

| OTHER OPENING BIDS | | | | | | |
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| | HCP | see Note | Min length | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes |
| 1♣ | 12*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | * Light openings possible For opener's NT rebids – note 1) | 1NT response = 6-9 2NT response = 10-12 Limit raises Splinter bids/ 3NT see Other conventions | |
| 1♦ | 12*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | | | |
| 1♥ | 12*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | | | |
| 1♠ | 12*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | | | |
| 3 bids | <10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | Pre-emptive | | |
| 4 bids | <10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 | Pre-emptive | | |
| Longest suit; 4/4 both Majors 1♥; 5/5 both Majors open 1♠; 4M/5m may prefer M | | | | | | |
| 4441 hands: singleton ♣ or ♠ open 1♦; singleton ♦ or ♥ open 1♣ | | | | | | |
| DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN | | | | | | |
| OPPS OPEN NAT. ONE OF A SUIT | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | | SPECIAL RESPONSES | | Notes | |
| Simple overcall | Natural | | UCBS | | | |
| Jump overcall | W-I-S - usually 6 card suit | | I & S natural | | 2) | |
| Cue bid | 2-suited hand | | | | 4) | |
| 1NT | Direct: Protective: | 16-18 11-14 | As for 1NT opening | | | |
| 2NT | Direct: Protective | Lowest two unbid suits 20-22 balanced | Limit bids As 2NT opener | | 4) | |
| OPPONENTS OPEN WITH | DEFENSIVE METHODS | | SPECIAL RESPONSES | | Notes | |
| Strong 1♣ | Double= both majors; 1NT both minors | | | | | |
| Short 1♠/1♦ | Natural | | | | | |
| Weak 1NT | Double = penalties; 2♣ Landy and transfers | | | | 3) | |
| Strong 1NT | Double = penalties; 2♣ Landy and transfers | | | | 3) | |
| Weak 2 | Double = take out | | See note | | 6) | |
| Weak 3 | Double = take out | | See note | | 7) | |
| 4 bids | Double = take out/penalty direct & penalty protective | | | | | |
| Multi 2♦ | X= 13-16 bal or v strong; 2NT = 17-19 bal | | | | | |
| SLAM CONVENTIONS | | | | | | |
| Name | Meaning of Responses | | | | | |
| 4NT = Roman Key Card Blackwood | 5♣ = 0 or 3 KCs; 5♦ = 1 or 4 KCs; 5♥ = 2 or 5 KCs no trump queen; 5♠ = 2 or 5 KCs with trump queen <i>See Note 8)</i> | | | | | |
| 5NT = King ask | Cheapest non trump K | | | | | |
| Over NT > 4NT = | Min 32 pts both hands together | | | | | |

| COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS | | | |
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| Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents | | | |
| Level to which negative doubles apply | | 3♠ | |
| Special meaning of bids | | Cue bid = good raise | |
| Exceptions / other agreements | | Jump raise pre-emptive | |
| Agreements after opponents double for takeout | | | |
| Redouble | 9+ HCP | New suit | forcing |
| Jump | | 2NT | Good raise |
| Jump in new suit forcing | | | |
| Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles | | | |
| <i>X of intervening bid by opps:</i> may adopt opps suit as a response to partner's bid | | | |
| <i>X of artificial bid by opps:</i> shows a liking for that suit | | | |
| <i>X of game contract bid:</i> prima facie penalty | | | |
| OTHER CONVENTIONS | | | |
| Fourth Suit Forcing: A bid in the fourth suit is artificial, asking partner to describe his/her hand further (1) Showing 3-card support for partner's major; (2) Rebidding a suit to show extra length; (3) Bidding no-trumps with a stopper in the fourth suit; (4) Raising the fourth suit with 4 cards in that suit. After 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥, 1♠ is natural and 2♠ is 'fourth suit forcing'. | | | |
| Unassuming Cue Bids Opposite partner's overcall a cue bid shows a good raise | | | |
| Splinter Bids Response of 3♠/4♣/4♦ to 1♥ opening or 4♣/4♦/4♥ to 1♠ opening shows a raise to 4♥/4♠ with 4+ trump support and singleton or void in bid suit | | | |
| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS | | | |
| 1) NT rebids: Simple NT rebid = 15-17 bal and 1NT responses; Jump NT rebid = 18 bal and 2NT responses | | | |
| 2) OGUST: 3♣ = 6-8pts & Poor Suit; 3♦ = 6-8pts & Good Suit; 3♥ = 9pts & Poor Suit; 3♠ = 9pts & Good Suit; 3NT top 3 hons in suit | | | |
| After a Weak Two overcall: A change of suit at the two level is natural and invitational. A change of suit at the 3 level is natural and forcing. A simple raise of the major is pre-emptive | | | |
| 3) Defence to 1NT: 2♣ shows 5+/4+ in Majors; 2♦/2♥ transfer to ♥/♠; ♠ transfer to minor (usually 6 card suit), 2♠ | | | |
| 4) 2 suited overcalls: 1m > 2m shows 5+/4+ in Majors; 1M > 2M shows 5+/4+ in other Major and a minor 1 any > 2NT shows 5+ in two lowest unbid suits | | | |
| 5) Continuations after a 2NT rebid are as over an opening 2NT bid | | | |
| 6) Suit overcall = min 5 cds 15 pts; 2NT balanced min 15 pts & stopper, respond nat. | | | |
| 7) Suit overcall = min 6 cds 18 pts; 3NT balanced min 20 pts & stopper, respond nat. | | | |



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| OPENING LEADS | | | | | | | |
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| (For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card). | | | | (Hatch over 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> |
| | 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 <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 |
| | <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:- | | | | | | | |
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| CARDING METHODS | | | | | | | |
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| On Partner's lead | Attitude; low encouraging, high discouraging EXCEPT lead of K v NT asks partner to unblock or give count Show count after attitude on partner's leads | | | | | | |
| On Declarer's lead | Count: high-low=even no. of cards; upwards = odd no. | | | | | | |
| When discarding | Attitude low encouraging; high discouraging. Show count after attitude | | | | | | |
| Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above | | | | | | | |
| Suit preference signals | | | | | | | |
| Usually McKenny on 1 st discard and opening lead and standard carding thereafter | | | | | | | |
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| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued) | | | | | | | |
| 8) RKCB Void responses: Even no. KCs = 5NT; Odd no. KCs - 6♣ = ♣ void if not trumps; 6♦ = ♦ void if not trumps; 6♥ = ♥ void if not trumps; 6♠ = ♠ void if not trumps. If 6T/S shows void in higher suit After intervention: DOPI/ROPI | | | | | | | |
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| ALL VALUES AND LENGTHS AJUSTABLE FOR SHAPE, MLTC AND VULNERABILITY | | | | | | | |
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| GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS | | | |
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| Benji-ACOL | | | |
| 1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES | | | |
| Strength | 12 to 14 | Tick if artificial and provide details below <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Shape constraints | May have 5 cd suit | Tick if may have singleton <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Responses | 2♣ Stayman | | |
| 2♦ | Transfer to hearts | 2♥ | Transfer to spades |
| 2♠ | Minor Transfer 5+ cd suit | 2NT | 11-12 |
| Others 3♣/♦/♥/♠ = 6+ card suit and prob game poss slam interest. | | | |
| Action after opponents double | | All two level responses are natural | |
| Action after other interference | | Bid naturally, X = takeout after suit overcall | |
| TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES | | | |
| | Meaning | Responses | Notes |
| 2♣ | 8 P-T/18+ & 5+ cds/19-20 bal | 2♦ negative ≤ 6 | 5) |
| 2♦ | Game forcing or 23+ balanced | 2♥ negative ≤ 8 | 5) |
| 2♥ | Weak 2, 5-9 usually 6 card suit | 2NT asks for OGUST | 2) |
| 2♠ | Weak 2, 5-9 usually 6 card suit | 2NT asks for OGUST | 2) |
| 2NT | 21-22; 3♣ Stayman, 3♦/♥ Transfer; 3♠ 4&5 both majors | | |
| OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE | | | |
| (Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values). | | | |
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Both players of a partnership must have identically completed convention cards.
Cards must be exchanged with opponents for each round.