Blackwood	
4NT = ace ask	5♣ = 0 or 4 aces; 5♦ = 1 ace 5♥ = 2 aces, 5♠ = 3 aces
	Kings shown in similar way after subsequent 5NT.

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents	
Level to which negative doubles apply	2♠
Special meaning of bids	
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout				
Redouble	9+ HCP	New suit	Forcing	Jump in new suit: Game Force
Jump raise	Preemptive	2NT	Good Raise	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles				

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Fourth Suit Forcing

A bid in the fourth suit is artificial, showing no particular holding in that suit but requesting partner to describe his hand further.	

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

- (Please cross-refer where appropriate to relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).
- Balanced hands not 12 to 14:** With four hearts and four spades open 1♥, Otherwise open the longest suit or the higher ranking of two 4-card suits.
Unbalanced hands: Always open the longest suit. With two 5-card or longer suits always open the higher ranking. Consider Rule of 20 for light openings.
4441 hands: singleton ♣ open 1♥; singleton ♦ open 1♣, singleton ♥ or ♠ open 1♦
 - Rule of 20:** If HCP + length of 2 longest suits is 20+ consider opening with 10 HCP
 - NT rebids:** After 1 level response 1NT = 15-16; 2NT = 17-18; 3NT = 19
 - Protective 1NT overcall:** After an opening bid and 2 passes 1NT shows 11 – 14. With more points, double first and rebid NT over partner's response