

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP		Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	9 to 21: rule of 19		4	For Opener's NT rebids - note 6 and checkback	1NT = 6-9	
1♦			4		2NT to minor =11-12	
1♥			4		Jacoby	Note 8
1♠			4		Splinter bids	
3 bids	3-11		(6)7	Pre-emptive.		
4 bids	5+		8	Pre-emptive.		
DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN						
OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT			CONVENTIONAL MEANING		SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall			Natural. New suit FIR if not passed			
Jump overcall			Weak, good 6 card suit., not too weak if vulnerable.			
Cue bid			2 suited.			Note 5
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-17. 11-14.		As for 1NT opening.		
2NT	Direct: Protective	Lowest two unbid suits 18+ balanced		Limit bids As 2NT opening.		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS		SPECIAL RESPONSES		Notes
Strong 1♣		Natural				
Short 1♣/1♦		Over 1♦natural, over 1♣ 2♣ natural, 2♦majors, 2NT minors (5 5+)				
Weak 1NT		Double for penalties, 2♣ both majors; others natural.				7
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Weak 2		Take out double. 2NT 17-20 balanced. (Lebensohl after double).				
Weak 3		Take out double.				
4 bids		Take out double after 4♣/♦, and 4NT to play. Over 4♥ double is take out and 4NT minors. Over 4♠, double is values ,nf, 4NT two places to play.				
Multi 2♦		Take out double. 2NT 17-20 balanced. (Lebensohl after double).				
SLAM CONVENTIONS						
Name		Meaning of Responses				
Roman Key Card Blackwood		5♣ = 1 or 4			5♦ = 0 or 3	
		5♥ = 2 no trump Q			5♠ = 2 with trump Q	
		5NT for kings, steps 0,1,2,3			Ordinary Blackwood if no trump agreement.	
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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	Cue bid is good raise (3 card if M and 2NT available)	
Exceptions / other agreements	Jump raise is pre-emptive.	
Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
<b>Redouble</b> 9+ HCP	<b>New suit</b> Natural, forcing.	<b>Jump in new suit</b> Forcing to game.
<b>Jump raise</b> Pre-emptive.	<b>2NT</b> Good raise over minor	<b>Other</b>
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles		
Responsive (take-out) to 3♠.		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
<p><b>Fourth suit forcing</b> (game force) showing no particular holding but asking partner to describe his hand further. 4 suits bid at 1 level is NOT fourth suit forcing.</p> <p><b>Unassuming cue bid</b> opposite partner's overcall shows a good raise, 3+ support and 10+ points.</p> <p><b>Splinter</b> shows trump support for first time and a shortage with a double jump in a new suit. 1X-2Y-2NT by opener is forcing 15-19. 3♣ asks if 17+, 3♦ says yes.</p> <p>After 2♣, 2♦ is waiting/negative and 2♥ is 0 – 3.</p>		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
<p>1. After double of our 1NT, redouble shows 5 card suit, opener bids 2♣ to be passed or corrected. Suit bid is lower of 2 4-card suits, bid until 4-3 fit is found.</p> <p>2. Double is take-out after natural suit overcall, and shows values for 2N but not necessarily a stop after artificial overcall. Fast denies.</p> <p>3. System on after interference. 3♣ weak points and suit; 3♦ weak points, strong suit; 3♥ strong points, weak suit; 3♠ strong points and suit; 3NT shows AKQxxx.</p> <p>4. 2NT enquiry, 3♣/♥ strong/weak in ♥. 3♦/♠, strong/weak in ♠.</p> <p>5. 2-suited overcall. 1minor, 2minor shows at least 5-5 in majors. 1major, 2 major shows at least 5-5 in other major and a minor. 2NT asks for the minor.</p> <p>6. <b>NT rebids:</b> After 1 level response 1NT = 15-17, 2NT = 18-19. Checkback over 1NT rebid, 2♣ invitational forces 2♦, 2♦ gf.</p> <p>7. <b>Defence to 1NT (Landy):</b> 2♣ shows 5+/4+ in majors, 2♦ response shows equal majors.</p>		

## OPENING LEADS

(For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card).

(Shade this box grey if using non-standard leads).

v. suit con trac ts	<b>A</b> <b>K</b>	<b>A</b> <b>K</b> x	<b>K</b> <b>Q</b> 10	<b>K</b> <b>Q</b> x	<b>K</b> <b>J</b> 10	<b>K</b> 10 9	<b>Q</b> <b>J</b> 10
	<b>Q</b> <b>J</b> x	<b>J</b> 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 con trac ts	<b>A</b> <b>K</b> x (x)	<b>A</b> <b>J</b> 10 x	<b>K</b> <b>Q</b> 10	<b>K</b> <b>Q</b> x	<b>K</b> <b>J</b> 10	<b>K</b> 10 9	<b>Q</b> <b>J</b> 10
	<b>Q</b> <b>J</b> x	<b>J</b> 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	

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

A, for attitude (low to encourage).

K for count (high - low is even number). K for unblock v. NT

## CARDING METHODS

Signals	Primary method v suit contracts	Primary method v NT contracts
On Partner's lead	Reverse attitude	
On Declarer's lead	Count	
When discarding	McKenny.	

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

McKenny: High for higher-ranking other suit, low for lower-ranking other suit.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

8. **Jacoby.** 2NT response after openers bid of a major shows 4 card support and 12+ points, gf.  
Opener rebids: 3♣/3♦/3 of other major shows singleton or void  
3 of the major shows non-minimum but no shortage  
4 of the major shows minimum  
3NT shows 15+ points and no shortage  
4 of another suit shows source of tricks  
System on after overcall.  
If partner shows a shortage then a new 3level suit bid by responder is also a shortage, otherwise bid 3NT waiting, followed by cue bids at 4level.  
3NT pudding response shows 13-15 balanced and 4 card support.



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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

**ACOL with multi 2♦ and weak 2♥/2♠**

## 1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength	(11) 12- 14 points	No singleton	
Responses	2♣ Stayman promissory		
2♦	Transfer to hearts; new suit gf	2♥	Transfer to spades; new suit gf
2♠	Good 11 points or 6+ weak m	2NT	12 points
Others	3 of a suit shows 5+ suit and slam interest (then cue bid or just bid 3NT) 1NT-2♣-2♦-2M weak with both majors (or 3♥ invitational with 5/5 in majors)		
Action after opponents double		Wriggle. Note 1.	
Action after other interference		Lebensohl. Note 2.	

## TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	gf or 23+ balanced	2♦ nothing better to say	
2♦	Multi: weak 2, 5-7, 6+ cards or 21/22 balanced	2♥ pass or correct	4
2♥	Weak 2, 8-11, 6 card suit	2NT asks, Ogust	3
2♠	Weak 2, 8-11, 6 card suit	2NT asks, Ogust	3
2NT	very good 19 or 20 balanced	3♣ 5-card Stayman, transfers. 3♠ 5+/4+ minors, slam invitation	

## OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

4NT opening for specific aces.

3NT opening - solid minor then 4♣ pass or correct, 4♦ for shortage.