

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	12*-19	☐	4	For choice of opening - note 1 * Light openings possible – note 2 For opener's NT rebids – note 3	1NT response = 6-9 2NT response = 10-12 Limit raises	
1♦	12*-19	☐	4			
1♥	12*-19	☐	4			
1♠	12*-19	☐	4			
3 bids	5-10	☐	7	Pre-emptive		
4 bids	5-10	☐	8	Pre-emptive		
*(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			wide range, from 8+ at 1-level			
Jump overcall			Weak			
1NT	Direct: Protective	16-18 11-14	As for 1NT opening			
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes		
Strong 1♣		Natural				
Short 1♣/1♦		Natural				
Weak 1NT		Double = penalties; others nat.				
Strong 1NT		Double = penalties; others nat.				
Weak 2		Double = take out				
Weak 3		Double = take out				
4 bids		Double = take out				
SLAM CONVENTIONS						
Name		Meaning of Responses		Action over interference		
Blackwood		5♣ = 0 or 4 aces; 5♦ = 1 ace, 5♥ = 2 aces; 5♠ = 3 aces				
5NT = Grand Slam Force		6♣ = 0; 6♦ = 1; 6♥ = 2 of top 3 honours,				

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		
Level to which negative doubles apply	2♠	
Special meaning of bids	Cue bid = good raise	
Exceptions / other agreements	Jump raise pre-emptive	
Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble	New suit forcing	
Jump raise Pre-emptive		Other
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
Fourth Suit Forcing: 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'.		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).		
1 Balanced hands not 12 to 14. With four hearts and four spades open 1♥, Otherwise open the longest suit or the higher ranking of 2 4-card suits.		
Unbalanced hands: always open the longest suit. With 2 5-card or longer suits always open the higher ranking. Consider Rule of 20 for light openings.		
4441 hands: singleton ♣ open 1♥; singleton ♦ open 1♣; singleton ♥ or ♠ open 1♦		
2 Rule of 20 : If HCP + length of 2 longest suits is 20+ consider opening with 10 HCP		
3 NT rebids: After 1 level response 1NT = 15-16; 2NT = 17-18; 3NT = 19		
4 1NT – 2S transfer to 3♣. Opener bids 3♣ and responder passes or bids 3♦ to play		

OPENING LEADS							
(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
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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	Attitude: low encouraging, high discouraging EXCEPT lead of K v NT asks partner to unblock or give count.						
On Declarer's lead	Count: high-low=even no. of cards; upwards = odd no.						
When discarding	Natural Discards. Attitude: low encouraging; high discouraging						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
Suit preference signals:							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							



Name

EBU No.

Partner

EBU No.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
SCBC Basic Acol – Modern Acol			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	12 to 14	Tick if artificial and provide details below ☐	
Shape constraints	Tick if may have singleton ☐		
Responses	2♣ Stayman		
2♦	Transfer to hearts	2♥	Transfer to spades
2♠	Transfer to Minor	2NT	11- 12
Others 3♣/♦/♥/♠ = 5+-card suit and slam interest.			
Action after opponents double		All two-level responses are natural	
Action after other interference		Bid naturally, X = takeout after suit overcall	
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Game forcing or 23+ balanced	2♦ negative	Other shows A+K or A with 8+HCP
2♦	Weak two 5 to 9	2NT	Asks for Feature
2♥	Weak two 5 to 9	2NT	Asks for Feature
2♠	Weak two 5 to 9	2NT	Asks for Feature
2NT	20 – 22; 3♣ Stayman, 3♦/♥ Transfer		
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).			

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