

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10-19		3	n/a	2♣ inverted minor / Weak Jump Shift	
1♦	10-19		3	n/a	2♦ inverted minor/ Weak Jump Shift	
1♥	10-19		5	jump raises weak/ Splinters/2NT forcing to 3 M (Note 4) Weak jump shift bids		
1♠	10-19		5			
3 bids	5-11		6/7	3NT to play 4♣ Minimum key card Blackwood (Note 5)		
4 bids	6-15		7+	4NT minimum RKCB, (Note 5)		
4NT opening is a specific ace asking bid.						
DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN						
OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT		CONVENTIONAL MEANING		SPECIAL RESPONSES		Notes
Simple overcall		7-15HCP		raises weak, cue bids inv +		
Jump overcall		6+ suit weak 5-10HCP				
Cue bid		Michaels (after minor shows 55+ om/M)		weak or strong 2NT relay		
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-17 HCP 11-14 HCP		As 1NT opening As 1NT opening		
2NT	Direct: Protective	55+ in minors after major				
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS		SPECIAL RESPONSES		Notes
Strong 1♣		Truscott also used against Acoll 2C and Benji 2C & 2D				(Note 7)
Short 1♣/1♦		Natural				
Weak 1NT		Lionel				(Note 8)
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Weak 2		Direct X =T/O, , NT 16-18HCP Lebehnsol , Leaping Michaels (Note 9) Cue bid asks for stopper.				
Weak 3		X T/O 3NT to play 4 level Creeping Michaels				(Note 10)
4 bids		4NT T/O				
Multi 2♦		Modified Dixon				( Note 11)
SLAM CONVENTIONS						
Name		Meaning of Responses		Action over interference		

Roman Key Card Blackwood 5♣ 0-3, 5♦ 1-4, 5♥ 2 ex Q, 5♠ 2 inc Q. DOPI ROPI  
Voidwood – 5 level bid shows void, then as blackwood steps.

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		Non jump are nat forcing, single jumps are weak to play, 0-4HCP double jumps, splinters and cue bids inv+					
Exceptions / other agreements							
Agreements after opponents double for takeout							
Redouble		New suit	Jump in new suit				
10 + no fit or sensible bid		Forcing	Forcing				
Jump raise		2NT	Other				
competitive		Over majors see Note 4 Over minor Nat 10-12 HCP	Splinters				
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	A K	A <u>K</u> x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K 10 <u>9</u>	Q J 10
	Q <u>J</u> x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 <u>x</u> x	<u>10</u> 9 x	<u>9</u> 8 7 x	10 <u>x</u> x x	H x <u>x</u>
	H x x <u>x</u>	H x x <u>x</u> x	H x x <u>x</u> x x	x <u>x</u>	<u>x</u> x x	<u>x</u> x x x	
v. NT contracts	A K x ( <u>x</u> )	A J <u>10</u> x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K J <u>10</u>	K 10 <u>9</u>	Q <u>J</u> 10
	Q <u>J</u> x	<u>J</u> 10 x	<u>10</u> x x	<u>10</u> 9 x	<u>9</u> 8 7 x	10 x <u>x</u> x	H x <u>x</u>
	H x <u>x</u> x	H x x <u>x</u> x	H x x x <u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u>	x <u>x</u> x	<u>x</u> x x x	
Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-							
Support double and redoubles							
CARDING METHODS							
Signals	Primary method v suit contracts		Primary method v NT contracts				
On Partner's lead	Attitude Inverted		Attitude Inverted				
On Declarer's lead	Count Inverted		Count Inverted				
When discarding	Revolving		Revolving				
SPS on trumps where possible							



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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS**

**Acol five card major better minor**

**1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES**

<b>Strength</b>	<b>15-17</b>		
<b>Shape constraints</b>	Bal. may include 5 card major		
<b>Responses</b>	<b>2♣</b>	5 card puppet stayman	
<b>2♦</b>	Transfer to ♥ Super accept with 4	<b>2♥</b>	Transfer to ♠ super accept with 4
<b>2♠</b>	Transfer to ♣ Super accept Hxx	<b>2NT</b>	Transfer to ♦ Super accept with Hxx
<b>Others</b>			
<b>Action after opponents double</b>	Pass forces redouble/ immediate bid shows 5+card suit		
<b>Action after other interference</b>	Lebehnsol, double for take out		

**TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES**

	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>2♣</b>	Strong 23+HCP or very distributional few losers	Control showing	1
<b>2♦</b>	Multi two diamond 3 way	2♥/♠ relay 2NT Inv +	2
<b>2♥</b>	Weak 5♥/5♣ or 5♦	Pass/Raise/ Splinter or 2NT relay 3	
<b>2♠</b>	As above but can include 5♥	As above	
<b>2NT</b>	20-22 Balanced	As per 1NT	

**OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE**

Jump shift bids over 1 openings are weak 6+ suit 0-6HCP

**Note 1** – K=1 A = 2 2♦ = 0/1, 2♥ = 2, and so on.

**Note 2** – 3♣ weak♥ top of range, 3♦ weak♠ top of range, 3♥/♠ weak lowest range, 3NT 25-26HCP, 4♣/♦ strong minor

**Note 3** – suit preference or can be invitational with major support e.g. 2H-2NT-3C-3H

**Note 4** – 2NT responses – 3C any min, 3D bal better than min, 3H/3S/3NT singleton up line. 2NT-3C- 3D asks opener to bid shortages up the line. 4 level new suit are cue bids.

**Note 5** – Min Keycard

1<sup>st</sup> 0/1 KC, 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 + Q, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2KC, 4<sup>th</sup> 2+Q

**Note 6** -suit preference or inv +

**Note 7** – Truscott – X = D/S, NT is C/H otherwise suit bid is that suit and next suit up.

**Note 8** – X = S+ suit 2C = C&H either longer, 2D D & H either longer 2H = 6+ H, 2S 6+S.

**Note 9 Leaping Michaels** e.g. 2D – 4D = both majors, 4C = C + Major

**Note 10 Creeping Michaels** – e.g. 3S-4C = C + H, 4D = D + H, 3C-4C = majors, 3C -4D = D + M.

**Note 11 Modified Dixon** – 2NT = 16-18Bal, X = 13-15 bal or strong 16+ suit, 2H = Nat take out of 2S, 2S = Nat take out of 2H. 3C/D Nat, Partners response after X – Lebehnsol 8- HCP.

**Note 12** – X of 3NT requests a heart lead from partner.