

OTHER OPENING BIDS					
	HCP	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10-21	2	Includes weak NT / 18-19 balanced without 5M	Inverted raises WJS at 2 and 3 level (except 1♦-3♣ 9-11 6+ and fit after P-1♦)	1, 2
1♦	10-21	4		Walsh to 1♣ 1♦-2♣ natural GF	
1♥/♠	10-21	5 (4 in 3 rd)		1NT wide range semi-F Non-passed: 1♥-2♠ WJS, 1♠-3♥ nat. inv. 6+, rest 2NT to 4M a raise	3, 4
3 bids	<9	6	Gambling 3NT	3♦♥♠-4♣ and 3♣-4♦ RKCB	
4 bids		7	4NT specific Aces	4♣/♦-4NT nat 4♣-4♦ and 4♥/♠-4NT RKCB	5
*(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		May be good 4 at 1 level	2♣ UCB, 2♦♥ cue is clubs, jump cue mixed		
Jump overcall		Weak, normally 6-card suit			
Cue bid		Michaels	2NT asks		
1NT	Direct Protective	15-18 11-15	As opener except 2♣ HCP/shape ask		
2NT	Direct: Protective	UNT (2 lowest unbid suits) 19-21 protective	- As opener		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes	
Strong 1♣ or 2♣		X MM; 1/2NT mm; WJOs	7		
Short 1♠/1♦		As natural (but if only 2+ (1m)-3m = WJO)			
1NT		X penalties unpassed hand <14-16. 4M 5m otherwise Multi-Landy	6		
Weak 2		X TO + Lebensohl	Leaping Michaels		
Weak 3		X TO; (3m) 4m MM	Non-leaping Michaels		
4 bids		X TO; (4m/M)-4NT Nat/2 places	X-4NT same		
Multi 2♦		X 13-15 or strong, 2NT = 16-18 bal, X = TO in 4 th			

SLAM CONVENTIONS		
Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCB (and Exclusion RKCB)	4130; bid 1 level higher with working void Specific K ask	DOPI/DOPE; ROPI
5NT GSF	6♣ = 0, 6T = 1, 7T = 2 of top honours	
Cue-bids 1 st or 2 nd round control, Serious 3NT, Last Train, 5NT pick a slam		

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS	
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents	
Negative doubles	Up to and including 4♥
Special meaning of bids	Fit jumps; cue = UCB. If 1M opened cue = 3-card limit or better and 2NT = 4+ support (limit or better)
Exceptions / other agreements	No fit jumps to 1♣ and plausible jumps to game are natural in competition. 1M (X) single jump OM = mixed raise


Agreements after opponents double for takeout				
Redouble	Next suit up	New suit	Transfers	Jump in new suit
				Weak after 1♣
Jump raise	PRE	2NT	Good 4+ card raise	1♥ (X) 2♠ and 1♠ (X) 3♥ mixed raises Otherwise fit except plausible jumps to game

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles	
Most doubles in competition are TO. Lead directing doubles	
Double for penalty if we have found a fit at low level and they protect.	
Support Xs and XXs for M to 2 level	

OTHER CONVENTIONS	
4SF – Blackout after low reverse, otherwise F1 at 1 or 2 level; to game if at 3 level	
Lebensohl (fast denies) if we open 1NT or they open weak 2 or similar, Multi 2♦	
Generally if our artificial bid doubled P shows stop	
2-way Checkback over 1NT rebid	

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (ALSO SEE BACK OF CARD)	
1 1m-1M may conceal longer minor if responder lacks GF values	
2 1♦ if weak NT then 5 cards or KJTx+	

OPENING LEADS MUD Ace/King 2 nd 4 th							
(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 contract	A <u>K</u>	<u>A</u> K x	<u>K</u> Q 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>x</u> x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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v. NT contract	<u>A</u> K x (x)	<u>A</u> J 10 x	<u>K</u> Q 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>x</u> 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/Q/J asks for reverse attitude (HDLE); K asks for reverse count (HOLE), or unblock v NT							
CARDING METHODS							
Primary method v suit contracts or v NT contracts							
On Partner's lead	As requested/reverse count/ McKenney suit preference						
On Declarer's lead	Reverse count (reverse Smith Peters vs NT)						
When discarding	First discard = reverse attitude, then current reverse count						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
Reverse count on A lead when dummy has Qxx or longer. Suit preference:							
(i) When seeking ruff; (ii) when partner leads a top card against a suit contract and dummy hits with singleton, Kx, KQx or other very strong holding; (iii) in trump suit							
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS							
3 2NT GF; direct void splinters including 1♥-3NT spade void, 3(M+1) any singleton, 3♣/♦ 3/4 card limit; 1M-3M mixed (7-9 HCPs, 4+ trump support).							
4 Passed hand: 2NT 4+ limit; fit jumps; 2♣ one-way Drury; 1NT still wide range							
5 4m-4NT natural and 4NT-5NT = 2 Aces							
6 Multi-Landy: 2♣ MM at least 54/45 - 2♦ asks longer/better. 2♦ one major - 2/3♥ P/C. 2M 5M + 4+ m - 2NT asks, 3♣ P/C, 3♦ UCB. 2NT mm min 55. 3 any PRE							
7 Also after diamond negative responses							
8 Smolen after 1NT-2♣ -2♦ and 2NT-3♣-3♦							
9 Not GF if opener is 23-24 balanced or 2 nd negative with single-suited major							

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	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS 5 card majors, short club, 15-17 NT, 2-over-1 GF, Weak 2♦/♥/♠		
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
Strength	15-17. May have 5 card major (M) or 6 card minor (m) or 14(53) A/K		
Responses	2♣ Stayman, not promising a 4-card major (see 8)		
2♦	Transfer to hearts	2♥	Transfer to spades
2♠	Transfer to clubs	2NT	Transfer to diamonds
Others	3♣ 5 card Stayman; 3♦ GF 55 MM; 3M slam try; 4♣ 55 mm GF		
Action after opponents double	Natural if double = penalties. System on if X = artificial		
Action after other interference	Lebensohl. X TO if bid natural otherwise INV+, values		
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES			
	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	23+ bal or strong	2♦ = neg or waiting; opener's 2♥ rebid = either nat. or 23-24 bal. (direct 2NT = 25+)	9
2♦♥♠	Natural weak 2 (5-9 HCP in 1 st /2 nd)	New suit 2/3 level = constructive NF/F1 (jump FG); 2♦-3♣ FR show M feature non-min 2M-2NT FR: 3♣ non-minimum; 3M = minimum; 3♦/OM/ 3NT = non-minimum, showing 4 card side suit in ♣/♦/ OM respectively. 2M-4♣ RKCB	
2NT	20-22 bal	Stayman; GF transfers; 3♠ 4+4+ mm slam try; 4m/M slam try M/m	8
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE			
Many artificial raises of 1M openings see 3			
Weak jump shifts at 2 and 3 level to 1m (except 1♦-3♣ INV and fit after P-1♦) also 1♥-2♠			
Transfers after 1 of a suit (X) but 1NT natural			
2♣ UCB opposite overcall, 2 level cue of ♦ or ♥ shows clubs, constructive			
Attitude, count and Smith signals all reverse			

Both players of a partnership must have identically completed convention cards.
Cards must be exchanged with opponents for each round. 29/12/2023