

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1 ♣	10-19	☐	2	Can be short	Splinters,	
1 ♦	10-19	☐	4	Natural	2NT = 11-12 bal	
1 ♥	10-19	☐	5	Natural	Splinters,	See note 2
1 ♠	10-19	☐	5	Natural	2NT = GF raise	
3 bids	>10	☐	7	Pre-emptive		
4 bids	>12	☐	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, may be 4-card suit @ 1 level			
Jump overcall			Weak, normally 6-cardsuit with 6-10HCP			
Cue bid			Ghestem			
1NT	Direct: Protective	15-17, 11-14 protective in 4th		Responses as to 1NT opening	Sys. ON	
2NT	Direct: Protective	21-22,		Natural		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS		SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes	
Strong 1 ♣		X = majors, 1NT = minors				
Short 1 ♣/1 ♦		Treat as natural				
Weak/Strong 1NT		Natural X = equal strength				
Weak 2		X = Take out				
Weak 3		X = Optional				
Multi 2 ♦		X = values, 2NT = 15-18 bal, X = t/o in 4th				
SLAM						
Name		Meaning of Responses			Action over interference	
RKCB		30/41/2-Q/2+Q			DOPI xx = to play	
		Followed by 5NT asking for lowest king				

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS				
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents				
Level to which negative doubles apply		2♠		
Special meaning of bids		Ghestem		
Exceptions / other agreements				
Agreements after opponents double for takeout				
Redouble	9+	New suit	Forcing	Jump in new suit 9+
Jump raise	Barrage	2NT	Good raise	2of suit=Barrage0-5+support
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles				
Most doubles of suit bids are take out up to 2♠.				
Redouble of INT Doubled = SOS				
OTHER CONVENTIONS				
Fourth suit forcing – to 2NT at 2 level; to game if at 3 level; natural at 1 level				
Unassuming cue bids				
1NT rebid is 12-14,				
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS				
(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).				
1. Transfer breaks possible. Break minor suit transfer to intervening call with fit				
2. After 1Major – 2NT showing FG raise,				
New suit = cue bid (First or Second round control)				
Jump in new suit = splinter				
3 agreed Major = single-suited, non-minimum				
4 agreed major = minimum				
3NT = balanced 15+ forcing				
3. After 2C – 2D=0-1 control (K=1 control; A= 2 controls), 2H (2 controls);				
2S (3 controls),2NT = 8pts less than 1 control, 3C = 4controls etc				
4. 1♠ - 3♠ shows 10 pts exactly; 1♠ - 3NT shows 13-15 pts; 1♠ - 2♣ maybe support but 11 - 12pts				

OPENING LEADS							
(For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card).				(Hatch over this box if using non-standard leads).			
v. suit contracts	A <u>K</u>	<u>A</u> K x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 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	<u>A</u> K x (<u>x</u>)	<u>A</u> <u>J</u> 10 x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 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:-							
A asks for attitude; K asks for count, or unblock v NT							
CARDING METHODS							
	Primary method v suit contracts or v NT contracts						
On Partner's lead	Odds & evens						
On Declarer's lead	Odds & evens						
When discarding	Odds & evens						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
Suit preference when seeking a ruff							
2♣ = 2♥ 2 controls: 2♠ 3 controls: 2NT less than 2 controls and more than 8							
Pts (control K=1: A=2 etc)							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
AK with a singleton, lead K and then singleton							

	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS		
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ACOL – 5-Card Majors, Approach Club, Strong NT (15 – 17),			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	15 – 17		
Shape constraints	May include 5-card major, 6-card minor	Tick if may have singleton ☐	
Responses	2♣ Stayman less than 10 pts 3♣ Puppet Stayman		
2♦	Transfer to hearts	2♥ Transfer to spades	
2♠	Transfer to clubs & correct	2NT Invitational	
Others	3 level bids FG.(8+) See note 1 re transfer breaks.		
Action after opponents double	Natural (xx = good hand)		
Action after other interference	2 suit = NF, 3 suit = F, shows suit, x = t/o		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses Notes	
2♣	FG or semi-forcing 23-24 bal	2♦ = 0-1 control	See note 3
2♥♠	8 trick hand	2NT = 5-8 N0 5 card S H	
2NT	21-22, bal or semi-bal	Puppet stayman; 3♦/♥ = transfer; 3♠ = both minors, slam try	
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).			
Checkback Stayman asking for 4 card suit			

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