


OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	11+		2		2NT = 0-5 with 5+ support	
1♦	11+		4		2NT = 0-5 with 5+ support	
1♥	11+		5	Jacoby 2NT & 3NT (5); Bergen raises; Splinters		
1♠	11+		5			
3 bids	<10		6		Change of suit forcing	
4 bids	<13		8	4♣/4♦ = SA Texas (1). 4♥/4♠ = 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		<15 NV; 11-15 V, 5+ card suit.		UCB		
Jump overcall		Weak				
Cue bid		Michaels				
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-17 11-14		As opening 1NT As opening 1NT		
2NT	Direct: Protective	Two lowest unbid suits Min 5-5. Weak or strong, not intermediate.		Two lowest unbid suits. Min 5-5. Weak or strong, not intermediate.		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS		SPECIAL RESPONSES		Notes
Strong 1♣		Suction (6)				
Short 1♣/1♠♦		Treat as natural				
Weak 1NT		Suction (6)				
Strong 1NT		Suction (6)				
Weak 2		X = take out		Lebensohl (3)		
Weak 3		X = take out				
4 bids		X = take out; 4NT = two places to play				
Multi 2♦						
SLAM CONVENTIONS						
Name		Meaning of Responses		Action over interference		
4NT = RKCB		5♣ = 0/3; 5♦ = 1/4; 5♥ = 2/5 No Q; 5♠ 2/5+Q				
Then 5NT = King ask. Responses: Cue bid just one king; With 2 kings, cue bid missing one; With no kings return to the trump suit.						

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		
Level to which negative doubles apply	4♥	
Special meaning of bids	Cue bid = value raise; Direct raise = pre-emptive	
Exceptions / other agreements		
Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble 9+ no fit for major	New suit <9 forcing	Jump in new suit Weak 6+ cards
Jump raise	2NT	Other
Pre-emptive	Good raise to 3 or better	
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
Fourth suit forcing. (2♠ after 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥.) Cue bids, Splinter bids. Long suit trial bids. We open the lower of 2 four card suits, outside the NT range. Leaping and non-leaping Michaels over 1M and 3M. Min 5-5 Checkback: Over a NT rebid, 2♣ (or 3♣ over 2NT rebid after a natural opening) asks for further information about major holding.		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back).		
1. SA Texas. Max 1 loser suit and something outside. 4M – pre-emptive.		
2. Helmic: Redouble shows 5 or longer suit. Opener is required to bid 2♣ which opener will pass or correct. Suit bid is the lower of 2 or more 4 card suits. Opener relays to play in other suit.		
3. Lebensohl: 2NT after intervention over 1NT or in response to a TO double of a weak 2, requires partner to bid 3♣. A cue bid shows “other major” and a pass or change of suit is to play.		
4. Puppet Stayman: 3♣ asks. Responses: 3♦ = at least one 4 card major. 3♥/3♠ = 5 card major. 3NT = no 4/5 card major. Over 3♦ response, with one 4 card major only, responder bids the other major. With 2 four card majors, responder bids 4♣ with slam interest, and 4♦ with no slam interest.		
5. 2NT = 4+ support, game values, no singleton or voids. Opener shows shortage if wishing to investigate slam further, signs off in 4 or shows extra values with 3. Direct 3NT shows three card support and game (plus) values.		
6. Suction. Any suit bid is single suited in NEXT higher suit, or two suited in two suits above that. 2NT is odd two suiter, min 5-5		

OPENING LEADS							
(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 J <u>10</u>	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>	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 ( <u>x</u> )	A J <u>10</u> x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K J <u>10</u>	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>	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	
Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-							
CARDING METHODS							
Signals	Primary method v suit contracts		Primary method v NT contracts				
On Partner's lead	A: attitude; K: count		A: unblock/count; K (unblock J) count				
On Declarer's lead	count		count				
When discarding	1 <sup>st</sup> : Italian 2 <sup>nd</sup> : count.						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							

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<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS</b>			
<b>Acol with 5 card majors and multi 2♦</b>			
<b>1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES</b>			
Strength	11-14	If artificial give details below and make obvious by shading in grey the cell on right.	
Shape constraints	4443; 4432; 5332.	If may have singleton make obvious by shading in grey the cell on the right	
Responses	2♣ Non promissory Stayman, enquiring about majors.		
2♦	Transfer to hearts.	2♥	Transfer to spades.
2♠	11 or minor suit	2NT	Both minors GF – min 4-4
Others	3 level suit responses are slam invitational.		
Action after opponents double	Helmic. (2)		
Action after other interference	Lebensohl. (3)		
<b>TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES</b>			
	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
2♣	Game force or 23+ Balanced	2♦ = relay.	
2♦	Multi: Weak major 4-9	2NT enquiry	
2♥	6 card suit; 2 top honours 6-11	2NT enquiry = Feature? COSF	
2♠	6 card suit; 2 top honours 6-11	2NT enquiry = Feature? COSF	
2NT	20 – 22 Balanced.	Red suit transfers; Puppet Stayman (4) 4♣/4♦ = Major to play.	
<b>OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE</b>			
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values). A 2♣ Stayman bid may be the precursor to inviting game in NT. No major promised.			

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