

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	See Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4		WJS (3-7pts); Inv minor 2NT: v weak inv minor (0-5) or strong major	8
1♦	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♥	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♠	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4		WJS +Jacoby 2NT	4
3 bids	5+	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Pre-emptive	New suit Forcing	3
4 bids	6+	<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	Nat 5+ , 7-15 HCP	Cue-good raise	
Jump overcall	Weak	Cue-good raise	
Cue bid	Michaels ATV		5
1NT Direct: Protective:	15 – 17 11 –14	As Opening	
2NT Direct: Protective:	Unusual – Lowest 2 suits ATV		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	X=Majors, 1NT=minors		
Short 1♣/1♦	As normal		
Weak 1NT	Multi-Landy; 2C Majors; 2D single-suit in major; (2H/2S p/c)		9
Strong 1NT	Multi-Landy; 2C Majors; 2D single-suit in major; (2H/2S p/c)		9
Weak 2	X T/O, 2NT 16-18 +Lebensohl; Leaping Michaels		
Weak 3	X T/O , 3NT To Play		
4 bids	X Minors – T/O , Maj – Pens, 4NT – 2 Suits		
Multi 2♦	X – 12-15 or 19+ Balanced, 2NT 16–18 (As Opener)		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Keycard	5♣=0/3, 5♦=1/4, 5♥= 2 with-	D0P1, R0P1
Blackwood	out trump Q, 5♠ = 2 with Q	
Gerber over 1 or 2N	4♦=0 or 4, 4♥=1. 4♠=2, 4N=3	

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	Displaced bids non forcing
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout			
Redouble	9+	New suit	NF NF
Jump raise	Pre-empt	2NT	Good Raise Other

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles
 X of opponents conventional bid shows that suit(except v strong club)

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Fourth Suit Forcing (1S is natural)
1x – 2y – 2NT – Forcing to Game (15-20) 3N is bal 15-16
1x – 1y – 2NT – 19-20. 3♣ = Checkback distribution check similar to note 6
Directional Asking bids
Long Suit Trial Bids
Checkback (15-18) 1NT rebid - see Note 6)
Unassuming cue bids
Extended Stayman (1NT-2♠-2♦-3♦)

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).

1 Response to 2NT relay. 3♣=min pts<2 hon 3♦ =min pts 2 honours
 3NT=3 honours 3♥=max pts<2 hon 3♠=max pts 2 honours

2 Responses also apply to 2NT after 2♣/2♦ opening. 5 card Stayman
 3♥/3NT response reversed

3 Minor pre-empts may be 6 card suit

4 Opener's responses:
 Balanced Hands 3 of agreed major = 16+, 3NT 14-15, 4 of agreed major < 14
 Unbalanced Hands 3♣/♦/♥/♠= singleton or void, 4 ♣/♦/♥ 4 card suit

5 1♣-2♣= 5-5 ♥ and ♠, 1M-2M = 5 other major and 5 unspec minor
 After 1M-2M, 2NT is relay requesting minor



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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> Kx	<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 <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>
	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	
v. NT contracts	<u>A</u> K x (<u>x</u>)	A <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 <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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Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-							
A/Q attitude K for count							
CARDING METHODS							
	Primary method v suit contracts			Primary method v NT contracts			
On Partner's lead	Attitude						
On Declarer's lead	High/Low even no			High/Low even no			
When discarding	1 st discard is McKenney						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
McKenney when necessary							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
6	Checkback (2C) after 1N re-bid: opener re-bids (naturally)						
	At 2 level with 15-16 - unbid 4cM, delayed 3cM support, or 2N						
	At 3 level with 17-18 - unbid 4cd, delayed 3cM support, or 3N						
7	1NT (x) - suit = suit+suit above; Rdbl =ask opener to bid 2C, pass or correct						
	Pass =asks opener to Rdbl; Responder passes (strong) or lower of non-touch						
8	1m-2N: v weak inv minor; 4cd support 0-5pts or could be a strong						
	Major. Opener rebids minor after which a Major shows strength						
9	2C shows at least 8 cards in major – 4-4 or better. 2D shows 5+ unspc major, no other 4 cd suit.. 2H/S shows 5+ plus a 4 card minor. 2NT asks for minor						

GENERAL DESCRIPTION (NOV 2023)			
BENJI ACOL (** NOTE 2C OPENER)			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	12-14	Tick if artificial and provide details below <input type="checkbox"/>	
Shape constraints		Tick if may have singleton <input type="checkbox"/>	
Responses	2♣ STAYMAN (promissory)		
2♦	Hearts	2♥	Spades
2♠	Minor transfer or 11 pts	2NT	12pts
Others	3♣ 5Cd Stm, non-puppet, other 3s nat forcing		
Action after opponents double	Helvic: note7		
Action after other interference	Lebensohl, FADS		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	8PT, any suit/ 23-24 bal/**Wk 2 in ♦	2♦ = Relay	2
2♦	GF	2♥ Negative	
2♥	5-9 6 card suit	2NT Relay	1
2♠	5-9 6 card suit	2NT Relay	1
2NT	21-22 Bal	Transfers, 5 card stayman, 3♠= minor slam interest	2
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).			
Lighter opening bids in 3 rd seat			

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