


| OTHER OPENING BIDS | | | | | | |
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| | HCP | See note | Min length | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes |
| 1♣ | 10-19 | | 4 | No 4 Card Major | Jump Shift weak 6 card | |
| 1♦ | 10-19 | | 4 | | | |
| 1♥ | 10-19 | | 4 | After 1♥ 2♣ re-bid 2♦ Pos 4♥'s if 4441 | | |
| 1♠ | 10-19 | | 4 | | | |
| 3 bids | Weak | ✓ | 6 | Variable in 3 rd Seat 2 of top 3 honours Stg in 4 th position | | |
| 4 bids | Weak | ✓ | 7 | Weak + within 2 tricks of bid | | |
| *(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 | | | 5 card 8-18 suit quality | | | |
| Jump overcall | | | Weak 6 card suit | | | |
| Cue bid | | | Micahels 55 Weak or strong 4 | | | |
| 1NT | Direct: Protective: | 15-17 Stayman Transfers 10-14 Stayman Transfers | | | | |
| 2NT | Direct: Protective | Unusual Minors Strong 19+ As 2NT Opening Bid | | | | |
| OPPONENTS OPEN WITH | | DEFENSIVE METHODS | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes | | |
| Strong 1♣ | | 2♣Nat X Majors 1 NT Minors | | | | |
| Short 1♣/1♦ | | Natural | | | | |
| Weak 1NT | | Asptro 5 | | | | |
| Strong 1NT | | Asptro 5 | | | | |
| Weak 2 | | X Take Out 2NT 15-17 Suit bid is weak opening hand 5+ | | | | |
| Weak 3 | | X Take Out Cue Bid Michaels GF | | | | |
| 4 bids | | X Take Out 4NT 2 suited | | | | |
| Multi 2♦ | | X Take Out | | | | |
| SLAM CONVENTIONS | | | | | | |
| Name | | Meaning of Responses | | Action over interference | | |
| Gerber NT Only | | Aces Step response | | DOPI ROPI | | |
| Key Card Blackwood | | Shows Aces Trump King & Queen 30 41 | | DOPI ROPI | | |
| Exclusion Blackwood | | Key Cds o/s suit bid at 5 level | | DOPI ROPI | | |
| 4 NT Direct | | Aces held 5 ♣ zero 5 NT Two Aces | | DOPI ROPI | | |

| COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS | | |
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| Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents | | |
| Level to which negative doubles apply | 3♠ ⁶ | |
| Special meaning of bids | Cue bids are value raises support weak | |
| Exceptions / other agreements | Jump in other suits Bids Strong | |
| Agreements after opponents double for takeout | | |
| Redouble Bal of points | New suit Non Forcing | Jump in new suit Forcing |
| Jump raise | 2NT | Other |
| Weak pre-emptive | Value Raise | NT Natural |
| Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles | | |
| After Take Out double a No-Trump re-bid at lowest level shows 18-19: Jump shows 20-21 Double of NT contract by person not on lead asks for partner to lead suit first bid by dummy Where opponents have bid and agreed suit double is for take-out. A X of a suit by person not on lead as for lead of first suit bid by dummy | | |
| OTHER CONVENTIONS | | |
| ¹ Continuation after opening 2♣: 2♦ showing 0-3 points (says nothing about Diamonds) 2♥ showing 4-7 points (says nothing about Hearts) 2♠ showing 8+ points (says nothing about Spades) 3♣ 3♦3♥3♠ shows 8+ points, a strong suit, 5+ in length, 2 of top 3 honours | | |
| ² August: After weak two opening 2 NT by responder asks opener to describe his hand. 3 ♣ 5 – 7 pts 1 hon; 3 ♦ 5 – 7 pts 2 hons; 3 ♥ 8 – 9 pts 1 hon 3 ♠ 8 – 9 pts 2 hons; 3NT all 3 hons i.e A K Q | | |
| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS | | |
| (Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back). | | |
| ³ Puppet Five Card Stayman After a bid of 2 No Trumps (either as a opener or as re-bid) 3 ♣ is asking for five card major suits held. A bid of a major shows five cards 3 ♦ shows that a 4 card major is held, partner then bids the major he does not hold or 4 ♣ if both held. Slam interest 4 ♦ no interest Opening no trump bidder bids major suit partnership has fit or 3 No Trumps if no fit exists. An immediate bid of 3♠ after 2 No Trumps shows 5♠ 's and 4♥ 's A bid of 4♣/♦ after agreement shows an singleton in suit bid | | |
| ⁴ Michaels: A Cue bid shows two suited hand minimum 5 5. After 1 minor both majors after 1 major other major and undisclosed minor. Either weak or strong with intermediate overcall and bid other suit if able later | | |
| ⁵ Asptro Defence to 1 No Trump openings 2 ♣ shows ♥'s and another and 2 ♦ shows ♠'s and another. If both majors held anchor to short suit. Partner supports know suit with four cards or 3 cards and a outside singleton. 2 ♥ and 2 ♠ are both natural | | |
| Gerber 4 asks for Aces after No Trumps 4 ♦ zero or four 4 ♥ one, 4 ♠ two, 4 NT three | | |
| 4 No Trump Direct Asks for specific Aces held (5 ♣ zero 6 ♣ A♣) 5 NT 2 two Aces | | |

| OPENING LEADS | | | | | | | |
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| (For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card). | | | | (Shade this box grey 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 10 <u>9</u> | <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>) | <u>A</u> <u>J</u> 10 x | <u>K</u> Q 10 | <u>K</u> Q x | K <u>J</u> 10 | K 10 <u>9</u> | <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:- | | | | | | | |
| If suit has been bid by partnership a lead of another suit promises unsupported Ace | | | | | | | |
| CARDING METHODS | | | | | | | |
| Signals | Primary method v suit contracts | | | Primary method v NT contracts | | | |
| On Partner's lead | Attitude count of King | | | Attitude | | | |
| On Declarer's lead | Count Hi-Low even | | | | | | |
| When discarding | Keeping right cards priority McKenney when possible | | | | | | |
| Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above | | | | | | | |
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| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued) | | | | | | | |
| <p>³Roman Key Card Blackwood 4NT unless natural asks for Key cards (Aces and King of Trumps) held. 5 ♣ zero or three key cards, 5 ♦ one or four key cards, 5 ♥ two or five key cards deny holding queen of trumps, 5 ♠ two or five key cards and also queen of trumps. After 5 ♣ 5 ♦ a bid of next suit up asks whether queen of trumps is held responder signs off in trump suit if not held. If holds queen can show outside King or bid six of agreed suit.</p> <p>King Ask 5NT ask for specific Kings</p> <p>⁶Negative Doubles After opponents have intervened doubles are negative and for takeout up to 3 ♥. After a double shows values. If response is disturbed i.e. opponents call have prevented a bid of the suit at a lower level then the bid is non-forcing. No trump bids are Natural showing stop, raises are pre-emptive over a simple overcall and competitive over jump overcalls. Cue bids are fit showing and forcing for one round over a simple overcall and game forcing over jump overcalls</p> | | | | | | | |

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| GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS | | | | |
| Acol 3 Weak Two's | | | | |
| 1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES | | | | |
| Strength | 12 - 14 | If artificial give details below and make obvious by shading in grey the cell on right. | | Grey? |
| Shape constraints | | If may have singleton make obvious by shading in grey the cell on the right | | Grey? |
| Responses | 2♣ Stayman ¹ Transfers | | | |
| 2♦ | Transfer to ♥ 's | 2♥ | Transfer to ♠ 's | |
| 2♠ | 11 pts or Transfer to Minor ³ | 2NT | Invitational | |
| Others | 3 ♣ ♦ 6 card suit two of top three honours partner passes or bids 3 NT | | | |
| Action after opponents double | See competitive Auctions | | | |
| Action after other interference | See competitive Auctions | | | |
| TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES | | | | |
| | Meaning | Responses | Notes | |
| 2♣ | 19-20 HCP/8 playing tricks | Step responses | 1 | |
| 2♦ | Weak 5 – 10 | 2NT Ogust | 2 | |
| 2♥ | Weak 5 -10 | 2NT Ogust | 2 | |
| 2♠ | Weak 5 – 10 | 2NT Ogust | 2 | |
| 2NT | 20 – 22 Bal Stops in all suits | Transfers Puppet stayman | 3 | |
| OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE | | | | |
| (Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values). May pass on bad 12 points: 3 rd in hand bids may be weaker than normal openings and strength of weak two's variable. An opening 3 NT is gambling showing long strong minor with No more than Queen outside Weak jump switch responses 6 card suit < 7 HCP: Over an opening 1♦ and 2♣ response 2♦ does not guarantee 5 cards may have 4441 hand Lead Directing Doubles | | | | |

Both players of a partnership must have identically completed convention cards.
Cards must be exchanged with opponents for each round. (Word V 1.0)