

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	11-20		4	Rule of 20		13
1♦	11-20		4	Rule of 20		
1♥	11-20	13	4	Rule of 20	2NT = 15 & fit Splinter bids	2
1♠	11-19	13	4			3
2♦2♥/2♠	5-9		6	Weak	Ogust enquiry	5
3 bids	5 - 10		7	Pre-emptive		
4 bids	5 - 10		8	Pre-emptive		

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN

OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT		CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall		Non-forcing (note 11)	change of suit forcing for 1 round	
Jump overcall		weak 5-10 6+ card suit		
Cue bid		Michaels 2 suited 5/5	7-13	7
1NT	Direct: Protective:	15-19 with stop (system on) 10-14 no stop		
2NT	Direct: Protective	Lowest 2 unbid suits 5/5		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣				
Short 1♣/1♦				
Weak 1NT		2♣ Capelletti		6
Strong 1NT		2♣ Capelletti		6
Weak 2		Take out Double 2NT: 16-18 balanced with stop		
Weak 3		Take out Double		
4 bids		4NT for take out, Double for penalty		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCB	5C = 4/1: 5D = 3/0: 5H = 2 without Q; 5S = 2 with Q	
	5NT asks for number of other Kings	
	Gerber 4♣ over 1NT/2NT 4=0 4♥=1 4♠=2 4NT=3 (next bid up asks for kings)	
	4NT quantitative over 1/2NT opener	

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	
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble 9= HCP no trump support	New suit	Jump in new suit Forcing 1 round
Jump raise	2NT	Other
Losing trick count	Losing trick count	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles
 Re-opening double
 2 level response = 9+ points
 Negative (sputnik) double shows 4 cards in unbid major

OTHER CONVENTIONS and SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

- Fourth suit forcing 1♣ 1♦ 1♥ 1♠ is natural and 2♠ is 4th suit forcing
- Jacoby 2NT in response to partners 1♥ 1♠ shows 15+ with fit
Bids in new suits after 2NT show controls.
- Splinters = losing singleton/void
- Opener's NT rebids, 1X..1Y..1NT 15-18, 2NT 19 HCP, 1X....2Y....2NT 15-19 HCP
- Responding to partners weak 2♥/2♠ opener
2NT (Ogust) 16+ asks for hand quality
3♣ poor hand/poor suit, 3♦ poor hand/good suit, 3♥ good hand/poor suit,
3♠ good hand/good suit, 3NT AKQxxx or better
Change of suit at 2 level natural/invitational. Change of suit at 3 level natural/forcing
- Defence to 1NT Capelletti see supplementary
- Michaels cue bid - 1 minor/2 minor = Spades and hearts, 1H / 2H = Spades + minor
1S / 2S = Hearts + minor, 2NT = lowest 2 unbid suits
- 1NT (dbl) RDBL with 5+ card suit, opener bids 2♣, responder pass/correct
1NT (dbl) if responder has 2 x 4 card suits bids lower ranking
1NT (dbl) pass, opener redoubles and partner passes or bids 4 card suit
- Lebonsohl – see supplementary
- Unassuming cue bid – opposite partners overcall shows 10+ points and 3 or more card support
- With 4♥ & 4♠ open 1♥, 4441 hands open 1♥ with black singleton 1♣ with red singleton
- Crowhurst - After openers rebid of 1NT or 2NT, 2/3♣ asks partner to describe hand further
- Transfer breaks 2NT 4 card support max. 3H/S 4 card support min. Other suit – 4 card support, max, good suit.
- 3S response – relay to 3NT, 4C continuation is Gerber, Immediate 4C/D is slam try in bid minor, 4H/S shortage, slam try in either minor, 4NT is negative.

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>	A <u>K</u> x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K 10 9	Q <u>J</u> 10
	Q <u>J</u> x	J 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	A <u>K</u> x (x)	A <u>J</u> 10 x	K <u>Q</u> 10	K <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K 10 9	Q <u>J</u> 10
	Q <u>J</u> x	J 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	Attitude: low encourage/high discourage	
On Declarer's lead	Count High even, low odd.	
When discarding	Revolving	

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

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

Note 9 Lebensohl - basic - 1NT, opponents bid 2 level, partners bids 2NTs with 5+ card suit and 10+ points. Opener bids 3♣, partner pass/correct

Other continuations after 3c relay.

Bid of opponents suit is Stayman with a stop in opps suit (and values for game)

3NT to play with a stop in opps suit

Additional:

Immediate bids (not via 2NT/3C) Other suits at 2 level weak (6-9HCP) 5 cards.

Opponents suit is Stayman with no stop. 3NT no stop. (and game values)

Capelletti – 2c single suited (normally 6), 2D waiting response, pass or correct, 2D at least 5-4 in majors, partner bids better major, 2H/2S 5-5 major and unspecified minor, partner supports major with tolerance or 2NT with minors, 2NT 5-5 minors, partner bids better minor.



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

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1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength	12-14	If artificial give details below and make obvious by shading in grey the cell on right.
Shape constraints	No singleton	If may have singleton make obvious by shading in grey the cell on the right
Responses	2♣ Stayman	
2♦	Transfer to hearts Note15	2♥ Transfer to spades Note15
2♠	Transfer to minor/3C relay	2NT 11/12 points
Others	3♣/♦/♥/♠ = 5+ card suit and slam interest	
Action after opponents double	See note 8	
Action after other interference	Lebensohl see note 9	

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	8 playing tricks / 23+ HCP	2♦ negative or relay / Stayman / transfers	
2♦	6 card suit 5-9	2NT Ogust enquiry	5
2♥	6-card suit 5-9 points	2NT Ogust enquiry	5
2♠			
2NT	20-22	stayman transfers Note 16	

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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

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2NT enquiry to 2H/2S opening bid

3C = minimum and less than 2 of top 3, or 3 of 5 honours.

3D = minimum with 2 of top 3, or 3 of 5 honours or more.

3H = maximum and less than 2 of top 3 or 3 of 5 honours

3S = maximum with 2 of top 3, or 3 of 5 honours, or more

3NT = AKQxxx or better