

| OTHER OPENING BIDS                                                           |                    |                                                     |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
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|                                                                              | HCP                | see Note                                            | Min length           | CONVENTIONAL MEANING            | SPECIAL RESPONSES                                                                                 | Notes |
| 1♣                                                                           | 12*-19             | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | 4                    | For choice of opening - note 2  | 1NT response = 6-9<br>2NT response = 10-12<br>Limit raises<br>Splinter bids see Other Conventions |       |
| 1♦                                                                           | 12*-19             | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | 4                    |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| 1♥                                                                           | 12*-19             | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | 4                    |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| 1♠                                                                           | 12*-19             | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | 4                    | For opener's NT rebids – note 4 |                                                                                                   |       |
| 3 bids                                                                       | 6-10               | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | 7                    | Pre-emptive                     |                                                                                                   |       |
| 4 bids                                                                       | 6-10               | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | 8                    | Pre-emptive                     |                                                                                                   |       |
| * Light openings possible, especially in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat and see note 3 |                    |                                                     |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN                                       |                    |                                                     |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT                                       |                    |                                                     | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | SPECIAL RESPONSES               | Notes                                                                                             |       |
| Simple overcall                                                              |                    | Wide range, from 8+ at 1-level                      |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Jump overcall                                                                |                    | Weak, usually 6-card suit                           |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Cue bid                                                                      |                    | Michael's: 2-suited hand 7                          |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| 1NT                                                                          | Direct: Protective | 15-18<br>11-14 note 5                               |                      | As for 1NT opening              |                                                                                                   |       |
| 2NT                                                                          | Direct: Protective | Lowest two unbid suits<br>20-22 balanced            |                      | As for 2NT opening 7            |                                                                                                   |       |
| OPPONENTS OPEN WITH                                                          |                    | DEFENSIVE METHODS                                   |                      | SPECIAL RESPONSES               | Notes                                                                                             |       |
| Strong 1♣                                                                    |                    | Natural                                             |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Short 1♣/1♦                                                                  |                    | Natural                                             |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Weak 1NT                                                                     |                    | Double = penalties; 2♣ both majors; others nat. 8   |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Strong 1NT                                                                   |                    | Double = penalties; 2♣ both majors; others nat. 8   |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Weak 2                                                                       |                    | Double = take out                                   |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Weak 3                                                                       |                    | Double = take out                                   |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| 4 bids                                                                       |                    | Double = take out                                   |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Multi 2♦                                                                     |                    | X= 13-15 bal or v strong; 2NT = 17-19 bal           |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| SLAM CONVENTIONS                                                             |                    |                                                     |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Name                                                                         |                    | Meaning of Responses                                |                      |                                 | Action over interference                                                                          |       |
| Roman Keycard                                                                |                    | 5♣ = 1 or 4 aces; 5♦ = 0 or 3 aces                  |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| Blackwood 4NT                                                                |                    | 5♥ = 2 aces no trump queen; 5♠ = 2 with trump queen |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
| 5NT                                                                          |                    | No of kings (excluding trump K)                     |                      |                                 |                                                                                                   |       |
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| COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS                                                                                                                                                    |                              |                              |
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| Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents                                                                                                     |                              |                              |
| Level to which negative doubles apply                                                                                                                                   | 3♠                           |                              |
| Special meaning of bids                                                                                                                                                 | Cue bid = good raise 10+ HCP |                              |
| Exceptions / other agreements                                                                                                                                           | Jump raise pre-emptive       |                              |
| Agreements after opponents double for takeout                                                                                                                           |                              |                              |
| <b>Redouble</b> 9+ HCP                                                                                                                                                  | <b>New suit</b> forcing      | <b>Jump in new suit</b> weak |
| <b>Jump raise</b> pre-emptive                                                                                                                                           | <b>2NT</b> Good raise        |                              |
| Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles                                                                                                                       |                              |                              |
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| OTHER CONVENTIONS                                                                                                                                                       |                              |                              |
| <b>Fourth Suit Forcing:</b> a bid in the fourth suit is artificial, showing no particular holding in that suit but requesting partner to describe his/her hand further. |                              |                              |
| After 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥, 1♠ is natural and 2♠ is 'fourth suit forcing'.                                                                                                      |                              |                              |
| <b>Unassuming Cue Bid:</b> 10+ HCPs & 3+card support for partner's overcall                                                                                             |                              |                              |
| <b>Splinter Bids:</b> response of 3♠/4♣/4♦ to 1♥ opening or 4♣/4♦/4♥ to 1♠ opening shows a raise to 4♥/4♠ with 4+ trump support and singleton or void in bid suit       |                              |                              |
| <b>Long suit trial bids</b> (majors): used after a simple raise, showing a suit with 2 losers                                                                           |                              |                              |
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| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS                                                                                                                                                   |                              |                              |
| <b>1</b> After a weak 2♥ or 2♠, responder's 2NT asks for opener's strength and a feature.                                                                               |                              |                              |
| With a minimum opening, opener signs off in 3 of the trump suit.                                                                                                        |                              |                              |
| With a maximum opening, opener shows a feature (A or K in a side suit) or bids 3NT                                                                                      |                              |                              |
| <b>2 Balanced hands not 12 to 14.</b> With four hearts and four spades open 1♥, Otherwise open the longest suit or the higher ranking of 2 4-card suits.                |                              |                              |
| <b>Unbalanced hands:</b> always open the longest suit. With 2 5-card or longer suits always open the higher ranking.                                                    |                              |                              |
| <b>4441 hands:</b> singleton ♣ open 1♥; singleton ♦ open 1♣; singleton ♥ or ♠ open 1♦                                                                                   |                              |                              |
| <b>3 Rule of 20 :</b> If HCP + length of 2 longest suits is 20+ consider opening with 10 HCP                                                                            |                              |                              |
| <b>4 NT rebids:</b> After 1 level response 1NT = 15-17; 2NT = 18-19; 3NT = source of tricks                                                                             |                              |                              |
| After 2-level response, 2NT = 15-19 and is forcing to game                                                                                                              |                              |                              |
| <b>5 Protective 1NT overcall:</b> After an opening bid and 2 passes, 1NT shows 11-14.                                                                                   |                              |                              |
| With more points, double first and rebid NT over partner's response.                                                                                                    |                              |                              |

| OPENING LEADS                                                                                                                                          |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
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| (For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card).                                       |                                                           |                  |                    | (Hatch over this box if using non-standard leads). |                |                 |               |
| v. suit contracts                                                                                                                                      | A <u>K</u>                                                | <u>A</u> K 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                                      | 9 <u>8</u> 7 x | 10 x x <u>x</u> | H x <u>x</u>  |
|                                                                                                                                                        | H x x <u>x</u>                                            | H x x <u>x</u> x | H x x <u>x</u> x x | <u>x</u> x                                         | x <u>x</u> x   | x <u>x</u> x x  |               |
| v. NT contracts                                                                                                                                        | <u>A</u> K x ( <u>x</u> )                                 | 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                                      | 9 <u>8</u> 7 x | 10 x x <u>x</u> | H x <u>x</u>  |
|                                                                                                                                                        | H x x <u>x</u>                                            | H x x <u>x</u> x | H x x <u>x</u> x x | <u>x</u> x                                         | x <u>x</u> x   | x <u>x</u> x x  |               |
| Other agreements in leading: None                                                                                                                      |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
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| CARDING METHODS                                                                                                                                        |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
|                                                                                                                                                        | Primary method v suit contracts                           |                  |                    | Primary method v NT contracts                      |                |                 |               |
| On Partner's lead                                                                                                                                      | Standard Attitude: high encouraging, low discouraging     |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| On Declarer's lead                                                                                                                                     | Standard Count: high-low=even no. of cards; upwards = odd |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| When discarding                                                                                                                                        | high encouraging, low discouraging                        |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
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| Suit preference signals: High = higher ranking other suit                                                                                              |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| Low = lower ranking other suit                                                                                                                         |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| Other carding agreements: None                                                                                                                         |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
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| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)                                                                                                                      |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| 6. Transfer to a minor Responder passes 3♣ or corrects to 3♦                                                                                           |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| 7. 2-suited overcalls 1m 2m shows 5+ -5+ in majors; 1M 2M shows 5+ -5+ in other major and a minor. 1any - 2NT shows 5+ - 5+ in two lowest unbid suits. |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| 8. Defence to 1NT 2♣ shows 5+ - 4+ in majors; 2♦ response shows equal length                                                                           |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
| 9. Checkback after 1NT/2NT rebids: 2♣/3♣ asks about majors; 2♦/3♦ = negative                                                                           |                                                           |                  |                    |                                                    |                |                 |               |
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Partner

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| GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                   |
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| Acol with 3 Weak Twos – OBC Convention Card                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |
| 1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                   |
| Strength                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12 to 14 <span style="float: right;">Tick if artificial and provide details below <input type="checkbox"/></span> |
| Shape constraints                                                                                                                                                                                          | <span style="float: right;">Tick if may have singleton <input type="checkbox"/></span>                            |
| Responses 2♣ Stayman                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                   |
| 2♦                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Transfer to ♥ <span style="float: right;">2♥ Transfer to ♠</span>                                                 |
| 2♠                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Transfer to 3♣ (note 6) <span style="float: right;">2NT Invitational</span>                                       |
| Others 3♣/♦/♥/♠ = 6+-card suit and slam interest                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                   |
| Action after opponents double All bids (including 2♣) natural                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                   |
| Action after other interference Bid naturally, X = takeout after suit overcall                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                   |
| TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                   |
| Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Responses                                                                                                         |
| 2♣                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Game forcing or 23+ balanced <span style="float: right;">2♦ relay</span>                                          |
| 2♦                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak (5-9) <span style="float: right;">2NT: Asks for a feature (note 1)</span>                                    |
| 2♥                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak (5-9) <span style="float: right;">2NT: Asks for a feature (note 1)</span>                                    |
| 2♠                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak (5-9) <span style="float: right;">2NT: Asks for a feature (note 1)</span>                                    |
| 2NT                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 20 - 22 <span style="float: right;">3♣ = Stayman; 3♦/♥ transfer</span>                                            |
| OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Note:</b> This convention card has been produced from the EBU card by OBC to summarise a standard system in common use at OBC. It may be downloaded from the club website and amended as needed.</p> |                                                                                                                   |

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