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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

Five card majors, Three weak Twos, 2 over 1

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength (14)15-17 Tick if artificial and provide details below ☐

Shape constraints Can have a five-card major/6m Tick if may have singleton ☐

Responses 2♣ Stayman (non-promissory), Smolen, 3 level Puppet Stayman

2♦	Transfer to H (Break if Max)	2♥	Transfer to S (Break if Max)
2♠	Transfer to C (2NT dislike)	2NT	Transfer to D (3C dislike)

Others 3C Puppet Stayman -see below, 3H/3S singleton H/S

Action after opponents double	xx shows a 5+ suit, pass may show values, suit bid shows that and a higher suit
Action after other interference	X for take-out, Lebensohl – 2NT denies stop

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	23+ Game Force with Kokish responses	2C-2H/2S/3C/3D Pos with 5+suit + 2 of 3 top honou 2C-3H/3S Pos with 5D +4 in bid major. 2C-2D-2H-2S-2NT……25-26 Bal 2C-2D-2NT……23-24 Bal 2C-2D-3NT……27+ 2C-2D-2H nat or relay to strong bal as above 2C-2D-2H-2NT Weak 5/5 minors 0-2 pts 2C-2D-2H3C/D Weak 6 in minor 0-2 pts 2C-2D-2H-3H/3S Weak 5+D +4 in bid major	
2♦2♥2♠	6-10 atv six+ card suit	2NT ask, rebid weak, strong feature	
2NT	20-22	Transfers, five card puppet Stayman, 3S =5S +4H, 4C/4D nat slam interest (4NT sign off), 4H/4S to play.	

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

1NT response is wide range (5-11) and not forcing

If our transfer suit is doubled then pass shows two cards in transfer suit xx shows three cards and two of transfer suit shows four cards. If 2S is doubled then these responses assume clubs

Baron after quantitative 4NT, FSF to Game

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note *	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10-19	☐	3			
1♦	10-19	☐	3		3NT Flat 16+ denies 3 card support if major	
1♥	10-19	☐	5		Weak jump shift in majors, 2NT enquires	
1♠	10-19	☐	5		2NT Jacoby with 4 card support over majors	
3 bids	5-9	☐	6			
4 bids	7-11	☐	7			

*(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		
Jump overcall	Weak		
Cue bid	Michaels		
1NT Direct: / Protective:	15-18 and 11-14	System on by responder	
2NT Direct: / Protective:	Lowest two unbid suits		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	**DEFENSIVE METHODS**	**SPECIAL RESPONSES**	**Notes**
Strong 1♣	Natural		
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural		
Weak 1NT	Blue Club	2NT over partners transfer = only forcing bid	
Strong 1NT	Blue Club		
Weak 2	Treat as bid of one	Lebensohl if weak	
Weak 3	X for takeout 3NT to play		
4 bids	X minor/Hearts for takeout, X Spades for penalty, 4NT for takeout		
Multi 2♦	X for takeout, 2NT shows balanced 16-18		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference

Roman Key Card Blackwood (0/3, 1/4)	Double 0 Pass 1 Redouble 0 pass 1

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents	
Level to which negative doubles apply	4H
Special meaning of bids	Cue bid forcing, supporting and/or seeking stop
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble 9+ points	New suit natural	Jump in new suit Pre-emptive
Jump raise natural Pre-emptive	2NT Jacoby Good Raise	Other

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Gambling 3NT, fourth suit forcing to game.

Exclusion Blackwood

2NT after a weak two asks for first or second round controls outside the suit. Repeating the suit =weak.

UCB – Unassuming cue bids stronger than suit support bids

3C after 2NT rebid is checkback

2C after 1NT rebid demands 2D which can be passed, bids are then invitational.
2D after 1NT rebid is 13+ game force.

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

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

1NT response is wide range, 5-11

2 over 1 is game force except 2C can be 3x card raise in major 8-11 pts having originally passed (Drury)

4 level 4D and 4H are transfers over 1NT to play only. Go via transfer if interested in slam.

Over 1NT:

2C Stayman, 2D/H Red suit trs, 2S shows clubs – 2N don't like,

2N shows diamonds – 3C don't like,

3C Puppet Stayman, 3D Majors 5/5, 3H Singleton H, 3145 or 3154, 3S Singleton S, 1345 or 1354

Smolen: After INT-2C-2D, 3H=4H+5S and 3S=4S+5 or more H

Better Minor:

1 minor – 1 any – 1 major is unbalanced with minor > or = major

Therefore 3433 or 4333 shapes opener bypasses the minor with rebid

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 K	A K x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x	H x x
	H x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	x x x x x
v. NT contracts	A K x (x)	A J 10 x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x x	H x x
	H x x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	x x x x x

Other agreements in leading, e.g. high-level contracts, partnership suits: -

3rd and 5th lead v suits and 4th lead v NT

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v. suit contracts	Primary method v. NT contracts
On Partner's lead	Normal distribution	As above
On Declarer's lead	As above	As above
When discarding	Natural / HELD	Natural / HELD

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

On partners lead of A or Q reverse attitude

On Partners lead of K standard count

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

Defence to short club:

Immediate * can be balanced Weak NT

If partner forced to bid, 1NT rebid is 18-20 and 2NT rebid is 21+

If oppos play transfers then a bid of their suit is TO, a double or bid of transfer suit shows that suit

After 1C-X-1S or 1C-*-1S then a * from us shows majors

1M – 3C = 4 card support 8-11 invitational, 1M – 3D = mixed raise with 4 card support 6 - 9

Jacoby continuations: 3C any minimum with 3D relay asking for shortage, H=C, S=D, 3NT=major
3D non minimum and no shortage, continue using cue bids
3H/3S/3NT non minimum with shortage, 3H=C, 3S=D, 3NT=major