


| OTHER OPENING BIDS  |             |  |            |   |   |
|---|-------------|--|------------|---|---|
|   | HCP         | See note   | Min length | CONVENTIONAL MEANING                                | /SPECIAL RESPONSES Notes                                |
| 1♣  | 12-23       | (v)  | 3          | 2N and 3N resp natural; min level NT rebid 12-14;   | See note (vii)  |
| 1♦  | 12-23       | (v)  | 3          |   |   |
| 1♥  | 12-23       | (vi)   | 5          | 2N=3-card fit inv; 3N=4-card fit GF ; splinters.    | Opening may be light in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat - note(vi) |
| 1♠  | 12-23       | (vi)   | 5          |   |   |
| 3 bids  | 5-10        |  | 7          | May be 6 cards third-in-hand                        |   |
| 4 bids  | 5-10        |  | 7/8        | 4M may be stronger opposite passed hand             |   |
| *(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   |             | 8-17 natural.  |            | New suit forcing. Cue and jump cue showing fit.     |   |
| Jump overcall   |             | Barrage but  |            | 2♦ /1♣ = majors                                     |   |
| Cue bid   |             | 2♣ over 1♣ natural   |            |   |   |
| 1NT   | Direct:     | 16-18  |            | System ON   |   |
|   | Protective: | 10-13  |            | System ON   |   |
| 2NT   | Direct:     | (1M or 1N) 2N = minor 2-suiter; (1m) 2N = ♥ + Om                 |            | System ON   |   |
|   | Protective  | 17-19 balanced with stopper                                      |            |   |   |
| OPPONENTS OPEN WITH   |             | DEFENSIVE METHODS  |            | SPECIAL RESPONSES                                   | Notes   |
| Strong 1♣   |             | Natural overcalls  |            |   |   |
| Short 1♣/1♦   |             | Treat as natural   |            |   |   |
| Weak 1NT  |             | 2♣ Landy (both majors) ; Dbl penalties ; 2♦,♥,♠ natural          |            |   |   |
| Strong 1NT  |             | 2♣ Landy (both majors) ; Dbl minor(5+)+Major(4) ; 2♦,♥,♠ natural |            |   |   |
| Weak 2  |             | Double for take-out ; 2NT = 16-18 with stopper(s)                |            |   |   |
| Weak 3  |             | Double for take-out  |            |   |   |
| 4 bids  |             | Double for take-out, more penalty-oriented over 4♠               |            |   |   |
| Multi 2♦  |             |  |            |   |   |
| SLAM CONVENTIONS  |             |  |            |   |   |
| Name  |             | Meaning of Responses   |            | Action over interference                            |   |
| Control-showing bids (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> round)  |             | 30-41 RKC Blackwood 4N (when suit agreed)                        |            | Pass=1 <sup>st</sup> step, Dbl=2 <sup>nd</sup> step |   |
| 4N quantitative otherwise   |             |  |            |   |   |

| 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   | 1M (overcall) 2NT = inv+ with 3-card support |  |
| Jump shift barrage, but fit-jump from   | 1M (overcall) cue-bid = GF with 4-card fit   |  |
| passed hand   | 1m (overcall) cue-bid asks for stopper       |  |
| Agreements after opponents double for takeout   |  |  |
| <b>Redouble</b><br>10+ denying fit in major   | <b>New suit</b><br>F (1-level), NF (2-level) | <b>Jump in new suit</b><br>Fit (1MX) / barrage (1mX) |
| <b>Jump raise</b>   | <b>2NT</b>                                   | <b>3NT</b>   |
| barrage   | Inv+ with 4+ card fit                        | Over 1MX,GF with 5-card fit                          |
| Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles   |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| OTHER CONVENTIONS   |  |  |
| 3NT opening = solid 7-card minor with no A or K outside<br>4 <sup>th</sup> suit forcing (guaranteeing another bid)<br>“Roudi” 2♣ checkback after 1M response and 1N rebid (inv+ with 5+ M)<br>Fit-jumps always from passed hand; also after partner’s overcall or partner’s Major suit opening and opponent’s double. |  |  |
| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS   |  |  |
| (Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back).  |  |  |
| (i) 2NT resp to Stayman = both majors (then 3/4m transfer to corresponding M);<br>1N-2♣-2♦-3M shows 4M with 5OM; similar over 2NT ; 1N-2♣-2M-3OM=slam try in M.   |  |  |
| (ii) 2♣ opening : 22-23 balanced or strong, non-GF unbalanced; 2♦ obligatory resp.  |  |  |
| (iii) 2♦ opening GF; responses 2♠ major suit ace, 3m ace m, 2N 8+ HCP or KK (semi-)balanced, 3N 2 aces  |  |  |
| (iv) Over 2NT: 3♣ Stayman; 3♦ 3♥ 3♠ 4♣ transfers (accept with fit); 4♦ 5-5 majors   |  |  |
| (v) “Better minor”: with (43)33 open 1♣ ; with (32)44, (41)44 or 4432 open 1♦   |  |  |
| (vi) 1M may be light in 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> seat: 1N resp 6-11 ; fit jumps   |  |  |
| (vii) 1NT rebid 12-14 ; 1M-2 lower suit-2N 15-17 ; 1♦-2♣-2N 12-14   |  |  |

| 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 <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 <u>x</u> x x           | H x <u>x</u>        |
|  | H x <u>x</u> x  | H x x x <u>x</u>       | H x <u>x</u> x x x | <u>x</u> x                    | x x <u>x</u>                                       | 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 x x  | <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                 | <u>9</u> 8 7 x                                     | 10 <u>x</u> x <u>x</u>    | H <u>x</u> <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                    | <u>x</u> x x                                       | x <u>x</u> x <u>x</u> (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  | High to encourage, or to show even count (as appropriate) |                        |                    |                               |  |                           |                     |
| On Declarer's lead   | Standard count (not obligatory)                           |                        |                    |                               |  |                           |                     |
| When discarding  | High to encourage   |                        |                    |                               |  |                           |                     |
| Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above  |   |                        |                    |                               |  |                           |                     |
|  |   |                        |                    |                               |  |                           |                     |
| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)  |   |                        |                    |                               |  |                           |                     |
| (viii) "Rubensohl" after 1N and 2♦,♥,♠ intervention: transfers from 2N; double of natural (resp. artificial) overcall is take-out (resp. values) but SYS ON (double = Stayman) after 2♣ intervention |   |                        |                    |                               |  |                           |                     |



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

STRONG NT, 5-CARD MAJORS, BENJAMIN-style 2-bids

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

|                                 |   |   |                    |       |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|-------|
| Strength                        | 15-17   | If artificial give details below and make obvious by shading in grey the cell on right. |                    | Grey? |
| Shape constraints               | No singleton; 5-card M rare                               | If may have singleton make obvious by shading in grey the cell on the right             |                    | Grey? |
| Responses                       | 2♣ Stayman (promising 4-card M) 4 responses, see note (i) |   |                    |       |
| 2♦                              | Transfer to ♥   | 2♥  | Transfer to ♠      |       |
| 2♠                              | Transfer to ♣   | 2NT   | Natural invitation |       |
| Others                          | 3♣ transfer to ♦ ; 4♦ shows 5-5 majors                    |   |                    |       |
| Action after opponents double   |   | System ON   |                    |       |
| Action after other interference |   | Rubensohl see note (viii)   |                    |       |

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

|     | Meaning                           | Responses          | Notes |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 2♣  | "Strong indeterminate"            | 2♦ waiting         | (ii)  |
| 2♦  | Game force                        | Ace-showing        | (iii) |
| 2♥  | 6-card suit, 6-10 H               | New suit forcing   |       |
| 2♠  | 6-card suit, 6-10 H               | New suit forcing   |       |
| 2NT | 20-21 balanced, 5-card M possible | Stayman, transfers | (iv)  |

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).

2/1 response promises another bid but is not game-forcing.

A minor-suit response to an opening suit bid may occasionally be based on fewer than 4 cards when responder has strong support for opener.

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