

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	10-19	4	Limit raises; Splinters; 2NT=10-12 natural	
1♦	10-19	4	”	
1♥	10-19	4	2NT resp = Jacoby GF 4+card support	
1♠	10-19	4	”	
1NT	11-14		2C Stayman non-promissory, Four suit Transfers (note 1)	
2♣	23+		Strong 23+	Or 8 playing tricks in major (note 6)
2♦	6-10	6		
2♥	6-10	6	2NT enquiry (Ogust – note 5)	
2♠	6-10	6		
2NT	20-22		Stayman, Transfers to majors (note 1)	
3 bids		7	New suit F1	
4 bids		7		

SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Doubles are Take-out except in these penalty situations:

- Dble of 1NT
- Dble of 1NT overcall
- Dble when partner has opened a weak 2 or other pre-empt
- Third or subsequent dbles by the partnership
- Dbles of game contracts
- Lead directing double of opponent's conventional bid

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Key Card Blackwood (1430)	5C=1 or 4 key cards, 5D = 0 or 3, 5H=2 without Q trumps, 5S=2 with Q trumps. Then: 5NT confirms all key cards held; Asks for count of kings: 6C,D,H,S=0,1,2,3	DOP1/ROP1

Other Conventions:

- Fourth Suit Forcing – forcing to 2NT, except at 1-level
- Checkback Stayman (note 3)
- Multi Landy defence to 1NT (note 4)
- Ogust 2NT enquiry bid after weak 2 opener (note 5)
- In competition, UCB is the only strong raise.

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	4th			
<div>Attach Red Spot, or hatch over, if using non-standard leads</div>	<u>AK</u> <u>K109</u> <u>109x</u> <u>Hxx</u>	<u>AKx</u> <u>QJ10</u> <u>987x</u> <u>Hxx</u>	<u>KQ10</u> <u>QJx</u> <u>10xx</u> <u>xx</u>	<u>KQx</u> <u>J10x</u> <u>Hxx</u> <u>xx</u>	<u>KJ10</u> <u>10xx</u> <u>Hxxx</u> <u>xxx</u>
	Other leads:	v NT contracts	4th		
		<u>AKx(x)</u> <u>K109</u> <u>10xx</u> <u>Hxxx</u>	<u>AJ10x</u> <u>QJ10</u> <u>109x</u> <u>Hxx</u>	<u>KQ10</u> <u>QJx</u> <u>987x</u> <u>xx</u>	<u>KQx</u> <u>J10x</u> <u>Hxx</u> <u>xx</u> <u>x</u> <u>xxx</u>

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

DEFENSIVE BIDS				
OVER-CALLS	Meaning		OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods
Simple	Natural, wide-ranging		Strong 1♣	
Jump	Weak		Weak 1NT	Multi Landy (note 4)
Cue Bid	Michaels		Strong 1NT	Multi Landy (note 4)
1 NT	Direct 15-18 Responses	Protective 12-18	Weak 2	T/O dble
			Weak 3	T/O dble
2NT	Direct Unusual NT Responses	Protective 19-22	4 bids	Optional dble
			MULTI	
ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH				
Simple Overcall:		Double = 8+pts without direct support		UCB =sound raise New suit natural F1
Jump Overcall:		Double= “		UCB=sound raise
Double:	Redouble=10 pts, denies fit	New suit=natural F1	Jump in new suit=wk 6cards	Jump raise =Stretch (pre-empt) 2NT= Sound raise to 3 level

CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets.
On Partner's lead	High = discouraging, Low=Encouraging (Give Count on lead of K)
On Declarer's lead	High = Even, Low=Odd
When Discarding	McKenney
Exceptions to above	

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)

Note 1.

Four suit transfers over 1NT.

2D->H, 2H->S, 2S->C, 2NT->D

Major suit transfer breaks with 4 cards: break to 2NT with 14pts; to 3-Major with 12-13pts.

Minor suit transfer breaks: bid the intervening suit with 3 cards and a high honour (A or K)

Note 2.

Stayman and major suit transfers are ON after:

- 2NT opener
- 2C - 2D - 2NT
- 2D - 2H - 2NT

When 1NT or 2NT is doubled for penalty, then Stayman and Transfer systems are OFF.

Wriggle when 1NT is doubled:

- Pass (forcing) with= Either 8+ or weak with no 5 card suit and 4333. With no intervening bid, opener must redouble.
 - With 8+HCP passes the redouble
 - Otherwise bids 4 card suit upwards.
- Redouble = Single suited hand. Opener puppets to 2C, pass or convert.
- 2-suit = shows 4 cards, with another higher ranking 4 card suit. (With a doubleton in the bid suit, opener removes to the next higher suit.)

Note 3.

After 1suit - 1suit - 1NT, then 2C by responder is Checkback Stayman, to check for a missed 4-4 or 5-3 major suit fit.

Note 4.

Multi Landy defence to 1NT. Overcalls:

- 2C shows both majors,
- 2D shows a single suited hand; partner puppets to 2H, pass or convert.
- 2H shows hearts and a minor.
- 2S shows spades and a minor.
- 2NT shows both minors.

Note 5.

Ogust 2NT enquiry bid after weak 2H/2S opener. Responses:

- 3C = 5-7pts and poor suit,
- 3D = 5-7pts and good suit,
- 3H = 8-10pts and poor suit,
- 3S = 8-10pts and good suit.

Note 6.

Opener 23+ or 8 pl tricks

Resp. 0-7 -2 D

Opener replies 2H 2S 8 pl tricks. 2NT-23+ balanced resp- pass, 3 or 4 (0,1,2 winners)

Opener replies 2NT- Resp 3NT with 2-7 or stayman with 4 card major



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

Bidding Methods:- Benji Acol, 4-card majors,

Style of leads, signals, discards:-

4th highest leads, reverse attitude signals,
standard count signals, McKenney discards

ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

Opening bids of 2H and 2S 2D are weak.

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: 11-14

2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: Stayman

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