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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

SCHENKEN BIG CLUB

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 16-18 Tick if artificial and provide details below

Shape constraints May be Semi-balanced or Singleton Ace Tick if may have singleton

Responses 2♣ STAYMAN

2♦ Transfer to hearts 2♥ Transfer to spades

2♠ Request bid of 3 clubs 2NT Bid 3NT if maximum

Others

Action after opponents double Bid as above

Action after other interference Double to show balance of points, NT points and cover in opponents suit, or non-forcing suit bid

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	10-17pts minimum 5♣	2D forcing relay bid	
2♦	10-17pts 0 or 1♦ [4414 or 4405 distribution]		
2♥	5-10pts minimum 6 cards	2NT = 16+pts	
2♠	5-10pts minimum 6 cards	2NT = 16+pts	
2NT	Unusual 10-17pts min 5:5 in minors		

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note*	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	18+	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	18+pts (could include distribution)	1♦ under 7pts, 2♣ 7-8 point count 2♥ or 2S = 5-8pts min. 6 cards	

1♦	10-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Denies 5 card major	1♥ or 1♠ 0-10pts 1NT 5-10pts, 2NT 11-12pts 2♣ relay 11+pts, 2♦ relay 16+pts 2♥♠ 10+pts, 3♣♦ 6+pts 5+ cards
1♥	10-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	5		Raise 5-10pts, 3+ cards, 1nt 5-10 pts Bergen raises – see convention notes
1♠	10-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	5		As above
3 bids	5-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	7		
4 bids	13+	<input type="checkbox"/>	6		

*(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	NATURAL 5 CARDS		
Jump overcall	Weak/Medium		
Cue bid	Bidding opponents suit on 2 level shows strong hand		
1NT Direct: Protective:	16-18 pts + cover in opponents suit if 2 nd round 1NT unusual		
2NT Direct: Protective:	Unusual showing lowest 2 unbid suits		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	Natural		
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural		
Weak 1NT	2♣=♣+major, 2♦=♦+major, 2♥=both majors, 2NT=both minors	2♦ reply to 2♣ requests which major	
Strong 1NT	As above		
Weak 2	Double = opening hand, Fishbein 16+pts		
Weak 3	Double = opening hand, Fishbein 16+pts		
4 bids	Double for penalty, 4NT Unusual		
Multi 2♦	Natural		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Blackwood	Ascending	Pass none, next suit 1 etc
Gerber	Ascending	Pass none, next suit 1 etc

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents

Level to which negative doubles apply	Negative doubles not used
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Special meaning of bids	Double to show balance of points
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	None
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Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble	9+pts	New suit	5+cards	Jump in new suit	Bid as normal
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Jump raise	Shows support	2NT	Balanced hand >10pts	Other
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Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Bergen Raises:

Bids over 1♠, 1♥ responses 3♣ = 7-10pts with 4 card support, 3♦ = 11-12pts min 3 card support

2NT = 13+pts min 3 card support. 3♠, 3♥ = 0-6pts min 4 card support. 4♠, 4♥ = 0-7pts min 5 card support

Bidding opponents suit on 3 level = Min 9pts and 4 card support

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

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

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>	A <u>K</u> x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K <u>J</u> 10	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>	<u>10</u> 9 x	<u>9</u> 87 6	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
	H x x <u>x</u>	H x x x <u>x</u>	H x x x x <u>x</u>	<u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u> x	x x x <u>x</u>	x x x x <u>x</u>
v. NT contracts	A <u>K</u> x x	A <u>J</u> 10 x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K <u>J</u> 10	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>	<u>10</u> 9 x	<u>9</u> 87 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:-

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v. suit contracts	Primary method v. NT contracts
On Partner's lead	High encourage, Low discourage	
On Declarer's lead		
When discarding	Revolving	

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

If we cannot afford to defensively

Passive leads vs no trumps sometimes

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)