

| OPENING BIDS | Point Range | Min. Length | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | SPECIAL RESPONSES |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1♣ | 11-20 | 4 | | 1♦=3+♦, 1♠=5(4)+♠, splinters |
| 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 | | | | |
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| 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 |
| | Responses | | Weak 3 | Double=takeout |
| | Stayman and transfers | | | |
| 2NT | Direct | Protective | 4 bids | Optional double |
| | Unusual, | 19-21 bal | | |
| | lower 2 suits | | | |
| | 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 | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|--|------|-------|
| Attache not or hatch not or standard 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 |
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| (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. |
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| 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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