


OTHER OPENING BIDS					
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES Notes
1♣	10-19	1	4	Inverted raises, Splinters	
1♦	10-19	1	4	Inverted raises, Splinters	
1♥	10-19	1	4	Bergen raises, Jacoby 2NT, Splinters, Bal 3NT raise Jump raise = pre-emptive	11, 12
1♠	10-19	1	4		
3 bids	<10		6	Pre-emptive	
4 bids		2	7	Pre-emptive (4♣/4♦ = South African Texas)	
*(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, usually 6 card suit		
Cue bid			2-suited hand		
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-17 11-14		As for 1NT opening	
2NT	Direct: Protective	Lowest two unbid suits			
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes	
Strong 1♣		Double = both majors; other bids Multi Landy style			
Short 1♣/1♦		Natural, except that 2♦/2♥ shows both majors			
Weak 1NT		Double = penalties; Multi Landy			
Strong 1NT		Double = penalties; Multi Landy			
Weak 2		Double = take out			
Weak 3		Double = take out			
4 bids		Double = take out			
Multi 2♦		In 2nd seat only dbl = 13-15 bal or v. strong			
SLAM CONVENTIONS					
Name		Meaning of Responses		Action over interference	
Roman Key Card Blackwood 5♣ = 1 or 4 key cards; 5♦ = 0 or 3 key cards; 5♥ = 2KC no trump Q; 5♠ = 2KC with trump Q (Also Minorwood and Voidwood) DEPO/REPO after intervention (E = even, O = odd) 5NT Grand Slam Force 6♣ = 0; 6♦ = 1; 6♥ = 2 of top 3 hon; 7 of trump suit = AKQ					

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		
Level to which negative doubles apply	4♥	
Special meaning of bids	Cue bid = good raise	
Exceptions / other agreements	Jump raise = pre-emptive	
Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble 9+ HCP	New suit Constructive	Jump in new suit Forcing
Jump raise	2NT	Other
Pre-emptive	Raise to game	
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
Fourth suit forcing: A bid in the fourth suit is artificial, showing no particular interest in that suit and requesting partner to describe his/her hand further. After 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ -, 1♠ is natural and 2♣ is fourth suit forcing. Unassuming cue bids: Opposite partner's overcall a cue bid shows a good raise. 2-Way Checkback Stayman after 1NT rebid. 2♣ shows invitational hand (and forces 2♦ rebid), 2♦ is forcing to game. Double of splinter bid Suggests lead of suit below.		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
1 Light openings possible, particularly in 3rd seat. NT rebids: After 1 level response 1NT = 15-17, 2NT = 18-19, 3NT = long suit.		
2 4♣/4♦ South African Texas (8 playing tricks) 4♥/4♠ natural and weak.		
3 After 1NT-(X) redouble promises 5-card suit and asks opener to bid 2♣. Suit bid immediately is lowest 4-card suit. After 1any suit - (X) - XX is 9+ HCP.		
4 After weak 2♥/2♠ 2NT asks for strength of opening (Ogust) Responses: 3♣ Weak suit weak points 3♦ Good suit weak points 3♥ Weak suit good points 3♠ Good suit good points 3NT AKQ to six.		
5 Defence to 1NT Multi Landy 2♣ shows both majors, 2♦ shows 6 card major, 2♥/2♠ shows (that) 5 card major and a 4+ minor, 2NT shows both minors.		
6 2NT - 3♠ Both minors with slam interest.		
7 2-suited overcalls (Michaels) 1minor - 2minor shows 5+/5+ in majors, 1Major - 2Major shows 5+/5+ in other Major and a minor, (1any)- 2NT shows 5+/5+ in two lowest unbid suits. Same after opps strong 2. Strength is weak (9-11) or strong (16+).		
8 K = 1 control point, A = 2. Continuations after a 2NT rebid are as over an opening 2NT bid.		
9 In 2nd seat dbl = 13-15 bal. In 4th/6th seat dbl = take out of last suit bid. Lebensohl style responses. In 2nd/4th seat 2NT = 17-19 balanced		

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	<u>A</u> <u>K</u>	<u>A</u> <u>K</u> x	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 10	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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v. NT contracts	<u>A</u> <u>K</u> x (<u>x</u>)	<u>A</u> <u>J</u> 10 x	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 10	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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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		Count, except lead of A or Q asks for reverse attitude					
On Declarer's lead		Count (high-low = even no, low-high = odd no.)					
When discarding		McKenney					
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
10 Lebensohl style responses opposite take out double of opponents' weak two.							
11 Bergen raises Direct raise of 1♥/1♠ to 2M/3M is weak (9/10 losers, max 9 HCP). Responses of 3♣ and 3♦ show 9 and 8 losers respectively.							
12 Jacoby 2NT Response of 2NT shows 4-card support, raise to game and no shortage. Opener rebids 3♣ if minimum (less than 13 HCP). 3NT rebid = no shortage, Other rebids show shortage. Response of 3NT to 1♥/1♠ shows 3-card support, 13-15 HCP balanced.							
13 1NT opening may contain a singleton.							
14 After opener shows a major in response to Stayman, responder may enquire if it is a 5-card major by bidding 3♣ (responder will have game-going hand).							

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS				
BENJAMINISED ACOL				
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES				
Strength		11 - 14	If artificial give details below and make obvious by shading in grey the cell on right.	
Shape constraints		See note 13	If may have singleton make obvious by shading in grey the cell on the YES	
Responses		2♣ Stayman (non-promissory - See Note 14)		
2♦	Transfer to hearts		2♥	Transfer to spades
2♠	Transfer to minor(s)		2NT	Invitational
Others	3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠ = 6+ suit and slam interest			
Action after opponents double		Helmic after 1NT-(X) (see Note 3)		
Action after other interference		X = Penalty, Lebensohl (FADS)		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES				
Meaning		Responses		Notes
2♣	Acol 2 or 22/23 balanced	2♦ = relay, 2♥/2♠ = weak, 5+ suit		
2♦	Game forcing or 24+ balanced	2♥ = 0-2 control pts, 2♠ = 3+		8
2♥	Weak, 5-9 usually 6 card suit	2NT Ogust		4
2♠	Weak, 5-9 usually 6 card suit	2NT Ogust		4
2NT	20-21 HCP; 3♣ Puppet Stayman, 3♦/3♥ transfer, 3♠ game forcing, both minors and slam interest			6
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE				
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).				
Bergen raises, inverted minor suit raises 1NT opening = 11-14 HCP 1st to 3rd NV, otherwise 12-14 HCP				