

OTHER OPENING BIDS					
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES Notes
1♣	12-22		2	No 4 card major: 1 NT – 7-10; 2NT - 11 – 12; 1D – 0-5	
1♦	12-22		4	No 4 card major: 1 NT – 6-10; 2NT – 11 – 12	
1♥	12-22		5	1 NT – 5-12; 2NT Jacoby = 4 card support 13+ HCP asking for singleton or void. If not 4H/S shows minimum, 3NT 15-17, 3H/S 18+, 4C/D = second suit	
1♠	12-22		5		
3 bids	5-11		7	pre-emptive; Cs may only be 6 cards	
4 bids				Normally 8 cards	
*(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		8+ solid suit normally 5+ cards			
Jump overcall		weak 5-10 HCP 6 cards			
Cue bid		see supplementary details			
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-17 HCP			
2NT	Direct: Protective	20-22 HCP			
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes	
Strong 1♣		double for takeout, overcall 8+ with solid suit			
Short 1♣/1♦		double for takeout, overcall 8+ with solid suit			
Weak 1NT		double = opening hand, no 5cd suit exc.?C; 2C Landy asking for majors			
Strong 1NT		double = 15+ HCP, 2C Landy asking for majors			
Weak 2		double for takeout			
Weak 3		double for takeout			
4 bids		double for takeout			
Multi 2♦		double for takeout, 2NT 16-18 HCP balanced, others natural			
SLAM CONVENTIONS					
Name		Meaning of Responses		Action over interference	
RKCB 1430 inc responses 5NT – even KC + void; 6C, 6D, 6H odd KC + void; 5NT ask ‘cheapest king’					

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		
Level to which negative doubles apply		
Special meaning of bids		
Exceptions / other agreements		
Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
<b>Redouble</b> support for bid suit	<b>New suit</b> forcing	<b>Jump in new suit</b> forcing
<b>Jump raise</b>	<b>2NT</b>	<b>Other</b>
pre-emptive		
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
Splinters		
Gerber – for 1NT and 2NT openings		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back).		
2 over 1 forcing, normally to game		
CRO: over opponents 1C/D/H/S, overcall of 2 of same suit shows 5/5+ in other colour, 2NT shows 5/5+ in other rank, 3C shows 5/5+ in suits either side of bid suit		
Gerber responses: 4D - 0 or 4 aces; 4H - 1, 4S - 2, 4NT - 3; 5C K asking, same responses at 5 level		
Interference after 1 or 2 NT opening bid: if double, then conventional responses are on; if a bid then conventional responses are off		
Overcall 8-16; double for takeout implies happy to go with any unbid suit; double then jump bid of new suit shows strong suit and strong hand		
Cue bid after partner has overcalled, followed by pass, asks partner for strength of overcall. Cuebid overcall when opponents have bid 2 suits is natural. After partner has opened, cue bid overcall of RH bid shows values for game without clear direction		

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 contracts	<b>A</b> <u>K</u>	<b>A</b> <u>K</u> x	<b>K</b> <u>Q</u> 10	<b>K</b> <u>Q</u> x	<b>K</b> <u>J</u> 10	<b>K</b> <u>10</u> 9	<b>Q</b> <u>J</u> 10
	<b>Q</b> <u>J</u> x	<b>J</b> <u>10</u> x	<b>10</b> x <u>x</u>	<b>10</b> 9 x	<b>9</b> <u>8</u> 7 x	<b>10</b> x x <u>x</u>	<b>H</b> x <u>x</u>
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v. NT contracts	<b>A</b> <u>K</u> x ( <u>x</u> )	<b>A</b> <u>J</u> 10 x	<b>K</b> <u>Q</u> 10	<b>K</b> <u>Q</u> x	<b>K</b> <u>J</u> 10	<b>K</b> <u>10</u> 9	<b>Q</b> <u>J</u> 10
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Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-							
CARDING METHODS							
Signals		Primary method v suit contracts			Primary method v NT contracts		
On Partner's lead		high to encourage, low to discourage					
On Declarer's lead							
When discarding		high to encourage suit discarded, low to discourage					
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
Suit preference in ruffing situations – high for higher ranking side-suit to be returned							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
4 <sup>th</sup> suit forcing asking for stop (for NT)							
Checkback Stayman							
Negatibve doubles; support doubles and redoubles							
Splinters							
1NT – 4NT is quantitative							
3D, 3H , 3S = pre-empt with normally 7 cd suit but 3C may be only 6 as no wk 2C opener							
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
5 card majors, strong no-trump, 2 over 1			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	15-17	If artificial give details below and make obvious by shading in grey the cell on right.	Grey?
Shape constraints			If may have singleton make obvious by shading in grey the cell on the right
Responses	2♣ Stayman		
2♦	Transfer to hearts	2♥	Transfer to spades
2♠	Transfer to clubs/diamonds	2NT	8 or 9 HCP
Others	3C/D/H/S 5 card suit, slam interest; 4NT invite to bid 6 with max; 4C Gerber		
Action after opponents double	as if undoubled		
Action after other interference	all bids natural		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Meaning	Responses	Notes	
2♣	Game forcing or 23 balanced - 2D neg or waiting – after 2NT rebid, treat as opening 2NT		
2♦	Weak 4-10 HCP } 2NT response shows 15+ HCP; opener rebids suit with 6-8 HCP, with		
2♥	Weak 4-10 HCP } max bids another suit to show feature; lacking feature bids 3NT and		
2♠	Weak 4-10 HCP } leaves responder to decide contract		
2NT	20-22 – Stayman, transfers etc as per 1NT		
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).			
Lighter opening possible in 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> position after passes			