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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

Strong Club

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 12-14 Tick if artificial and provide details below

Shape constraints Tick if may have singleton

Responses 2♣ Stayman (non promissory)

2♦ Transfer to Hearts

2♥ Transfer to Spades

2♠ Transfer to Clubs

2NT Transfer to Diamonds

Others

Action after opponents double Helvic

Action after other interference Lebensohl FASS

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	11-15 6clubs/5clubs + 4 card major	2 D asks	1
2♦	Multi Weak major or Bal 23-24	2H Limited 2S Asking	2
2♥	11-15 4441 s'ton C	2NT Asking	3
2♠	11-15 4441 s'ton D	2NT Asking	3
2NT	20 – 22 Balanced	3♣ Stayman	

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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

1♣ followed by NT at lowest level shows a 4441 hand with 16+ points

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note *	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	16+	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Strong	1♦ Neg/imposs neg 1♠ 8-13 Bal 1NT =♠ suit 2♥/♠ 3♣/♦/♥/♠ weak 3 NT 14-15	5, 6
1♦	11-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	2			
1♥	11-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	5		1NT 7-10 may be unbalanced 2NT Jacoby	
1♠	11-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	5		As above	
3 bids		<input type="checkbox"/>	6		Pre-emptive	
4 bids		<input type="checkbox"/>	7		Pre-emptive	

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN

OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall	Natural 1level poss 4 cards		
Jump overcall	Weak		
Cue bid	Michels		4
1NT Direct: Protective:	15-17 11-14	Stayman & 4 suit transfers	
2NT Direct: Protective:	Unusual		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	Natural X=majors 1NT=minors		
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural		
Weak 1NT	Multi Landy		
Strong 1NT	Multi Landy		
Weak 2	Leaping Michaels X=T/O 2NT=16-18		
Weak 3	X=T/O		
4 bids	X=T/O Penalty over 4♠		
Multi 2♦	2NT=16-18 Bal		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Key Card B'wood	5♣ 0/3 5♦ 1 or 4 5♥ 2 5♠ 2+ trump Queen	DOPI ROPI
5NT Grand Slam Force	Asks for Kings excl Trump K	
Roman B'wood over NT	30/41/ 20/21/22	

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	Cue asks for a stop
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Exceptions / other agreements	
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Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble	9+	New suit	Ignores the double	Jump in new suit	Ignores the double
Jump raise	Distr. Raise	2NT	3-level raise	Other	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

Over Double of 1♣ Redouble = 5-7 balanced, 1♦ = 5-7 unbalanced

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Splinters Trump and Control Asking Bids (4)

Exclusion Blackwood

UCBs

2/3C Checkback

1NT - 2♠(2NT) transfer to ♣ (♦) – transfer break shows max and 1 of top 3 honours

4th suit forcing

Lead of Ace asks for attitude, King for count

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

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

1. 2♣-2♦ 2♥/2♠=11-13 4 H/S 2NT= 6♣ + 2 Stops 3♣ = 6♣ < 2 Stops 3♦ = 6♣ + 5♦
 3♥/3♠ = 14-15 4 H/S 3NT= Solid Clubs (AKQxxx) 4♣ = Long broken sui

2♣-2♥/2♠ 8-10, 5 card suit

2. 2♦ - 2♠ 2NT 23/24
 3♣/3♦=6 H/S – Good 3♥/3♠ = 6 H/S - Poor
 3NT Major headed by AKQ

3. 2♥/2♠ - 2NT 3♣ 4-4-1-4 (11-13) 3♦ 4-4-1-4 (14-15)
 (2♥ short C) 3♥ 4-4-0-5 (11-13) 3♠ 4-4-0-5 (14-15)
 (2♠ short D) 3NT 4-4-1-4 (14-15) + ♣/♦A or K

4. Michaels and UNT

1m 2m shows both majors; 1M 2M shows other major and a minor

1any - 2NT shows the two lowest unbid suits

5. 1♣ followed by NT at lowest level shows a 4441 hand with 16+ points

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 J <u>10</u>	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>	10 <u>9</u> 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	x <u>x</u> x x x
v. NT contracts	<u>A</u> K x (<u>x</u>)	A J <u>10</u> x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K J <u>10</u>	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>	10 <u>9</u> 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	x <u>x</u> x x x

Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-

Strong ten leads

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v. suit contracts	Primary method v. NT contracts
On Partner's lead	Low card encourages	
On Declarer's lead	Peter shows odd number	
When discarding	Low card encourages	

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

Trump peter shows 3 and desire to ruff.

Reverse Smith Peters in NT

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

6. Trump Asking Bids: (After 1♣ and a positive response) 012123
 (in steps) 1 = 5+, no hon, 2 = 5, 1 hon, 3 = 5, 2 hons, 4 = 6, 1 hon, 5 = 6, 2 hons, 6 = 5+ AKQ

Control Asking Bids: (in suit bid)
 (in steps) 1 = none, 2 = 3rd round, 3 = 2nd round, 4 = 1st round, 5 = Great Strength (AK or AQ)

Now the repeat of that suit asks whether length or strength
 1st step shows Length, 2nd step shows strength

The bid of a new suit asks in that suit – responses as above