

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Splinters, Checkback (2)		
1♦	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♥	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♠	9-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
3 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Pre-emptive; good suit in 1 st or 2 nd seat		
4 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Pre-emptive or to play but see (8)		
*(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		8-15 HCP; 5+ card suit; good suit at 2 level		
Jump overcall		Weak		
Cue bid		Michaels (weak or strong, not intermediate) (4)		
1NT	Direct: Protective	15-17 11-14	As for 1NT opening	
2NT	Direct: Protective	Unusual (Intermediate or Strong)		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣		Natural, possibly very weak		
Short 1♣/1♦		Natural		
Weak 1NT		Landy (both majors)		(5)
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Weak 2		X = take out, 2NT = 15 -19 HCP with stops		
Weak 3		X = take out, cue of minor shows both majors		
4 bids		X = pen of majors; 4NT = take out		
Multi 2♦		On second round, same as for weak 2 bids		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Key Card	5♣ = 0 / 3; 5♦ = 1 / 4; 5♥ = 2- 5♠ = 2+	(6)
Quantitative	4NT	
Gerber	Over natural NT bids	

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 = good raise; new suit (5+ cards) is forcing
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble	10+ HCP	New suit forcing
Jump raise	Level of fit	2NT Good raise
Jump in new suit: non- forcing		

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

In a competitive auction, if one bidder has limited their hand, a X is for penalties. If we have agreed a suit a double of the opposition's suit is for penalties.

After 1 suit – pass – 1NT, x is TO of first suit bid

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'. 4SF = Game force

UCB : Opposite partner's overcall a cue bid shows 10+HCP & 3+ support

Splinter Bids: Response of 3♠/4♣/4♦ to 1♥ opening or 4♣/4♦/4♥ to 1♠ opening shows a raise to 4♥/4♠ with 4+ 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] Rebid suit with minimum or show a feature at the three level with a maximum.

[2] Checkback. 1-1-1NT=15-17; 1-1-2NT=18-19; 1-2-2NT=15-19 then 2/3♣=Checkback Stayman. A bid in responder's suit shows 3-card support.

[3] After 1♥/1♠-2NT, 3 of new suit shows strong 2nd suit. Bid at 4 level shows singleton/void

[4] Michaels cue bid. Over a minor, shows both majors; over a major, shows other major and a minor.

[5] Landy. 2♣=both Majs (5-4). 2♦ response=equal length or 3/2 and at least 2-2; 2NT if 0-0 or 1-1. 3♣=game invitational.

[6] RKCB continued. After 5♣/5♦ response, next non-trump suit asks for trump Q. Trump bid says no; any suit bid says yes plus undisclosed feature in bid suit (usually a K, or singleton); 5NT says yes but with nothing more to say. After any response 5NT asks for specific kings: sign-off with none, bid cheapest if one or more.



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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 <u>x</u> x	10 <u>9</u> 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)	<u>A</u> <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 <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 attitude: Count on King lead except in NT unblock suit on K lead						
On Declarer's lead	Count						
When discarding	Reverse attitude						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
McKenney suit-preference signal when leading where appropriate (eg leading for a ruff or clearing a suit in NT).							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
(7) XX = 5 card suit, suit bid = lowest of 2 touching 4 card suits, pass with 2 non touching suits, opener must then redouble, responder can pass to play or bid 2C = ♣ & a major or 2D = ♦ & ♠ (8) 4NT opening is specific Ace ask (9) Stayman and RST over any NT bid when it is the first natural bid for the partnership							
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
Acol – 3 weak twos			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	12 to 14 or 11-14 3rd/4th		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 HCP or xfer to minors (6 cards)	2NT	12 HCP
Others	3 level bids forcing and slam interest; 4NT = Quantitative		
Action after opponents double	Helmic		(7)
Action after other interference	Natural, X=TO of natural bid or lead directional		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	23+ bal of GF	2♦ = Weak/waiting	
2♦	Weak 2, 5-10 6 card suit	2NT asks for feature	(1)
2♥	Weak 2, 5-10 6 card suit	2NT asks for feature	(1)
2♠	Weak 2, 5-10 6 card suit	2NT asks for feature	(1)
2NT	20-22	Puppet Stayman; RST; 3♠=5♠/4♥	
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).			
Trial bids			

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