

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10		4	Splinters ; invm raises		
1♦	10		4	Splinters; invm raises		
1♥	10		4	Splinters/J2NT/3NT=pudding raise		
1♠	10		4			
3 bids	>0		6nv 7v			
4 bids	>0					

*(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			
Jump overcall	Weak strength dependent upon vulnerability		
Cue bid	MICHAELS CUE BID 5+/5+		
1NT Direct: Protective:	15+/18- 10-14+		
2NT Direct: Protective	UNT 21-22		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	NATURAL – but can be very weak nv		
Short 1♠/1♦	NATURAL		
Weak 1NT	NATURAL		
Strong 1NT	NATURAL		
Weak 2	XTO		
Weak 3	XTO		
4 bids			
Multi 2♦			

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCB	3041 52 52+Q	

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents	
Level to which negative doubles apply	3♠
Special meaning of bids	CUE=good raise Raises are preemptive
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble 10+ no fit	New suit NAT F1	Jump in new suit Weak
Jump raise	2NT	Other
PRE	INV RAISE	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

1NT (2x) X= TO – similarly 1NT (2x) P P X=TO

OTHER CONVENTIONS

RAISES IN COMPETITION ARE PREEMPTIVE

UNASSUMING CUE BID (cue=GOOD RAISE in context)

CHECKBACK 2♣ and 3♣

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back).

OPENING LEADS

(For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card).

v. suit contracts	A <u>K</u>	A <u>K</u> x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	Q <u>J</u> 10
	Q <u>J</u> x	J <u>10</u> x	10 x <u>x</u>	10 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	A <u>K</u> x (x)	A <u>J</u> 10 x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	Q <u>J</u> 10
	Q <u>J</u> x	J <u>10</u> x	10 x <u>x</u>	10 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:-

Ace asks for attitude, King asks for count
A(K)/2/4 leads

CARDING METHODS

Signals	Primary method v suit contracts	Primary method v NT contracts
On Partner's lead	HI = EVEN	HI = EVEN
On Declarer's lead		
When discarding	ODD=Encouraging EVEN=McKenny	

Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above

SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNALS
HI=ENCOURAGING

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

Kokish Relay :
2C 2D 2H 2S - 2NT = game forcing balanced hand (2D 2H 2S relays)
2C 2D 2NT : 23-25 balanced – not forcing



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

ACOL; 4 Card Majors; 12/14 NT; Weak 2♦ 2♥ 2♠

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength	12 - 14	<small>If artificial give details below and make obvious by shading in grey the cell on right.</small>
Shape constraints	5332/4432/4333	We often upgrade or downgrade hands
Responses	2♣	STAYMAN (non promisory) or invitational balanced raise
2♦	Transfer	2♥ Transfer
2♠	Transfer to ♣	2NT Transfer to ♦
Others		
Action after opponents double	All natural	
Action after other interference	X=TO , LEBENSOHL (SLOW SHOWS)	

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	23-25 Balanced or GF Artificial	2♦ Waiting ; Kokish Relay (1)	
2♦	Weak - usually 6-10	2NT enq for feature RAISE only NF	
2♥	Weak – usually 6-10	2NT enq for shortage RAISE only NF	
2♠	Weak – usually 6-10	2NT enq for shortage RAISE only NF	
2NT	20+-22 NATURAL	3♣ puppet Stayman 3♦/3♥ Transfers; 3♠=5♠4♥	

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).
At 3rd seat n.v. Opening bids might be lighter than usual
When partner has passed overcalls (including jumps) often are lighter than expected

We constantly upgrade or downgrade hand strength according to honour concentration and suit lengths when opening 1NT and 2NT