

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	11-20	4		1♦=3+♦, 1♠=5(4)+♠, splinters 2NT 11-12 (does not deny 4M)
1♦	11-20	4		Splinters
1♥	11-20	4		Splinters
1♠	11-20	4		Splinters
1NT	12-14	-		2♣=Stayman, 2♦/2♥/2♠/3♣=transfer; Gerber
2♣	19-22	0	8 playing tricks in any suit or 21-22 balanced	2♦=neg/waiting
2♦	17+	0	Game forcing or 23-24 bal	2♥=negative
2♥	5-10	6	Weak	3♣=min pts, min suit, 3♦=min, max, 3♥=max, min
2♠	5-10	6	Weak	
2NT	8-13	-	At least 5/5 in the minors	3m=to play, 3M constructive
3 bids	6-11	7	Pre-emptive	New suit is forcing for one round
4 bids	10-14	7	Pre-emptive	

DEFENSIVE BIDS				
OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods	
Simple	8-14 @ 1 lvl; 10-15 @ 2 lvl	Strong 1♣		
Jump	15+, 6-card suit	Weak 1NT	2♣=majors	
Cue Bid	Michaels (2)	Strong 1NT	2♣=majors	
1 NT	Direct	Protective	Weak 2	Double=takeout
	15-18	10-12		2NT=15-17 with 1.5 stops
2 NT	Responses	Stayman and transfers	Weak 3	Double=takeout
	Direct	Protective	4 bids	Optional double
	Unusual, lower 2 suits	19-21 bal		
	Responses		MULTI	
ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH				
Simple Overcall		Double	takeout except when we are NV v VUL	Bids Natural, F1
Jump Overcall		Double	"	Bids Natural, F1
Double	Redouble	New suit	Jump in new suit	Jump raise 2NT
	10+ points	Forcing	Forcing	Pre-emptive Good raise

SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Takeout at low levels except when we play penalty doubles when non-vulnerable vs vulnerable
Responsive doubles up to 3♠

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Name: RKCB	5♣=1/4 key cards, 5♦=0/3, 5♥=2 w/o queen, 5♠=2 w/queen	DOPI, ROPI
Gerber 4♣	4♦=1/4 aces, 4♥=0/3, 4♠=2 same colour, 4NT=2 same rank, 5♣=2 (♣+♥ or ♦+♠)	

Other Conventions:

Fourth suit forcing, trial bids, transfers and Puppet Stayman over 2NT sequences
Unassuming cue bids, Wriggle if 1NT is doubled (1)

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	4th, 3rd and 5th;	4 th , top of 3 small, second from 4+ small		
Attacker not or hatchling non-standard leads	AK	AKx	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	109x	987x	10xxx	Hxxx	Hxxx
	Hxxx	Hxx	xx	xxx	xxxx
Other leads:	v NT contracts	4th, 3rd and 5th;	4 th , top of 3 small, second from 4+ small		
	AKx(x)	AJ10x	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	10xxx	109x	987x	Hxx	Hxxxx
	Hxxx	Hxxx	xx	xxx	xxxx

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CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets.
On Partner's lead	High is encouraging
On Declarer's lead	High-low shows even number
When Discarding	Odd card is encouraging in suits, suit preference in no trump
Exceptions to above	Suit preference when partner is forced to switch

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)

(1) When opponents X 1NT for penalty:
redouble = 5+♣, 2♣/2♦/2♥ transfers

(2) Michaels Cue Bid = 8-13 HCP

(1m) – 2m shows 5-5 majors

(1M) – 2M shows 5-5 in the other major and unspecified minor



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM BENJAMINISED ACOL

Bidding Methods:-

One level opening bid promises four-card suit

Leads: 4th from good suits, top of 3 small, second from 4+ small

Signals: High is encouraging, high-low shows even count

Discards: Odd encouraging in suits, suit preference in no trump

ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

2NT opening shows 5/5 in the minors with 8-13 HCP

2♣ opening shows 8PTs; 4441 with 19+ pts; or 21-23 balanced

2♦ opening shows 9PTs; 5440 with 17+ pts; or 24-25 balanced

1♣-1♦ shows 3+♦, 1♣-1♠ normally 5+♠

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: 12 – 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.

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