

OTHER OPENING BIDS					
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES Notes
1♣	10-19		4		
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	5-9			Variable in 3 rd Seat 2 of top 3 hon	
4 bids	5-9				
*(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		Variable in 3 rd Seat 2 of top 3 hon			
Jump overcall		Weak 6 card suit			
Cue bid		Michaels over minor Majors or Major and Minor over Major			
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-17 Stayman Transfers 10-14 Stayman Transfers			
2NT	Direct: Protective	Unusual Minors Strong 19+			
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS		SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣		X Penalty 15+ Suits 5 Card 9+			
Short 1♠/1♦		Natural			
Weak 1NT		Landy 5 4 in Majors 10+			
Strong 1NT		Landy 5 4 in Majors 10+			
Weak 2		X Take Out			
Weak 3		X Take Out			
4 bids		X Take Out 2 suited 4NT Minors			
Multi 2♦		X Shows ♦ 's			
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		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		
Level to which negative doubles apply	3 ♠	
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 Forcing	Jump in new suit Non 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		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
Checkback Stayman: After 1 NT re-bid 15-17 2♣ checkback 8 + points locate 4 card major or check for stoppers for NT		
Landy 2♣ overcall are as follows. 2♦ Artificial, showing equal length in the majors. Partner corrects to 2♥ or 2♠. 2♥/2♠. Natural, signoff. 2NT Artificial and forcing for one round. May or may not have major-suit support. Shows 12+ points and asks partner to clarify his hand. 3♥ or 3♠. 10-12 points with 4-card support. Invitational to game.		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back).		
Ogust: 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		
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 four card major is held, partner then bids the major he does not hold or 4♠ if both held. 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		
Lebensohl After 1 No Trump is overcalled if natural a cue bid is a stayman enquiry. Two level bids are non-forcing three levele bids forcing. Double is for penalaties. A bid of 2 No Trumps asks opener to bid 3♣ which will be passed or converted to another suit below over-called suit non-forcing or if higher then forcing. After 3♣ by opener a cue bid of overcalled suit is stayman but shows a stop (a direct cue bid denies stop) . Similarly an immediate bid of 3 No Trumps denies a stopper if via an intial 2 No Trump bid then shows a stopper . DIRECT DENIES - SLOW SHOWS		

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>	A <u>K</u> x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K 10 <u>9</u>	Q <u>J</u> 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	A <u>K</u> x (<u>x</u>)	A <u>J</u> 10 x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K 10 <u>9</u>	Q <u>J</u> 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 in bid suit							
CARDING METHODS							
Signals	Primary method v suit contracts			Primary method v NT contracts			
On Partner's lead	High encouraging						
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							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
Roman 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. King Ask 5NT ask for specific Kings Negative 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 Super Acceptance: When partner bids 2D/2H after 1N opening, with 4+ support, the response of 2N (min) and 3C (max) will allow the 1N responder to raise to game or sign off at 3 level.							

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
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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 Non promissory			
2♦	5+♥ 's	2♥	5+♠ 's
2♠	Weak Minor	2NT	Invitational
Others 3 ♣ ♦ 6 card suit two of top three honours partner passes or bids 3 NT			
Action after opponents double		XX 5 card suit: Suit bid lower of 2 4 Card suits	
Action after other interference		Natural showing 5 card suit	
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Meaning	Responses	Notes	
2♣	23+	2 ♦ 's Relay : 2NT 2 nd Neg	
2♦	Weak 5 -10	2NT Ogust	
2♥	Weak 5 -10	2NT Ogust	
2♠	Weak 5 -10	2NT Ogust	
2NT	20 – 22	Transfers Puppet Stayman	
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 : Over an opening 1♦ and 2♣ response 2♦ does not guarantee 5 cards may have 4441 hand Lead Directing Doubles Fourth suit forcing			

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