

	HCP	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1 ♣	10-19	2	Clubs or flat (even 3352)	1♦...2♣ xfers, 2any 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
  - 1N 2N is weak with 1 minor, strong with both, or slam try in ♦
- 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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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																							
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♣, x=1♣ opener, 2♣=6+♣, 3♣=nat preempt																							

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
5-CARD MAJORS, PREPARED CLUB - XFER RESPONSES, 2/1 GF			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			Note
<b>Strength</b>	14-16	Tick if artificial and provide details below	
<b>Shape constraints</b>	Includes all 5-3-3-2	Tick if may have singleton	✓
<b>Responses</b>	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			
	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Note</b>
2♣	Game Force or 23+ NT	2♦=8+, 2♥=0-3, 2♠=4-7, ...	3
2♦	Weak, 5-10 (9-12 4 <sup>th</sup> in hand)	2♥ Enquiry	4,5
2♥	Weak, 5-10 (9-12 4 <sup>th</sup> in hand)	2N Enquiry, Blue club responses	5
2♠	Weak, 5-10 (9-12 4 <sup>th</sup> 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			