

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	12+	✓	4		Splinters. Raise to 3 is weak, 2NT is invitational	
1♦	12+	✓	4			
1♥	12+	✓	4			
1♠	12+	✓	4			
3 bids	4-7		6	Pre-emptive	3♣/♦ shows 2/3 top honours when vulnerable	
4 bids			7	Pre-emptive		

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN

OPP'S OPEN A NAT. ONE OF A SUIT	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall	Natural		
Jump overcall	Direct-Weak Prot-intermediate		
Cue bid over 1H/1S	Michaels		
1NT Direct: Protective:	15-17pts. 11-14pts.	2♣ is Stayman; 2♦/♥ are transfers, 2S is invitational to 2NT	
2NT Direct: Protective	Unusual Unusual	Natural Natural	

OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1	Natural. Double = ♣ suit		
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural		
Weak 1NT	2C for majors. Dbl by pass-	out hand ls 12+ for T/O	Baron
Strong 1NT	2C for majors		
Weak 2	Double for T/O	2NT-Lebensohl	
Weak 3	Double for T/O		
4 bids	Double for T/O		

SLAM CONVENTIONS		
Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Key Card Blackwood	Key card count (14/30)	
Simple Gerber after NT opening/rebid	Ace count	


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	Unassuming cue bids - 3-card support
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble 10-12pts. no 3 card support	New suit Natural	Jump in new suit Forcing
Jump raise Weak	2NT Limit Raise	Other UCB shows 3-cards

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles
If opps overcall our 1NT at the two-level, double is for T/O

OTHER CONVENTIONS
1NT rebid is 15-18 - normal checkback Michaels and UNT 4 th suit forcing

OPENING LEADS							
Standard leads are in BOLD							
v. suit contracts	A K	A K x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x x	H x x
	H x x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	
v. NT contracts	A K x (x)	A J 10 x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x x	H x x
	H x x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	
The lead of an Ace asks for attitude, King for count.							
Strong 10s against NT contracts showing a touching card and a higher honour							
CARDING METHODS							
Signals	Primary method v suit contracts			Primary method v NT contracts			
On Partner's lead	Attitude on Ace; Count on King			Count			
On Declarer's lead	Count (remaining where needed)			Count (remaining)			
When discarding	<i>Count with McKenney overtones</i>			<i>Count with</i>			
MUD against suit and NT contracts							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS							
Stayman and RST are OFF if opps double our 1NT Stayman and RST are OFF if opps overcall our 1NT Stayman and RST are ON if we overcall opps suit with NT Stayman and RST are OFF if we double opps 1NT							

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
BENJAMISED ACOL			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	12 – 14pts		
Shape constraints	No singleton		
Responses	2♣ Stayman (promissory)		
2♦	Transfer to ♥ 2♥ Transfer to ♠		
2♠	11 or 18+ 2NT Transfer to 3C (T/O into a minor)		
Others	3♣/♦ bid is slam invitational 4♣ Gerber.		
Action after opponents double	redouble = 5 card suit, suit shows lower of two 4-card suits		
Action after other interference	2NT is Lebensohl		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Either 8 PT or 20-22 with a 5-card suit	2♦ = relay Over opener's 2NT rebid... ... 3♣ asks for opener's 5-card suit ... 3♦/♥ are transfers	
2♦	23+ forcing	2♥ = relay; Over opener's 2NT rebid... ... 3♣ is 5-card Stayman ... 3♦/♥ are transfers	
2♥	6-10 pts + 6cd suit	2NT asks for a feature (A, K, or QJ)	
2♠	6-10 pts + 6cd suit	2NT asks for a feature	
2NT	21-22	3C is Stayman 3♦/♥ are transfers	
NOTE: Intermediate reverses. Rebid of a major shows 6+ cards			