

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	11*-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	* Light openings possible For opener's NT rebids – note 1	1NT response = 6-9 2NT response = 10-12 Limit raises	
1♦	11*-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♥	11*-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♠	11*-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
3 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Pre-emptive		
4 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Pre-emptive		

*(Please enter your normal HCP range in the HCP column. Please tick box if you have any special agreements involving different values in particular positions (e.g. light openings in third seat) and 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		Natural			
Jump overcall		Weak, usually 6 card suit			
Cue bid					
1NT	Direct: Protective	15 - 17 11-14	As for 1NT opening		
2NT	Direct: Protective	20-22 balanced	As 2NT opener		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes		
Strong 1♣	Double= both majors; 1NT both minors				
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural				
Weak 1NT	Double = penalties;				
Strong 1NT	Double = penalties;				
Weak 2	Double = take out				
Weak 3	Double = take out				
4 bids	Double = take out				
Multi 2♦	X= 13-16 bal or v strong; 2NT = 17-19 bal				

SLAM CONVENTIONS		
Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
	5♣ = 0 or 4 aces; 5♦ = 1 ace	
Blackwood	5♥ = 2 aces ; 5♠ = 3aces	
5NT Kings	6♣ = 0; 6♦ = 1; 6♥ = 2, 6♠ = 3	

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS			
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents			
Level to which negative doubles apply		3♠	
Special meaning of bids		Cue bid = good raise	
Exceptions / other agreements		Jump raise pre-emptive	
Agreements after opponents double for takeout			
Redouble	9+ HCP	New suit	forcing
Jump	Pre-emptive	2NT	Good raise
Jump in new suit forcing			
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles			

OTHER CONVENTIONS	
Fourth Suit Forcing: A bid in the fourth suit is artificial, showing no particular Holding in that suit but requesting partner to describe his/her hand further.	
After 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥, 1♠ is natural and 2♠ is 'fourth suit forcing'.	

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS	
(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).	
1 NT rebids: After 1 level response 1NT = 15-17; 2NT = 18-19;	
2 After Weak 2♥♠ 2NT Ogust	
After a Weak Two a change of suit at the two level is natural and invitational. A change of suit at the 3 level is natural and forcing. A simple raise of the major is pre-emptive.	

OPENING LEADS							
(For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card).				(Hatch over 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 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	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 (x)	A <u>J</u> 10 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 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	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	
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	Attitude: high encouraging, low discouraging EXCEPT lead of K v NT asks partner to unblock or give count.						
On Declarer's lead	Count: high-low=even no. of cards; upwards = odd no.						
When discarding	Attitude: high encouraging; low discouraging						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
Suit preference signals							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
3.Continuations after a 2NT rebid and 1NT overcall are as over an opening 2NT bid							



Name

EBU No.

Partner

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
Benjaminised Acol			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	12 to 14	Tick if artificial and provide details below <input type="checkbox"/>	
Shape constraints		Tick if may have singleton <input type="checkbox"/>	
Responses	2♣ Stayman		
2♦	Transfer to hearts	2♥	Transfer to spades
2♠	11	2NT	12
Others	3♣/♦/♥/♠ = 6+ card suit and slam interest.		
Action after opponents double		Exit transfers. XX requires 2Cs	
Action after other interference		Bid naturally, X = takeout after suit overcall	
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Acol 2 or 19/20 balanced	2♦ relay	
2♦	Game forcing or 23+ balanced	2♥ negative	
2♥	Weak 2, 5-10 usually 6 card suit	2NT Ogust	2
2♠	Weak 2, 5-10 usually 6 card suit	2NT Ogust	2
2NT	21/22; 3♣ Stayman, 3♦♥ Transfer; 3♠ GF ART with slam interest		3
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).			
<p>Note: This convention card has been produced to summarise a standard system for use by players who want to play Benjaminised Acol</p> <p>This card may be copied as needed for club use and altered as appropriate.</p>			

Both players of a partnership must have identically completed convention cards. Cards must be exchanged with opponents for each round.