



Basic System
STANDARD AMERICAN SCARD
MAJORS STRONG NO TROUP
15-17

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OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1 ♣	11 ⁺	2		
1 ♦	11 ⁺	4		
1 ♥	11 ⁺	5	} 3 rd IN HAND AFTER TWO PASSES MAY BE WEAK NON VULNERABLE	
1 ♠	11 ⁺	5		
1 NT	15-17		TRANSFER TO MAJORS: STAYMAN	
2 ♣	23 ⁺		3 rd IN HAND 2D 4-11 2H NO KINGS 3 OR LESS POINTS	
2 ♦			} 8 PLAYING TRICKS IN SUIT	
2 ♥				
2 ♠				
2 NT	20-22		TRANSFER TO MAJORS: BAYON	
3 bids			PRE-EMPTIVE 6-9 3NT LONG MINOR NOT ALL SUITS STOPPED	
4 bids			PRE-EMPTIVE 8 CARD SUIT; OPENER WITH 7 CARD SUIT	

(Use space overleaf to expand alternatives)

DEFENSIVE BIDS				
OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods	
Simple	11-15	Strong 1 ♣	DOUBLE OR SIMPLE OVERCALLS	
Jump	WEAK	Weak 1 NT	}	PIN POINT ASTRO DOUBLE AT LEAST MAXIMUM OF OPPONENTS' RANGE
Cue Bid	MICHAELS	Strong 1 NT		
1 NT	Direct 16-19 Protective 10-12 11-14	Weak 2 Bids	DOUBLE WITH OPENER BID 5 CARD SUIT RESPONSE LEBENSZALL	
	Responses 2C STAYMAN	Weak 3 Bids	DOUBLE 16-18 BALANCED 3NT WITH STOPPER SUIT BID SCARDS, REVERSE WANTED	
2 NT	Direct FOR MINORS Protective	4 Bids	BID OF SUIT NATURAL; DOUBLE OPTIMALLY DOT, 4NT BID MAJOR OR MINOR ON OPENING	
	Responses NATURAL	Multi	DOUBLE, SUIT NATURAL; RESPONSE LEBENSZALL	

ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH

ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVIEW						
Simple Overcall		Double	SPUTNIK		Bids	5 CARD SUIT 5-11 BID OPENER JUMP
Jump Overcall		Double	SPUTNIK UP TO REBID AT 3 LEVEL		Bids	5 CARD SUIT 5-11 BID OPENER JUMP
Double	Re-double INT. OPENER TAKE OUT TO BEST SUIT	New Suit	Jump in New Suit		Jump Raise	2 NT
		NATURAL				
Other Doubles		NATURAL				

OPENING LEADS		v suit contracts	4th; 3rd and 5th;.....		
Attach Red Spot, or hatch over, if using non - standard leads	A <u>K</u>	A K X	K Q 10	K Q X	K J 10
	K <u>10</u> 9	Q J 10	Q J X	J 10 X	10 X X
	<u>10</u> 9 X	<u>9</u> 8 7 X	10 X X X	H X X X X	H X X X X X
	H X X X	H X X	X X	X X X	X X X X
v NT contracts		4th; 3rd and 5th;.....			
Other leads	A K X (X)	A J 10 X	K Q 10	K Q X	K J 10
	K <u>10</u> 9	Q J 10	Q J X	J 10 X	10 X X
	10 X X X	<u>10</u> 9 X	<u>9</u> 8 7 X	H X X	H X X X X X
	H X X X X	H X X X	X X	X X X	X X X X

(In all the card combinations shown, circle the card normally led if different from standard i.e. underlined card)

CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets
On Partner's lead	HIGH ENCOURAGING, LOW DISCOURAGING ATTITUDE
On Declarer's lead	
When Discarding	McKINEY
Exceptions to above	

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Name RUMIN KEY CARDS: ONE BIDS	0-3 CLUBS 1-4 DIAMONDS 1 ST OR SECOND ROUND CONTROL IN SUIT	

Other Conventions

INT AFTER A MAJOR OPENING 6-15 POINTS
FORCING FOR ONE ROUND

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