


OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	12-19		4			
1♦	12-19		4			
1♥	12-19		4	2NT Jacoby (note 1) Bergen raises (note 2) Splinter bids		
1♠	12-19		4			
3 bids	Weak		6	All bids of new suit game forcing		
4 bids	Weak		7	All bids of new suit game forcing		
DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN						
OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT		CONVENTIONAL MEANING		SPECIAL RESPONSES		Notes
Simple overcall		5 cards suit, SQOT test				
Jump overcall		6 card suit, weak/int ATV 3C = Ghestem (note 3)				
Cue bid		Ghestem (note 3)				
1NT	Direct:	15/18 points				
	Protective:	11 – 14				
2NT	Direct:	Ghestem (note 3)				
	Protective					
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS		SPECIAL RESPONSES		Notes
Strong 1♣		Natural, 1NT = majors or minors				
Short 1♣/1♦		Natural overcall				
Weak 1NT		Multi Landy (note 4)				
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Weak 2		Double for takeout, Lebensohl responses, 2NT = 16-18				
Weak 3		Double for takeout, bids are natural				
4 bids		Over 4C/D double = TO, over 4H/S double = values, 4NT = two suits				
Multi 2♦		Double = values, Lebensohl responses, 2NT = 16-18				
SLAM CONVENTIONS						
Name		Meaning of Responses		Action over interference		
RKCB (4NT) 5C= 0 or 3, 5D= 1 or 4 5H= 2 without Q, 2S= 2 with Q Gerber (4C over 1NT only) 4D= 0 or 4, 4H= 1, 4S= 2, 4NT= 3 5NT = bid specific kings DOPI/ROPI						

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		
Level to which negative doubles apply	3S	8 + points
Special meaning of bids		
Exceptions / other agreements		
Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble 9+ penalty seeking	New suit Natural & forcing for 1 round	Jump in new suit Fit jumps
Jump raise	2NT	Other
Pre-emptive	A good raise	-
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles		
Lead directing Responsive Competitive		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
Unassuming Cue bid (bidding opener's suit) Fourth suit forcing Long suit trial bids Lebensohl Responders change of suit forcing, 2NT rebid forcing over two level response Checkback over 1NT and 2NT rebid		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
<p>Note 1 Jacoby 1H/S – 2NT Jacoby = 4+ support, game forcing. Resp) 3H/S = extra length better than min, 3NT flat and balanced Other 3 level bids trial bid for slam 4 level bids are splinters other than 4H/S minimum hand</p> <p>Note 2 Bergen raises – 4 card support, 3C = 6-9 HCP, 3D = 9-11 HCP</p> <p>Note 3 Ghestem – Cue bid is at least 5/5 in extremes, 2NT = 5/5 in lowest two suits, 3C = 5/5 in upper two suits</p> <p>Note 4 – Multi Landy 2C = majors, 2D = single suits, 2H/S = major plus minor, 2NT = big two suiter</p> <p>Note 5 = Helmick After 1NT is doubled, XX = 5 card suit unspecified. Immediate bid shows lower of two 4 cards suits. Pass forces redouble, if followed by bid is lower of two four card non touching suits</p> <p>Note 6 = Kokish 2C/2D/2NT = 23/24 2C/2D/2H/2S/2NT = 25-26 2C/2D/3NT = 27-28 2C/2D/2H/2S/3NT = 29+</p>		

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 <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>
	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 (x)	<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:-							
CARDING METHODS							
Signals	Primary method v suit contracts	Primary method v NT contracts					
On Partner's lead	Ace and Queen for attitude (reverse), King for count						
On Declarer's lead	Count						
When discarding	Italian – odd encourage, even may be McKenney						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
McKenney in obvious situations, false cards							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS			
Acol plus weak twos in three suits			
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	12-14 may include 5 card major		
Shape constraints			
Responses	2♣ Stayman (non-promissory)		
2♦	Transfer to hearts	2♥	Transfer to spades
2♠	Transfer to clubs resp 2NT = H	2NT	Transfer to diamonds 3C = H
Others	3 level bids are slam try		
Action after opponents double	Helmic (note 5)		
Action after other interference	Lebensohl		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Strong hand, game forcing	2D relay, Kokish (note 6)	
2♦	Weak 6D 5-9 non vul 6-10 vul		
2♥	Weak 6H	2NT enquiry, bid feature if better than min	
2♠	Weak 6S		
2NT	20-22, 3 clubs = 5 card stayman (puppet), transfers, 3S = 5S & 4H		
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
Weak jump shifts over 1C/1D/1H up to 2S			
1NT – 2S – 2NT = honour to 3			
1NT – 2NT – 3C = honour to 3			