| OPENING BIDS | Point Range | Min. Length | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | | SPECIAL RESPONSES | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1♣ | 12-19 | 2 | Natural or balanced (1) | | 1NT=6-9 | | |
| 1• | 11-19 | 4 | | | 10-12 subsequent response | | |
| 1♥ | 11-19 | 5 | | | -2-level response 9+, F1 Splinters | | |
| 1♠ | 11-19 | 5 | | | 1M-2NT=FG w/support | | |
| 1NT | 15-17 | | | | 2♦/2♥=transfers, 1-suited slam try, 4♣=Gerber | | |
| 2♠ | | | 19-20 BAL or str with 8 playing tr | | =weak or waiting | | |
| 2♦ | 23+ | 4 | Game forcing unless 23-24 BAL | | 2♥=negative | | |
| 2♥ | 5-9 | 6 | | | ad, bad; 3♦=good suit, bad points; d points; 3♦=good, good. | | |
| 2♠ | 5-9 | 6 | | | | | |
| 2NT | 21-22 | | Balanced 3♣= Stayman, 3 | | 3♦/3♥=transfers, 4♣=Gerber | | |
| 3 bids | 5-10 | (6)7 | Pre-emptive Gambling 3NT | | New suit is F1 | | |
| 4 bids | | 7 | Pre-emptive | | | | |

| DEFENSIVE BIDS | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------|-------------|
| OVER- CALLS | Meaning | | | OPPONENTS OPEN | Defensive Methods | | |
| Simple | < opening overcalled | strength or short i suit | in | Strong 1 € | | | |
| Jump | NV: 6+ suit, 5-10 HCP VUL: 6+ suit, 11-15 HCP | | | Weak 1NT | | | |
| Cue Bid | (1) -2 = 5 + /4 + majors 10 +; | | | Strong 1NT | Double=PEN Other bids natural | | |
| 1NT | Direct Protective 15-17 12-14 | | | Weak 2 | Double=takeout 2NT=NAT, 11+ | | |
| | Responses As over 1NT | | | Weak 3 | Optional double | | |
| | Direct Protective 5-5 lowest unbid suits 19-21 | | | 4 bids | Optional double | | |
| 2NT | Responses | | | MULTI | | | |
| | ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH | | | | | | |
| Simple Overcall Double | | | Takeout through 3♠ | Bids | New suit F1 | | |
| Jump O | Jump Overcall Double 1 | | Takeout through 3♠ | Bids | Raises PRE | | |
| Double | Redoubl | e New suit | | Jump in new suit | Jump r | aise | 2NT |
| | 10+ misfit natural, F1 | | | Strong | PRE | | Sound raise |

SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Double of suit is take-out

Negative doubles after overcall may be minimal values with the right distribution

Natural after double of our 1NT

| SLAM CONVENTIONS | Meaning of Responses | Action over interference |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Name: | | |
| Roman Keycard Blackwood | 5♣=0/3 key cards, 5♦=1/4, 5♥=2 w/o Q, 5♠=2 | |
| | w/Queen (5NT then asks for kings) | Redouble=0 Pass=1, etc. |
| | 4♦=0 aces, 4♥=1, 4♠=2, 4NT=3 | |
| Gerber | (5♣ then asks for kings) | |

Other Conventions:

Fourth Suit Forcing Splinters Long suit trial bids after major suit agreed at two-level Cue bids after major suit agreed at three-level

| OPENING LEADS | v suit contracts | 4th | 4th | | 2nd from bad suit, MUD | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Attach Red Spot, or hatch over, if using non- standard leads | A <u>K</u> K <u>10</u> 9 <u>10</u> 9x Hxx <u>x</u> | <u>A</u> Kx QJ10 9 <u>8</u> 7x Hx <u>x</u> | <u>K</u> Q10 QJx 10xx <u>x</u> <u>x</u> x | | <u>K</u> Qx J10x Hxx <u>x</u> x x <u>x</u> x | | | K <u>J</u> 10 10x <u>x</u> Hxx <u>x</u> xx x <u>x</u> xx | | |
| Other leads: | v NT contracts | 4th | 4th | | 2nd from bad suit, MUD | | | | | |
| | <u>A</u> Kx <u>(x)</u> K <u>10</u> 9 10xx <u>x</u> Hxx <u>x</u> x | AJ10x QJ10 <u>10</u> 9x Hxx <u>x</u> | | <u>K</u> Q10 QJx 9 <u>8</u> 7x <u>x</u> x | | <u>K</u> Qx J10x Hx <u>x</u> x <u>x</u> x | | KJ10 10x <u>x</u> Hxx <u>x</u> xx x <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 | High card=encouraging vs suit, High=even count vs NT |
| On Declarer's lead | High card=even count |
| When Discarding | Odd=encourage, even=suit preference |
| Exceptions to above | |

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

(1) We open 1♣ with balanced hands with fewer than four diamonds outside of the 15-17 no trump range. We will only have two clubs with 4-4 majors and three diamonds.

With 4-4 minors, we tend to open our stronger minor.



GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

Bidding Methods:- 5-card majors, short club, 15-17 1NT, weak twos in majors

Style of leads, signals, discards:- 4th highest leads, 2nd from bad suit High=encouraging

ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

Gambling 3NT (solid minor, less than a king outside) 2NT is game-forcing with support after 1 major opening

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: 15-17

2. RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: Stayman

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