

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	12-20	4	Raise +1: 6 to 9 (4 of suit); Raise +2: 10-12 (4 of suit); 1NT 6 to 9 New suit at 1 level 6+ pts, New suit at 2 Level 9+ pts; 2NT 11-12; Splinter-bid: 11+/singleton, void, or A	
1♦	12-20	4		
1♥	12-20	4	Raise +1: 6 to 9 (4 of suit); Raise +2: 10-12 (4 of suit); 1NT 6 to 9 New suit at 1 level 6+ pts, New suit at 2 Level 9+ pts; 2NT 14+, 4+M, FG; Splinter-bid: 11+/singleton, void, or A	
1♠	12-20	4		
1NT	12-14			2♣=Stayman, 2♦/2♥=transfers, 2S=minors 3♣/3♦/3♥/3♠ 1-suited slam try, 4♣=Gerber
2♣	20-22		20-22 unbalanced (F1) (Usually 6-card suit)	2♦= relay
2♦	23+	GF	2H 0-4; 2S 5-6; 2NT 7-8; 3C 9-10	
2♥	6-10	6	Weak raise (TTP); New suit (F1); 3NT (to play); 2NT (F1)	
2♠	6-10	6		
2NT	20-22		Balanced	3♣=Stayman, 3♦/3♥=transfers, 4♣=Gerber
3 bids	5-11	7	Pre-emptive	New suit is F1
4 bids	5-11	8	Pre-emptive	

DEFENSIVE BIDS				
OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods	
Simple	Natural, wide-ranging, new suit F1	Strong 1♣		
Jump	Weak (6-card suit)	Weak 1NT	Double=PEN 2♣=any single-suited hand	
Cue Bid	Michaels	Strong 1NT	2♦=majors 2M=5M+minor	
1NT	Direct 15-17	Protective 11-14	Weak 2	Double=takeout
	Responses As over 1NT		Weak 3	Double=takeout
2NT	Direct Unusual/2-lowest	Protective 19-21	4 bids	Optional double
	Responses		MULTI	

ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH					
Simple Overcall	Double	Takeout through 3♠	Bids	New suit F1	
Jump Overcall	Double	Takeout through 3♠	Bids	Raises PRE	
Double	Redouble	New suit	Jump in new suit	Jump raise	2NT
	10+ misfit	natural, F1	5+ suit with fit	PRE	Sound raise

**SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:**  
Double of suit is take-out (if partner not bid, otherwise PEN)  
Double of 1NT is 16+  
If your 1NT is doubled (systems-off) **all bids are natural and redouble is to play**

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Name: RKC-Blackwood 1403	C 1/4; D 0/3; H 2/5-QT; S 2/5+QT 5NT G-slam try: 6 of trump suit = 0 King; 6 of other suit = K of that suit; 6NT = 2K's	D0P1, R0P1
Gerber	4♦=0 aces, 4♥=1, 4♠=2, 4NT=3 (5♣ then asks for kings)	

Other Conventions:  
Wriggle: after 1NT doubled (if <8hcp); bid 5 card suit; xx asks partner to bid 4 card-suits up-the-line  
Trial bid: 1M-2M- 3(any) asking for support in that suit  
Unusual 2NT: at least 5/5 in two lowest unbid suits (usually the minors), 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing (11+HCP; min. Qxx)  
Jacoby 1M-2NT shows 4-card support and 14+HCP  
(1M-3M shows 4-card support and 10-13 HCP)

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	4th	2nd from bad suit, MUD		
Attach Red Spot, or hatch over, if using non-standard leads	AK	AKx	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	109x	987x	10xxx	Hxxx x	Hxxx_xx
	Hxxx	Hxx	xx	xxx	xxxx
Other leads:	v NT contracts	4th	2nd from bad suit, MUD		
	AKx(x)	AJ10x	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	10xxx	109x	987x	Hxx	Hxxx_xx
	Hxxx x	Hxxx	xx	xxx	xxxx

(In all the card combinations shown, circle the card normally lead if different from standard i.e. underlined card)

CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets.
On Partner's lead	High=encouraging, low=discouraging
On Declarer's lead	As discards
When Discarding	Odd card=encouraging, Even card=discouraging
Exceptions to above	

## SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)

### Abbreviations

F1 forcing for one round (partner may not pass it but you do not guarantee another bid)

PRE pre-emptive


UCB unassuming cue bid (a cue bid of the opponent's suit to ask for more information)

m minor suit

M major suit

DOP1 Double=no aces, pass=1 ace

R0P1 Redouble=no aces, pass=1 ace

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

Bidding Methods:- Acol, 4-card majors, 12-14 1NT, two weak twos  
Benjamin 2♣/2♦

Style of leads, signals, discards:-

top of sequences (internal sequences), 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from poor suits

high=encouraging signal

odd=encouraging first discard, even=suit preference (revolving,  
eg high spade=club)

## ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

Pottage defence to 1NT

1M-2NT shows 4-card support and 14+HCP

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: 12-14

2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: Stayman

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