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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

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1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 12-14 Tick if artificial and provide details below

Shape constraints Tick if may have singleton

Responses 2♣ Stayman

2♦ Hearts 2♥ Spades

2♠ Balanced 11(12) or 18+ 2NT Flat 12

Others 3 Level single-suited slam try

Action after opponents double Redble = clubs & escape transfers

Action after other interference Dble of natural bid Pens; bids weak to play

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣ Weak 2D or 8PT or 19-20 Bal.	2D anything less than 15	
2♦ GF or 23-24 Bal		
2♥ 6 – Poor 12	2NT asks Ogust responses – new suit NF	
2♠ 6 – Poor 12	As above	
2NT		

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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

Third in hand openings may be 8+ - 1C may be 3 clubs

Fourth in hand 1C may be 3 clubs

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note *	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	12+	1	4	May be 8+ and/or 3 in 3 rd , 3 in 4th		
1♦	12+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♥	12+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♠	12+	<input type="checkbox"/>	5			
3 bids		<input type="checkbox"/>				
4 bids		<input type="checkbox"/>				

*(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	5(4)+		
Jump overcall	6(5) – Positional		
Cue bid	Michaels		
1NT Direct: Protective:	15-18 11-14	System on	
2NT Direct: Protective:	Michaels 18-21	System on over protective 2NT	
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	1NT mm, 2D MM, short suit transfers		
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural		
Weak 1NT	Natural	Dble by passed hand MM	
Strong 1NT	Natural	Dble by passed hand MM	
Weak 2	Treat as one	System on over 2NT	
Weak 3	Dble T-O		
4 bids	Dble T-O to 4H		
Multi 2♦	Dble 12-14 or 19+		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCBW	30-41, 2 no QT, 2 2 + QT	D0P1
Gerber	4D 0 & up the line	D0P1

