

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	(9)11-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 (3)	3 cards 1 st /2 nd not vul 13-14	Inverted minors 2NT = G15+ bal/weak raise	UNT/UNT Splinters 3NT = 4333
1♦	(9)11-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 (3)			
1♥	(9)11-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4			
1♠	(9)11-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4			
3bids	4 – 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 5/5	Salisbury artif pre-empts [note B]	Most resps = pass/correct or ask Dbl = pens McCabe	B 81-95
4bids	6 – 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 (6)	SA Texas 4♣/♦	4♦/♥ = ask New suit = control	

*(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	7-15 approx, fair 5+ card suit	Fit Jumps McCabe Fit Non-Jumps UCBs	141/2
Jump overcall	Weak Intermediate Prot		
Cue bid	Michaels	M: 2NT asks 3♣/♦ p/c	145
1NT	Direct	Takeout, 3-11 approx, 2 or 3 suited	Pass/correct Cue art 144
	Protective	11-15, need not have stop	System on 146
2NT	Direct	UNT/major	m: pass/correct 145
	Protective	18-20	System on 146 F

OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	Dbl/1♥/NT = 2 of same col/rank/shape 1♦ = ♥ or ♠ 1♠ = 3♠s Suction	Pass/correct	183
			122
Short 1♣/1♦	Canapé overcalls	Artificial if not jump	181/2
Weak 1NT	Asptro 2NT = ♣+♦ or GF 2 suiter	Artificial 2NT/3 any	E
Strong 1NT	Lionel/pass Special pairs/str NT t/o dbl	Pass/correct	161-5
Weak 2	Leaping Michaels 2NT = 16-18 Dbl = t/o Cue asks for a stop for 3NT	Lebensohl 2NT after X System on over 2NT	202 F
Weak 3	Dbl = t/o Cue = Michaels 4NT = Unusual		208
4 bids	4♣/♦/♥: Dbl = t/o 4NT = 2 suiter 4♠: Dbl = pens 4NT = t/o		209
Multi 2♦	X = Dixon 2NT = 16-18	Lebensohl 2NT after X System on over 2NT	204 F

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference	Notes
RKCB Kickback Exclusion RKCB	3041 then specific Kings	X or XX = 1 st step, Pass = 2 nd etc At 6-level: X = odd, Pass = even	101/2
Gerber GSF	Steps	X or XX = 1 st step, Pass = 2 nd etc	104
Blue Club controls	1 st /2 nd indiscriminately		105

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		Notes
Level to which negative doubles apply	4♥ (6+/8+/10+ at the 1/2/3 level) 1♣ (1♦) Dbl = 4♥s	C
Special meaning of bids	F, 5+ cards if major except 1♠ over 1♦	C
Exceptions / other agreements	Fit Jumps 2NT as without overcall Transfers over 2♥/♠	3-5

Agreements after opponents double for takeout						Notes
Redouble	9+, pens	New suit	Nat, F 1NT+ = Trans/M	Jump in new suit	Fit Jumps	7 231
Jump raise	Raise to 2	2NT	As without dbl	Other	Splinters IMSR	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles			Notes
Most low level Doubles are for takeout			221/2/7/30
Responsive through 4♥ = two places to play		Lead Directing	143 228
Special doubles over opener rebids		SOS redoubles	147 123/225/31
Game try doubles		Lightner	226
After a cue of our suit by opponents (except on first round): Dbl (from either side) = do not lead our suit Pass (from either side) = Neutral			


OTHER CONVENTIONS

Lebensohl 2NT	Fast Arrival Denies a Stop (FADS) over interference of 1NT and after any t/o dbl of 2♥/♠	Scrambling 2NT	224		
Asptro over 1NT overcall			8		
4♣ ask, Flint and Transfers after 3NT		Forcing passes	229/32		
Leaping Michaels			162 202		
Blackwood & Acol Specific Ace asking 4NT on first round only			Last Train 103/6/7		
Sandwich 1NT		Cues in Sandwich position natural [LHO] t/o [RHO]	D 148		
In competition:	Suction	Fit Jumps	Fit Non Jumps	McCabe	122 223/31
After 1-suit opening:	Good-Bad 2NT	Mini-splinters	O'Neal		
Crowhurst 2♣		4 th Suit Forcing	Blackout	Gazilli	21-38
Short Suit Trial Bids [Mod]		Wolff	Bource		

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).		
A	Special defences to unusual openings Special defences to artificial responses Special advances after special defences	121/3 149/50 184/5 201-9

OPENING LEADS							
(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 contracts	A <u>K</u>	<u>A</u> K x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K J <u>10</u>	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>	10 <u>9</u> x 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	10 <u>9</u> x	<u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u> x x
v. NT contracts	<u>A</u> K x (<u>x</u>)	A J <u>10</u> x	<u>K</u> Q 10	<u>K</u> Q x	K J <u>10</u>	K <u>10</u> 9 x x	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	10 <u>9</u> x 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	10 <u>9</u> x	<u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u> x	x <u>x</u> x x
Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-							241/2
4th and 2nd Strong 10s at trick 1, not in partner's suit Roman v NT for unblock 9 from H98 Q from KQJ A/Q asks for count, K for attitude K from AK with sing Against 5♣ and above and also after trick 1, A asks for attitude, K/Q for count Leads in partner's 5+ card suit: High, usually 2nd/3rd, from even Low from odd Leads from known 3+ card suit: High, usually 2nd/3rd, from even Low from odd							
CARDING METHODS							
	Primary method v suit contracts			Primary method v NT contracts			
On Partner's lead	High on King lead encourages otherwise high shows even						
On Declarer's lead	High shows even In declarer's first suit in NT or trump suit high says likes opening lead [Smith] followed by high likes high suit [Lavinthal]						
When discarding	Roman: ODD card encourages: EVEN discourages and is Lavinthal						
Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above							
	Returns: High shows even number [current count] Lavinthal when obvious: count or attitude when obvious					243-8	
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)							
B	3♣ = Weak 5/5+ ♣ + ♦ 3♦ = Weak 6+ ♥/♠ 3♥ = Weak 5/5+ ♥ + ♠ 3♠ = Solid ♣/♦, no outside A/K 3NT = Weak 7+ ♣/♦ 4♣/♦ = Solid ♥/♠, no outside A						
C	Sputnik doubles show at least one four-card major [if there is one] at the 1 or 2-level, but only probably at the 3-level. After a double a new suit rebid by doubler = to play 1♣ (1♦) Dbl = four ♥s 1♥ = five+ ♥s 1♠ = four+ ♠s						
D	After (1X) P (1Y) 1NT = mild t/o, 2/3X nat, 2Y 4/6 in unbid suits, 3Y 6/4 in unbid suits						
E	After our double of 1NT later doubles are for takeout whether they of natural suits or not Special double at pairs/PaB or over strong 1NT: 4/4+ minors or ♦/major or 4/4 majors						
F	Responses to natural 2NT: 3♣ = Muppet Stayman 3♦/♥ = transfer 4♣ = Gerber 3♠ = 1-suit s/try 4♦ = 5/5 majors 4M = to play						

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS				
ACOL			January 2018 v 8.7	
Multi 2♣ & 2♦, Lucas 2♥ & 2♠, Salisbury 2NT to 3NT				
1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES				
Strength	9-12 1 st /2 nd non vul 12-14 vul and 4 th 14-17 all 3 rd		Tick if artificial and provide details below <input type="checkbox"/>	
Shape constraints	Singleton hon poss in minor May include any 5 card suit		Tick if may have singleton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Responses	2♣	5-card Stayman		Notes 41/2/3
2♦	5+ ♥s	2♥	5+ ♠s	42/4
2♠	5+ ♠s	2NT	5+ ♦s	42/5
Others	4♣ = Gerber 3m = 4441, GF 3M = g/try Game = to play 4♦ = Both majors (5/5) no slam interest 4NT = nat			42/6
Action after opponents double	Aardvark	Halmic XX	3 any = to play	49
	2NT = 2-suiter without ♠s		2♣ = 2-suiter with ♠s	50
Action after other interference	Lebensohl 2NT Dbl = t/o Dbl of art bid = values			47/8 50
TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES				Notes
	Meaning	Responses		73/74
2♣	Artificial GF or 21+ bal [Kokish] or weak 5+ ♦	2♦/3♦ p/c – 2NT asks [Ogust] 2♥/♠ to play – 3♣ nat, F		61-5 F
2♦	Weak 5+ card suit in ♥ or ♠	2NT asks – 2M Multi – 3m art FG 3M p/c		61/6
2♥	Weak 5+ ♥ + 4+ ♣/♦	2NT asks – 2♠ to play – 3m p/c		61/7
2♠	Weak 5+ ♠ + 4+ ♣/♦	2NT asks – 3m p/c		61/7
2NT	Weak 6+ ♣/♦	3m p/c – 3M nat, F		61/8
OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE				
(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).				
Artificial and aggressive pre-empts		Third hand openings may be very light		
Re-opening doubles can be made on light values				
1NT overcall over natural opening is a weak 2/3 suited takeout				

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

