

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	Rule of 19	2	1C-2C=Inverted. 3 minor = distibutional raise.	2NT=NAT
1♦	"	4	1D-2D=Inverted " " "	"
1♥	"	5	3M=distributional raise. 2NT,3C/D, 3NT=bal raise, splinters jump in OM=raises [i]	2NT=Jacoby [ii]
1♠	"	5	"	"
1NT	15-17	Bal	2C=Stayman, 2D/H/S/N=t/fers [iii]. 3X=3 suits, GF	
2♣	GF or 23/24	Undefined	2D= negative	
2♦	5-9	6	2NT= relay	2 level bids nf.
2♥	"	6	"	"
2♠	"	6	"	"
2NT	20-22	Bal	3C=5 card stayman. 3D/H=t/fers. 3S=minor(s) [v]	
3 bids	0-9	6/7	NAT	
4 bids		6/7	"	

SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Most Dbles below game are takeout or competitive.

- Support Dble by opener after 1 level response in H/S.
- After penalty Dble of weak NT, each defender has one t/out dble.
- Dble of cue bid of our suit = lead directing [reverses normal message].
- Dble(or Redble) of conventional bid shows values & sets up forcing pass.
- If 1NT doubled for penalties, Rdbble= shows single suit & weak hand. 2X=that suit & higher suit. see[iv]
- Comp/Last chance Dbles. Non-penalty slam Dble

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Key card Blackwood Gerber[over 1 or 2Nt opener only]	1 st step=0 or 3, 2 nd step=1 or 4, 3 rd step = 2, no Q trump, 4 th step + 2 + Q trump.	
	1 st step = 0 or 3, 2 nd step = 1 or 4, 3 rd step = 2 Aces.	

Other Conventions:

2C checkback over 1/2NT rebid. See [vi]

2NT in competitive auctions is normally CONV. - 4card raise, 2 places to play or weak way to bid new suit. **But** 1C/D - (1X) - 2NT=NAT


1N - (2X) - 2NT=Lebensohl [immediate 3NT denies stop]

1M - (1N) - 2C = stayman type, 2D = value raise to 2M

DEFENSIVE BIDS			
OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods
Simple	Nat - can be quite strong	Strong 1♣	WJO, X= M's, 1NT= minors
Jump	Weak, non-constructive	Weak 1NT	Asptro,
Cue Bid	Michaels - Weak or v strong	Strong 1NT	"
1 NT	Direct 15-18 Protective 11-14 Responses As 1NT opener	Weak 2	Dble t/out
		Weak 3	"
2NT	Direct Michaels Protective 19-22 Responses As "NT opener	4 bids	Dble=strong NT type
		MULTI	Dble+13-15 bal or 19+

ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH

Simple Overall	Double Negative - 4OM	Bids F1, as if no interference	Cue bid=3 card raise. 2N=4 card raise
Jump Overall	Double	"	Bids 3 level new suit GF
Double	Redouble	New suit	Jump in new suit
	Good raise to 2X.	As if no interference	Fit + good suit
			Jump raise
			Distrib raise
			Value raise to at least 3X
			2NT

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	2 nd & 4th,	Strong Tens		
	AK	AKx	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	109x	987x	10xxx	Hxxx	Hxxxx
	Hxxx	Hxx	xx	xxx	xxxx
Other leads:	v NT contracts	2 nd & 4th,		
	AK(x)	AJ10x	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	10xxx	109x	987x	Hxx	Hxxx
	Hxxx	Hxxx	xx	xxx	x 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	Reverse Distribution, reverse attitude on A lead
On Declarer's lead	" "
When Discarding	Exceptionally, low card shows that suit. Any other card = neutral.
Exceptions to above	McKinney. Unblock J on lead of Q

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)

[i] 1M-2M 3 card raise, 1M-3C=7 to 10, 4 card raise, 1M-3D= 10-12, 4 card raise. Jump in OM= 10-12, 3 card raise.

[ii] 1M-2NT=5+ cover cards with 4+ trumps. Opener bids 4M with min. 3X=shortage, 3NT=bal/semi bal non-minimum. 3M=neutral.

[iii] 2C followed by 3C/D = nf 1NT - 4D = raise to 4NT with at least one major 2S/NT= clubs/diamonds, Could be weak or INV+. 1st step shows fit . Subsequent new suit = GF

[iv] After 1NT – Dble – Redble = opener bids 2C & passes any continuation
- 2C/D/H = bid suit and higher suit
- 2S = NAT

[v] 3C over 2NT asks for 5 card M. Now 3NT shows max of 2/3 in H/S
3S = F4NT, one or both minors. Opener bids 3N. Now 4H/S= both minors, short in H/S.
4C = Gerber, 4D = raise to 4Nt with at least one major.

[vi] Checkback over 1Nt or 2Nt rebids.

[vii] Transfer Lebensohl if 1NT is overcalled. Transfer to opp suit is 'stayman'. Fast arrival shows stop. 3S = Transfer to 3NT, no stop or 4 card major.



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

Bidding Methods:- **NATURAL, 5 card majors, strong NT, Weak Twos in D,H & S.**

Style of leads, signals, discards:- 4th & 2nd

Reverse

Reverse attitude - first discard

ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

1C may be 2 card suit

Weak 2D/H/S opener

1X - 3X distributional raise

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: **15 -17 hcps**

2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: Non-promissory Stayman.

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