

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	* Light openings possible For opener's NT rebids – note 1	1NT response = 6-9 2NT = good raise to 3+ Limit raises Splinter bids	
1♦	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	3			
1♥	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	5			
1♠	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	5			
3 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Pre-emptive	Stronger in 3rd	
4 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Pre-emptive	ditto	

*(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	8-14	
Jump overcall	Weak, 5+ card suit		
Cue bid	2-suited hand		5
1NT Direct: Protective	15-18 11-14	As for 1NT opening	
2NT Direct: Protective	Lowest two unbid suits	Limit bids	5

OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	Double = t/o		
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural		
Weak 1NT	Double = penalties; DON'T	Suit bid + higher	3
Strong 1NT	Double = penalties; DON'T	ditto	3
Weak 2	Double = take out		
Weak 3	Double = pens in direct seat		
4 bids	Double = POWER		
Multi 2♦	X= 13-16 bal or v strong; 2NT = 15-17 bal		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Key Card	5♣ = 0 or 3 aces; 5♦ = 1 or 4 Aces	
Blackwood	5♥ = 2 aces no trump queen; 5♠ = 2 with trump queen	
5NT = Kings	Bid King held, with 2 bid one missing	
Gerber over NT	Roman responses	

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS			
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents			
Level to which negative doubles apply		2S - unless barrage makes it optional	
Special meaning of bids		Cue bid = stopper search	
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			
Jump fits in competitive auctions			

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'.
Splinter Bids Response of 3♠/4♠/4♦ to 1♥ opening or 4♣/4♦/4♥ to 1♠ opening shows a raise to 4♥/4♠ with 3+ trump support and singleton or void in bid suit

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 = 15-18; 2NT = 19-20
2 After 2H/S opener, 2NT is non promissory request for strength (OGUST). 3c = Weak/weak; 3S=strong/strong; 3NT= AKQxx
3 Defence to 1NT DONT.= suit bid + higher rank suit
4 2NT opener - 3♠ = Slam try in the minors
5 2 suited overcalls 1m 2m shows 5 -4+ in majors; 1M 2M shows 5 - 4+ in other major and a minor. 1 any - 2NT shows 5- 4+ in two lowest unbid suits.
6 Continuations after a 2NT rebid are as over an opening 2NT bid
7 After 2c/d opener, break relay with good 5 card suit



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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 (<u>x</u>)	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>
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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	Attitude: high encouraging, low discouraging EXCEPT lead of K v NT asks partner to give count.						
On Declarer's lead	Count: high-low=even no. of cards; upwards = odd no.						
When discarding	McKenney						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
Suit preference signals - on partners lead, false attitude signal may be suit pref signal							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
Benjaminised Acol - 5 card majors – better minor			
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	Ext Stayman
2♦	wto	2♥	wto
2♠	wto	2NT	11-12
Others	3♣/♦ = 6+ card suit and slam interest. 3H/S = GF		
Action after opponents double	XX = 5 card suit. Suit = lower of 2 suits		
Action after other interference	X = Pens		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Acol 2 or 23-24 balanced	2♦ relay	7
2♦	Game forcing or 25+	2♥ relay	7
2♥	Weak 2, 5-9 usually 5/6 card	2NT OGUST	2
2♠	Weak 2, 5-9 usually 5/6 card	2NT OGUST	2
2NT	21-22; 3♣ Puppet Stay, 3♦♥ Transfer; 3♠ minor slam interest		
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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.