

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	10+	3	Inverted minors - Note 1	
1♦	10+	3	Inverted minors - Note 1	
1♥	10+	5	Splinters – Jacoby – Note 2	
1♠	10+	5	Splinters – Jacoby – Note 2	
1NT	15-17	2	Stayman - 4 suit Transfers i.e. 2S pass or correct – ramp of transfer Note 5 - Gerber When our 1NT is X then SOS XX	
2♣	18+		Game force	2D - relay
2♦	6-10	6	2NT Ogust - Note 4	
2♥	6-10	6	2NT Ogust - Note 4	
2♠	6-10	6	2NT Ogust - Note 4	
2NT	20-22	1	Stayman – Transfers - Gerber	
3 bids	5-9	6	New suit forcing	
4 bids	5+	7		

	9+ pts	6+ pts, 4+ cards	Forcing	Weak	10+ pts & supp
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DEFENSIVE BIDS				
OVER-CALLS	Meaning		OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods
Simple	5 cards 6pts+ NV; 10pts+ V		Strong 1 ♣	1 level bid shows opening points
Jump	6 cards 5-10 pts NV; 6-10 pts V		Weak 1NT	Natural
Cue Bid	Michaels 5-9 or 16+		Strong 1NT	Natural
1 NT	Direct 15-18	Protective 12-17	Weak 2	X optional; 2nt = 17-19pts + stop
	Responses Stayman, transfers		Weak 3	X optional
2NT	Direct Unusual Responses	Protective 19+ pts	4 bids	To 4H X T/O; 4NT 2 places to play
			MULTI	X T/O; 2nt 17-19
ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH				
Simple Overcall		Double	Negative - 8+HCP; denies support; see below	Bids
Jump Overcall		Double	T/O	Bids Competitive
Double	Redouble	New suit	Jump in new suit	Jump raise 2NT

## SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Penalty  
 X of 1NT  
 X of 1NT overcall  
 When partner opens a pre-empt, later Xs by responder are penalty  
 Once there is one penalty or a converted penalty  
 X all later Xs are penalty

Lead Directing Xs  
 over conventional bid shows that suit

Responsive Xs  
 eg (1H) X (2H) X (opps bidding Hs) T/O

Negative X  
 Partner opens and opps bid - X normally shows 4 of the other major

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	4th, 3rd and 5th; .....			
<div>           Attach Red Spot, or hatch over, if using non-standard leads         </div>	<u>A</u> K <u>K</u> 109 <u>10</u> 9x <u>H</u> xxx	<u>A</u> Kx <u>Q</u> J10 <u>9</u> 87x <u>H</u> xx	<u>K</u> Q10 <u>Q</u> Jx <u>10</u> xxx <u>x</u> x	<u>K</u> Qx <u>J</u> 10x <u>H</u> xxx <u>x</u> xx	<u>K</u> J10 <u>10</u> xx <u>H</u> xxx <u>x</u> xxx
	Other leads:				
	v NT contracts	4th, 3rd and 5th; .....			
	<u>A</u> Kx(x) <u>K</u> 109 <u>10</u> xxx <u>H</u> xxx	<u>A</u> J10x <u>Q</u> J10 <u>10</u> 9x <u>H</u> xx	<u>K</u> Q10 <u>Q</u> Jx <u>9</u> 87x <u>x</u> x	<u>K</u> Qx <u>J</u> 10x <u>H</u> xx <u>x</u> xx	<u>K</u> J10 <u>10</u> xx <u>H</u> xx <u>x</u> xx
(In all the card combinations shown, circle the card normally lead if different from standard i.e. underlined card)					

CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets.
On Partner's lead	K for count - A - Q = Attitude (high to encourage low to discourage)
On Declarer's lead	Attitude; count if can be shown alongside attitude
When Discarding	Standard attitude
Exceptions to above	

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Name: RKCB 1430	5C = 1 or 4 key cards; 5D = 0 or 3 key cards 5H = 2 key cards, no trump Q; 5S = 2 + trump Q	
	Next suit up (other than the trump suit) asks about QT Responses = Trump suit no Q; 5nt - Q but no Ks; Any other suit is Q + that K (note if one partner has 6+ in the trumps suit do not ask about the Q or if asked and I have 6 in the trumps suit reply that I have the Q)	
	5NT = K ask – bid lowest K below trump suit.	
Gerber	4C asks for aces Responses: 4D 0 or 4; 4H 1; 4S 2; 4NT 3  4NT over 4D, 4H or 4S is natural  5C asks for kings Responses: 5D 0 or 4; 5H 1; 5S 2; 5 NT 3	

Other Conventions:

**SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS**  
**(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)**

**Note 1**

Inverted minor = 2C/D = 10-12pts, denies a 4 card major  
3C/D = weak 5-9pts

**Note 2**

Jacoby – 14+ points with 4 card support - Opener now bids as follows:  
3y = singleton or void 13+  
3M = maximum 17+, no singleton or void  
3NT = 15-16 balanced  
4y = good second 4/5-card suit, source of tricks  
4M = minimum 12-14

**Note 3**

Michaels cue bid  
1m – 2m = both majors  
1M – 2M = other major and a minor,  
2NT response asks for the minor

**Note 4**

Ogust – 2NT - responses - 3C Bad pts - Bad suit  
3D good pts - Bad suit  
3H bad pts good suit  
3S pts top of range & good suit

**Note 5**

Transfer to a major - with 3+ support and max (4 card support can be a good 16) then opener jumps to superaccept



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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM**

Bidding Methods:- 5 card majors with better minor, 15-17 NT

Style of leads, signals, discards:- Standard; attitude

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**ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH  
OPONENTS SHOULD NOTE**

Better Minor - when no 5 card major  
3 Weak 2's  
4th Suit forcing  
New minor force - asks partner to describe their hand

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STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: 15-17

2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: Stayman

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