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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

Acol, Strong 2s, Weak NT, 4 Card Majors

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 12-14 Tick if artificial and provide details below

Shape constraints Tick if may have singleton

Responses 2♣ Stayman (non-promissory)

2♦ Transfer to Hearts 2♥ Transfer to Spades

2♠ Transfer to Clubs 2NT Transfer to Diamonds

Others 3 Level bids show a six card suit with two top honours and are invitational, 4C = Gerber, 4D = slam try

Action after opponents double Houdini (Incorporating an obligatory redouble). Note 4

Action after other interference Double shows values, penalty orientated (not 100%)

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Acol 23+	Simple Kokish. 2C – 2D – 2H = Hs or 25+bal	5
2♦	Strong with diamonds	2H negative	
2♥	Strong with hearts	2S negative	
2♠	Strong with spades	3C negative	
2NT	20-22	3C = 5 card stayman	1

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).

Weak Jump Overcalls except vul against not when they are Intermediate

Leads: 4th and 2nd, distributional signals, natural discards (HELD)

Fit Jumps over our overcalls

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note *	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 (3)	2NT Baron	Padding 3NT = 12/15 4 card fit	Splinters
1♦	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 (3)	2NT Baron	Padding 3NT = 12/15 4 card fit	Splinters
1♥	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	2NT Jacoby	Padding 3NT = 12/15 3 card fit	Splinters
1♠	10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	2NT Jacoby	Padding 3NT = 12/15 3 card fit	Splinters
3 bids	2-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Pre-empt	bids natural FG, 3NT to play	
4 bids	Any	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Pre-empt		

*(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	UCB, BIDS NF	
Jump overcall	Weak (intermediate at unfavourable vul)	UCB, bids NF	
Cue bid	Michaels – weak OR strong.		
1NT Direct:	15-18 with Stayman and Transfers		7,8
Protective:	11-14 with Crowhurst and Transfers		
2NT Direct:	Unusual, lowest suits, weak OR strong		
Protective:	19-21		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	X, 1S, 1NT = CRO, 1D/H = xfer and	2 level bids show named suit or 3 other suits	
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural, Michaels still applies		
Weak 1NT	Landy. X is penalty, 2C = majors, except	by passed hand when x = majors	
Strong 1NT	DON'T. Bids are weak and show lower of 2	suits. X shows a single suited hand	
Weak 2	X t/o	Lebensohl	
Weak 3	X t/o		
4 bids	X t/o		
Multi 2♦	Dixon. 2 H/S shows takeout of other major	2N = 17-19, x=13-16 or 20+ bal	

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCB	5C = 0 or 3 key cards	DOPI, ROPI
	5D = 1 or 4 key cards	
	5H = 2 key cards - no trump queen	
	5S = 2 key cards + trump queen	

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents

Level to which negative doubles apply	3 Spades
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Special meaning of bids	Genuine raises shown via a cue bid. Jacoby still applies
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Exceptions / other agreements	Bidding an unbid suit after doubling shows a long suit in a weakish hand Double by opener after 1 of a suit response and an overcall show flat 15-16+ , usually with no stop in the suit bid
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Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble	10+	New suit	Natural, F1	Jump in new suit	Fit jump
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Jump raise	Pre-empt	2NT	Classic genuine raise	Other
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Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

Game tries to 3H, comp doubles to 3 of our suit, resp doubles to 3S (showing majors or minors as appropriate)

Co-operative doubles to 2S (doubles under the suit doubled tend to be takeout, over the suit can be penalties if there is no reason for a T/O double)

Double of bid after 1NT shows double of 1NT OR shows suit bid artificially

OTHER CONVENTIONS

4SF (Not FG), Lebensohl (whenever it could be, it is), Houdini rescue from 1NT X

2NT rebid over 2 level response is FG

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

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

Note 1. Over 2NT opening or equivalent

3C = 5 card Stayman. After 3D response (at least one 4 card major): -

Responder bids the lowest suit he doesn't hold or 3NT to play.

Or bids 4D with 4-4 or 5-5 majors - no slam ambition OR clear slam intentions, 4C with both majors slammy

3D/H = Transfers

3S = Transfer to 3NT after which responder shows single suit slam interest

3NT = 5S and 4H

4C/D = 5 of the minor bid and 4 of the other one. 4H over 4D agrees clubs, 4NT is no fit.

4H/S = RKCB for clubs/diamonds respectively

Note 2.

Sequence 1NT – 2C – 2H – 2S shows 4 spades and values for 2NT. Opener responds

2NT = min no spade fit

3H = 5H and max

3S = min NT and 4S

3NT = max NT, no spade fit

4S = max NT and 4S

Note 3 Dixon Style Defence to Multi: -

2H/S shows a takeout of the other major

X = 13-16 or 21+ balanced

2NT shows 17-19 balanced

Pass may show both majors

Note 4: Houdini. When 1NT is doubled, responder may: xx to show an unspecified 5 card suit; bid the lower of two touching suits; pass and bid the lower of two non-touching suits over the obligatory xx.

Note 5. Kokish. 2C – 2D – 2H = Hs or 25+

Minor Suit Stayman: 1NT – 2C – 2D – 3C – Now: 3NT = both minors, 3D = 1 minor, 3H/S = 5 card C/D
1NT – 2C – 2H – 3C – Now: 3D = 1 minor, 3H = 5Hearts, 3S = 4S. 1NT – 2C – 2S – 3C – Now: 3D = 1 minor, 3S = 5Spades

OPENING LEADS (only marginally non-standard!)

For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card.

Hatch over or shade this box if using non-standard leads.

v. suit contracts	<u>A</u> <u>K</u>	<u>A</u> <u>K</u> x	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 10	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 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 <u>-</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	x <u>x</u> x 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	<u>10</u> 9 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	x <u>x</u> x x x

Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-

Ace and queen leads ask for attitude, King asks for count

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v. suit contracts	Primary method v. NT contracts
On Partner's lead	Normal Count, Ace and Queen for attitude, King for count	Ditto
On Declarer's lead	Normal count	Ditto
When discarding	High encouraging, low discouraging	Ditto

Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above

McKenney type suit prefs when relevant (eg when count and attitude known)

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

Note 6. Defence to 2NT preempt (minors)

3C = 5 hearts and 4 spades

3D = 5 spades and 4 hearts

X = both majors

Note 7. Responses to crowhurst after protective 1NT

1S - - 1NT
- 2C - ?

2D = min no 4 card major

2H/S = min 4 card major

3H/S = max 4 card major

2NT = max no 4 card major

Note 8 Transfers over 1NT

Transfers - 4 suit transfers with breaks. 1NT - 3 any is invitational. 1NT - 2C - 2Any - 3C is minor suit Stayman.

Note 9 When Opponents double Stayman. Opener bids normally WITH a club stopper or passes without one. Responders bids are then: xx to continue the sequence (transfer responses), 2D to show rubbish; 2H showing both majors (pass or correct); 2S invitational with spades.