

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	11-20	4		Splinters
1♦	11-20	4		Splinters
1♥	11-20	4		Splinters
1♠	11-20	4		Splinters
1NT	12-14	-	2♣=Stayman, 2♦/2♥/2♠/3♣=transfer; Gerber	
2♣	19-22	0	8 playing tricks in any suit or 21-22 balanced	2♦=neg/waiting
2♦	17+	0	Game forcing or 23-24 bal	2♥=negative
2♥	5-10	6	Weak	3♣=min pts, min suit,
2♠	5-10	6	Weak	3♦=min, max, 3♥=max, min
2NT	8-13	-	At least 5/5 in the minors	3m=to play, 3M constructive
3 bids	6-11	7	Pre-emptive	New suit is forcing for one round
4 bids	10-14	7	Pre-emptive	

SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Takeout at low levels except when we play penalty doubles when non-vulnerable vs vulnerable
Responsive doubles up to 3♠

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Name: RKCB	5♣=1/4 key cards, 5♦=0/3, 5♥=2 w/o queen, 5♠=2 w/queen	DOPI, ROPI
Gerber 4♣	4♦=1/4 aces, 4♥=0/3, 4♠=2 same colour, 4NT=2 same rank, 5♣=2 (♣+♥ or ♦+♠)	

DEFENSIVE BIDS			
OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods
Simple	8-14 @ 1 lvl; 10-15 @ 2 lvl	Strong 1♣	
Jump	15+, 6-card suit	Weak 1NT	2♣=majors
Cue Bid	Michaels (2)	Strong 1NT	2♣=majors
1 NT	Direct 15-18	Weak 2	Double=takeout 2NT=15-17 with 1.5 stops
	Protective 10-12		
2NT	Responses Stayman and transfers	Weak 3	Double=takeout
	Direct Unusual, lower 2 suits Responses	Protective 19-21 bal	4 bids Optional double
		MULTI	

ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH

Simple Overcall	Double	takeout except when we are NV v VUL	Bids	Natural, F1
Jump Overcall	Double	"	Bids	Natural, F1
Double	Redouble	New suit	Jump in new suit	Jump raise
	10+ points	Forcing	Forcing	Pre-emptive
				2NT
				Good raise

Other Conventions:

Fourth suit forcing, trial bids, transfers and Puppet Stayman over 2NT sequences
Unassuming cue bids, Wriggle if 1NT is doubled (1)

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	4th, 3rd and 5th;	4 th , top of 3 small, second from 4+ small
Attacker not or hatchling non-standard leads	AK K109 109x Hxxx	AKx QJ10 987x Hxx	KQ10 QJx 10xxx xx xxx xxxx
Other leads:	v NT contracts	4th, 3rd and 5th;	4 th , top of 3 small, second from 4+ small
	AKx(x) K109 10xxx Hxxx	AJ10x QJ10 109x Hxxx	KQ10 QJx 987x xx KQx J10x Hxx xxx KJ10 10xx Hxxx 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 is encouraging
On Declarer's lead	High-low shows even number
When Discarding	Odd card is encouraging in suits, suit preference in no trump
Exceptions to above	Suit preference when partner is forced to switch

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)

(1) When opponents X 1NT for penalty:
redouble = 5+♣, 2♣/2♦/2♥ transfers

(2) Michaels Cue Bid = 8-13 HCP

(1m) – 2m shows 5-5 majors

(1M) – 2M shows 5-5 in the other major and unspecified minor



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM BENJAMINISED ACOL

Bidding Methods:-

One level opening bid promises four-card suit

Leads: 4th from good suits, top of 3 small, second from 4+ small

Signals: High is encouraging, high-low shows even count

Discards: Odd encouraging in suits, suit preference in no trump

ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

2NT opening shows 5/5 in the minors with 8-13 HCP

2♣ opening shows 8PTs; 4441 with 19+ pts; or 21-23 balanced

2♦ opening shows 9PTs; 5440 with 17+ pts; or 24-25 balanced

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: 12 – 14

2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: Stayman

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

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