

	HCP	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10-19	2	Clubs or flat (even 3352)	1♦...2♣ xfers, 2 any 6 cards 9-11, 2N 9-11 with ♣&♦ 1M/N rebids 11-13, 17-19 flat	6
1♦	10-19	5 (4)	Not balanced	2♣ GF, 2/3♦ inverted, 2N GF shapely support, 2M 9-11, 3♣ inv, 1N rebid=16+	
1♥ 1♠	10-19	5		1N F1, 2 lower GF, 2M constructive, 2N/3♣/3♦/3M 4-card support, splinters&3N, 1♥2♠ 9-11	13
3 bids		6		New suit nat & forcing	
4 bids		7			

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN

OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT		CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall		Natural	xfers over 1M, UCB	
Jump overcall		Weak, intermediate in 4th	ask as over opener	4
Cue bid		Ghestem, Jump seeks stop, Michaels in 4th		7
1NT	Direct: Protective	15-17 11-14	As over 1NT	
2NT	Direct: Protective	Ghestem 18-20	As over 2NT	7

OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	Disco		9
Short 1♣	Ff could be 2, x = 1♣ opener	As over 1♣ opener	
Weak 1NT	Howard	Pass then x = 1m	10,11
Strong 1NT	Howard, x = 1 minor		11
Weak 2	x = TO, Lebensohl, Leaping Michaels, 2N = 16-19	As over 2N	
Weak 3	x = TO, non-leaping Michaels		12
4 bids	x = Values		
Multi 2♦	x = 12-15, 2M=TO of OM, 2N=16-19, 2 nd Round x = TO		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCB	4130, then 5N asks for specific K	DOPI, ROPI
5NT	"pick a slam" if a jump	
Exclusion RKCB	Steps as above exc. Ace of bid suit	DOPI, ROPI
Minorwood	4 agreed minor = RKCB in that suit	DOPI, ROPI

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		New suit natural & forcing		
Exceptions / other agreements				
Agreements after opponents double for takeout				
Redouble	9+	New suit	Forcing	Jump = Fit Jump, 3 card support
Jump raise	Pre-empt	2NT	Value	Other
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles				
Lightner slam doubles. Forcing pass at RED if we have bid game to make				
Competitive and responsive to 4♠				

OTHER CONVENTIONS

2 level reverse F1 then 2N blackout. 3 level reverse FG. Responder reverse GF				
Double of oppo's prepared club says "I would have opened 1♣"				
4 th suit game forcing				
UCB				
Leaping Michaels if oppo bid 2M without having bid another suit				
Jump shift on passed hand = max pass + 3 card support				

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

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

- After Stayman, 3♦ is further major suit enq. 3♥/♠ = inv/forcing with both M
- Xfer breaks over 1N: 3M = min 4 card support, 2N = max then retransfer
- 2♣ 2N-3♥ = xfer with 4-7 pts & decent 6-card suit, 3♠=any solid suit
2♣ (bid/x): NB, next bid, x/xx replace 2♥, 2♠, 2♦. Bids nat.
- 2♦ 2♥ 2N=4♥, 2♦ 2♥ 2♠=4♠. 2♦ 2N=5♥
- Over weak 2 change of suit forcing, except 2M over 2♦ at pairs, NF in comp
- After 1♣ 1♦ 1♥, swap 1♠ & 1N
After 1♣ 1R, 2♦=reverse or 3♣ rebid with 3♥, or huge with ♣: 2♥ asks
2M=4 card support min, then shortage or 2N
2N=4 card support max, then 3R xfer, 3M inv
After 1♣ 1♠, 1N=11-13 bal, 2♦=17-19 bal, then 2♥ asks (3N max), 2♠ xfer
2N=reverse to ♦, then 3m nat, 3M support for corresponding m
After 1♣ 1R 1M/1N, 2♣ forces 2♦ for weak or invitational,
2♦/2R/2N xfer weak or GF
2M GF with only 4M
- Ghestem: 2N 2 lowest, cue = extremes, 3♣ highest, not intermediate



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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	<u>A</u> K	<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 <u>x</u> x	<u>10</u> 9 x	<u>9</u> 8 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>)	<u>A</u> 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 <u>x</u> x	<u>10</u> 9 x	<u>9</u> 8 7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-

A or Q for reverse attitude, King for reverse count

10 and 9 show 0 or 2 higher

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v suit contract	Primary method v NT contracts
On Partner's lead	Low enc on A/Q, else rev	Low enc. on A/Q, else rev. count
On Declarer's lead	Reverse Count	Reverse Count
When discarding	First Low Enc, then rev	First Low Enc, then re. count

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

McKenney when obvious, Deception

Trump peter shows 3 trumps

Current count if the first card in the suit did not show count

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

8. Lebensohl after overcall of 1N: fast arrival no stop, 3 suit strong, X of artificial bid = raise to 2N, X nat bid = TO. Same principles over X of weak 2

9. 1N=MM, 2N=mm, 2♣=black, 2♦=red, WJO

10. Over 1N from opp., 3N is both minors, strong

11. Howard, 2♣=either 4♥+5x or 6♥, 2♦= either 4♠+5x or 6♠, 2♥ = 5♥+4m, 2♠=5♠+4m (with 5-4 in majors, show shorter), 2N forcing relay

12. If we bid 3N after oppo open 3 level, 4♣ Baron, Transfers

13. 1M: 2M 8-10, 3M pre-empt, 3♦/♣ bad/good raise to 3, 2N GF, xfers over x

14. Over short 1♣, 2♣=nat, 3♣=nat preempt

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

5-CARD MAJORS, PREPARED CLUB - XFER RESPONSES, 2/1 GF

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Note

Strength 14-16 Tick if artificial and provide details below

Shape constraints Includes all 5-3-3-2 Tick if may have singleton ✓

Responses 2♣ Stayman, then 3♣ = strong, 3♦ = major ask 1

2♦ Transfer to ♥, then 4N nat 2♥ Transfer to ♠, then 4N nat 2

2♠ Raise to 2N or bal slam try 2NT Minor oriented 2a

Others 3 suit shortage, 4♣=RKCB, 4♦/♥ = transfer, then 4N RKCB

Action after opponents double xx = 5 card suit, bid = lower of 2 suits

Action after other interference Lebensohl, Fast route no stop, x = TO

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Note
2♣	Game Force or 23+ NT	2♦=8+, 2♥=0-3, 2♠=4-7, ...	3
2♦	Weak, 5-9 (9-12 4 th in hand)	2♥ Enquiry	4,5
2♥	Weak, 3-9 (9-12 4 th in hand)	2N Enquiry, Blue club responses	5
2♠	Weak, 3-9 (9-12 4 th in hand)	2N Enquiry, Blue club responses	5
2NT	20-22	3♣ Baron, 3&4 level transfers, 3♠=5♠+4♥, 4♣=1 minor	

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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

Very light responses to 1♣

1M 3M pre-emptive

Over 1♣, 1♠ denies a 4-card major

2 over 1 GF, but only F1 after intervention

1N may have singleton if 4414 2♦ opener may have 4-card major

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