

| OTHER OPENING BIDS | | | | | | |
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| | HCP | see Note | Min length | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes |
| 1♣ | 11*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 | | Inverted minors Splinters | 1.1 1.2 |
| 1♦ | 11*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | | Limit raises; GF Jacoby 2NT; Splinters | 1.1 1.3 |
| 1♥ | 11*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | | | Pre-emptive. 3NT shows solid minor |
| 1♠ | 11*-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | | | |
| 3 bids | <10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | Pre-emptive | | |
| 4 bids | <10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 | Pre-emptive | | |
| *(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 | | Natural | | | | |
| Jump overcall | | Pre-emptive | | | | |
| Cue bid | | Michaels 1.4 | | | | |
| 1NT | Direct: Protective | 16-18 11-14 | As for 1NT opening | | | |
| 2NT | Direct: Protective | Lowest two unbid suits 20-22 balanced | Limit bids As 2NT opener | | | 1.4 |
| OPPONENTS OPEN WITH | | DEFENSIVE METHODS | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes | | |
| Strong 1♣ | | Truscott 1.5 | | | | |
| Short 1♣/1♦ | | Treat as natural | | | | |
| Weak 1NT | | Double = penalties; 2♣ both majors ; 2♦ see note 1.6 | | | | |
| Strong 1NT | | Double = penalties; 2♣ both majors ; 2♦ see note 1.6 | | | | |
| Weak 2 | | Double = take out, 2NT = bal 16-18, Leaping Michaels 1.7 | | | | |
| Weak 3 | | Double = take out. Non-Leaping Michaels over 3♥/3♠ | | | | |
| 4 bids | | Double = take out | | | | |
| Multi 2♦ | | X= 13-15 bal or 19+; 2NT = 16-18 bal | | | | |
| SLAM CONVENTIONS | | | | | | |
| Name | | Meaning of Responses | Action over interference | | | |
| Roman Key Card Blackwood | | 5♣ = 1/4; 5♦ = 0/3, 5♥ = 2 no trump queen, 5♠ = 2 + trump queen. D1P0 after interference. | | | | |
| 4♣/♦ Minorwood | | As above, but stepped responses | | | | |
| 5NT King ask | | After using RKCB, asks for nearest side-suit King | | | | |

| COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS | | | | |
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| Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents | | | | |
| Level to which negative doubles apply | | 3♣, optional above 3♠ | | |
| Special meaning of bids | | Fit jumps, 2NT = natural, cue-bid Jacoby | | |
| Exceptions / other agreements | | After 2-suited overcall, lower-suit cue-bid = lower other suit, higher = higher. | | |
| Agreements after opponents double for takeout | | | | |
| Redouble | 9+ HCP | New suit | forcing | Jump in new suit Fit-jump |
| Jump | Pre-emptive | 2NT | Good raise | |
| Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles | | | | |
| Take-out unless we have a fit, we have pre-empted, we're doubling a naturally-bid NT | | | | |
| OTHER CONVENTIONS | | | | |
| Fourth Suit Forcing: [1♠ is natural] | | | | |
| Rebids of 1NT/2NT show 15-17/18-19; then 2♣/3♣ are Checkback Stayman | | | | |
| Unassuming Cue Bids Opposite partner's overcall a cue bid shows a good raise | | | | |
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| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS | | | | |
| 1.1 | Splinter jump shows support for partner [min 4] with typically singleton in bid suit. May be immediate response. opener's rebid, or later jump. | | | |
| 1.2 | Raising 1♣/♦ to 3♣/♦ is pre-emptive. Raising 1♣/♦ to 2♣/♦ is unlimited. Responder will not have a 4-card major. Doesn't apply after intervention. | | | |
| 1.3 | Jacoby 2NT promises 4-card support, game-forcing.. Opener rebids 4-major if minimum, 3-new-suit as trial bid, 4-new-suit as splinter. | | | |
| 1.4 | Michaels or UNT shows min 5-5 in specified suits, weak or strong, not intermediate. 2m over 1m shows both majors. 2M over 1M other major + minor | | | |
| 1.5 | 1-level overcall shows that suit + next higher. Double shows suit doubled and non-touching suit. 1NT shows other 2 non-touching suits. | | | |
| 1.6 | 2♣ = both majors; 2♦ = 4-card major + longer minor. | | | |
| 1.7 | If partner doubles a weak-2 bid, 2NT shows a weak hand [<8] and requests a 3♣ rebid. 4♣/♦ is GF Leaping Michaels, at least 5-5 in bid suit + other major. Over 3♥/3♠ pre-empts, 4♣/4♦ is non-Leaping Michaels. | | | |

| OPENING LEADS | | | | | | | |
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| (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> | <u>A</u> (K) x | A J <u>10</u> | <u>K</u> Q 10 | <u>K</u> Q x | K J <u>10</u> | K <u>10</u> 9 |
| | <u>Q</u> J 10 | <u>Q</u> J x | <u>J</u> 10 x | 10 <u>x</u> x | 10 <u>9</u> x | 9 <u>8</u> 7 x | 10 <u>x</u> x x |
| | H x x <u>x</u> | H x x <u>x</u> x | H x x <u>x</u> x x | <u>x</u> x | x <u>x</u> x | x <u>x</u> x x | H x <u>x</u> |
| v. NT contracts | <u>A</u> (K) x(x) | A J <u>10</u> x | <u>K</u> Q 10 | <u>K</u> Q x | K J <u>10</u> | K <u>10</u> 9 | <u>Q</u> J 10 |
| | <u>Q</u> J x | <u>J</u> 10 x | 10 <u>x</u> x | 10 <u>9</u> x | 9 <u>8</u> 7 x | 10 <u>x</u> x x | H x <u>x</u> |
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| King requests unblock/count [against NT]; count [against suit contract]. | | | | | | | |
| Ten not treated as an honour. Strong ten leads from A J 10, K J 10 | | | | | | | |
| CARDING METHODS | | | | | | | |
| | Primary method v suit contracts | | | Primary method v NT contracts | | | |
| On Partner's lead | Attitude: high encouraging, low discouraging EXCEPT lead of K v NT asks partner to unblock or give count. | | | | | | |
| On Declarer's lead | Count: high-low = even no. of cards; upwards = odd no. | | | | | | |
| When discarding | Revolving [low card not necessarily significant] | | | | | | |
| McKenney suit preference signals where appropriate | | | | | | | |
| SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued) | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 2♣ followed by 3-either minor is weak and to play | | | | | | | |
| 2.2 2NT/3-major shows 4-card support, 7-/8-loser respectively. | | | | | | | |
| 2.3 Bid shows suit bid plus next higher suit, min 4-4. Pass forces redouble, which may be passed, or 2-suit promises higher, non-touching suit. Redouble is relay to 2♣ for pass or correct. | | | | | | | |
| 2.4 After our 1NT is overcalled, 2NT from responder asks opener to relay to 3♣, then all bids are relatively weak. Cue-bids are Staymanic. Cue-bids and 3NT deny stop if preceded by 2NT. Direct 3-level suit bids are forcing; if preceded by 2NT are to play, unless suit could have been bid at 2-level | | | | | | | |
| 2.5 3♣/♦ = min HCP, poor/good suit. 3♥/♠ = max HCP, poor/good suit | | | | | | | |
| 2.6 3♣ is 5-card Puppet Stayman. 3♦ rebid promises at least one 4-card major. If responder also has a 4-card major, he/she bids the other, 4♣/♦ with both [4♣ indicates slam interest]. Over a 3♣ response, opener denies interest with 3NT, else uses Minorwood. | | | | | | | |

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| GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS | | | |
| <i>Weak 2♥/♠, 5-card ♠ Suit</i> | | | |
| 1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES | | | |
| Strength | 12 to 14 | Tick if artificial and provide details below <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Shape constraints | Any 5-card suit | Tick if may have singleton <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Responses | 2♣ | Stayman [promissory] [see 2.1] | |
| 2♦ | Transfer to hearts [see 2.2] | 2♥ | Transfer to spades [see 2.2] |
| 2♠ | Range enquiry [2NT min.] | 2NT | Transfer to a minor |
| Others | 3-any suit is slam try, rebid is 3NT or RKCB response. Minorwood | | |
| Action after opponents double | Helvic; pass forces redouble [see 2.3] | | |
| Action after other interference | Penalty double; Lebensohl [see 2.4] | | |
| TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES | | | |
| | Meaning | Responses | Notes |
| 2♣ | 8+ pl tr any suit or 23-24 bal | 2♦ relay; rebid non-forcing | |
| 2♦ | Game-forcing [not single-suited] | 2♥ relay | |
| 2♥ | Weak 5-9 NV, 6-10 Vul, usually 6-card suit. Wider-ranging in 3 rd , 10-14 in 4th | 2NT is Ogust enquiry. | 2.5 |
| 2♠ | | New suit is 1-round force | |
| 2NT | 20-22; 3♣ Puppet Stayman, 3♦♥ Transfer; 3♠ both minors | | 2.6 |
| OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE | | | |
| 4-card suits are bid up the line. | | | |
| 3 rd seat openings may be stretched | | | |