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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

Acol with Multi 2 ♦

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 12-14 Tick if artificial and provide details below ☐

Shape constraints Tick if may have singleton ☐

Responses 2 ♣ Stayman

2 ♦ Transfer to hearts 2 ♥ Transfer to spades

2 ♠ 11 pts or long minor 2NT 12 points

Others

Action after opponents double XX = ♣; ♣, ♦, ♥ = transfers; pass = forces redouble

Action after other interference X = penalty; 2 suit bids non-forcing; 2N = Lebensohl

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2 ♣	Game force or 23-24 bal	2 ♦ = negative	
2 ♦	Multi (see below)	(see below)	1
2 ♥	8 playing tricks, forcing	2 ♠ = negative; 2NT = pos. + ♠	
2 ♠	8 playing tricks, forcing	3 ♣ = negative; 2NT = pos. + ♣	
2NT	21-22 points, balanced	3 ♣ = Puppet Stayman, see note	2

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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

Multi 2 ♦ = weak 2 major / strong 2 minor / 19-20 balanced

Responses to 2 ♦: 2 ♥ non-forcing relay; 2 ♠ interest in 4 ♥; 2NT forcing

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note *	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	<20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4		2NT = 16-17 balanced	
1♦	<20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4		2NT as above; splinters	3
1♥	<20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4		2NT as above; splinters	3
1♠	<20	<input type="checkbox"/>	4		2NT as above; splinters	3
3 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Pre-emptive; 3NT = solid minor		
4 bids	<10	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	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		Natural		
Jump overcall		6-7 playing tricks		
Cue bid		Michaels		
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-17 11-14	Cue bid = Stayman	
2NT	Direct: Protective:	Unusual: 5-5 in lowest 2 suits		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣		Truscott; jump overcall = weak		4
Short 1♣/1♦		As for normal 1♣/1♦		
Weak 1NT		Pottage		5
Strong 1NT		Pottage		5
Weak 2		X = take-out; 2NT = unusual		
Weak 3		X = take-out		
4 bids		Natural		
Multi 2♦		2♥/♠ = take-out of other major; X < 17; 2NT = 17-20		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKC Blackwood	5♣ = 0 or 3; 5♦ = 1 or 4;	ROPI / DOPI
	5♥ = 2 or 5, no trump Q;	
	5♠ = 2 or 5 with trump Q	
Gerber (over NT)	Standard	ROPI / DOPI

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents

Level to which negative doubles apply	3♠
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Special meaning of bids	
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Exceptions / other agreements	
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Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble	9+ points	New suit	Forcing	Jump in new suit	Pre-emptive
Jump raise	= single raise	2NT	= double raise	Other	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

Responsive: X after partner's overcall shows support and game interest

Non-penalty slam double: X of small slam after competitive auction shows **no** defensive trick

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Lebensohl: After our 1NT is overcalled: 2NT requests opener to bid 3♣, then rebid is sign-off unless higher than the overcall suit or cue bid.

1NT X rescue: XX = ♣; 2♣/2♦/2♥ = transfers; pass = forces opener to XX then partner may pass to play or may bid lowest 4-card suit. **1NT-P-P-X:** opener's partner bids naturally (XX = wriggle).

X of 1NT overcall = penalties.

RKCB: After 5-level response, 5NT asks for non-trump kings: 6♣ = 0; 6♦ = 1; 6♥ = 2; 6♠ = 3.

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).

1. After **Multi 2♦**+2NT response: 3♣=♣ or upper range ♥; 3♦=♦ or upper range ♠; 3♥/3♠ = lower range
2. After **2NT** opening: 3♣ = Puppet Stayman (see below); 3♦/3♥ = transfers; 3♠ = 5♠ + 4♥;
- 2 (cont.): 3♦ = 4-card major, no 5-card major; 3♥/3♠ = 5 cards; 3NT < 4♥ or ♠
- 2 (cont.): After 3♦ response, 3♥/♠ = 4 card major **not** held; 4♣/♦ = both majors (4♣ = slam interest)
3. **Splinters:** Double jump shows a singleton or void in the bid suit
4. **Truscott:** Over strong 1♣: 1♦ = ♦+♥; 1♥ = ♥+♠; 1♠ = ♠+♣; 1N = ♦+♠; 2♣ = ♣+♦; X = ♣+♥
- 4 (cont.): Over strong 1♣-1♦: as above except 1N = ♣+♥; 2♦ = ♦+♥; X = ♦+♠.
5. **Pottage:** 2♣ = any single suit; 2♦ = ♥+♠; 2♥ = ♥+minor; 2♠ = ♠+minor; 2NT = both minors

OPENING LEADS

For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card.

Hatch over or shade 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>
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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
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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	High = encouraging	High = encouraging
On Declarer's lead	High-low = even; low-high = odd	High-low = even; low-high = odd
When discarding	Odd = enc.; even = disc. + McKenney	Odd = enc.; even = disc. + McKenney

Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above

McKenney on partner's or declarer's lead when obviously appropriate

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

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