

HalmOPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	10-19	4		Splinter bids, 2NT slam interest ( <b>note 1</b> ), inverted minor suit raises, 3NT pudding raise.
1♦	10-19	4		
1♥	10-19	4		
1♠	10-19	4		
1NT	12-14	2	May contain 6 card minor or poor 5 card major.	Non-promisory Stayman and 4- suit transfers.
2♣	24+	0	Game force or bal 24+	2♦ negative
2♦	20+	0	8 playing tricks in any suit or bal. 20 - 21	2H relay
2♥	5-9	6		2NT enquiry with Ogust responses ( <b>note 2</b> ), change of suit F. As above.
2♠	5-9	6		
2NT	22-23	1	May contain singleton A	Puppet 5-card Stayman, 4 suit transfers, 4C=4/4 C/D, 4D=5D/4C
3 bids	3+	6		3NT gambling
4 bids	3+	7		
4NT			Ace ask	5C no aces, 5D ace of diamonds etc. 5NT 2 aces, 6C ace of clubs.

### DEFENSIVE BIDS

OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods
Simple	Natural, wide-ranging (17 max)	Strong 1♣	X=H, D=S, CRO, weak jumps
Jump	6 cards, weak at all vulnerabilities	Weak 1NT	ASPTRO ( <b>note 6</b> )
Cue Bid	Ghestem	Strong 1NT	
1 NT	Direct 15-17	Protective 11-14	Weak 2
	Responses As 1NT opening		Weak 3
2NT	Direct Ghestem	Protective Ghestem	4 bids
	Responses		MULTI

### ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH

Simple Overcall	Double	Sputnik to 3S	Bids	Natural, forcing
Jump Overcall	Double	Sputnik to 3S	Bids	Natural, forcing
Double	Redouble	New suit	Jump in new suit	Jump raise
	9+, no fit	Natural	Pre-emptive	Raise to 2
				2NT
				Raise to 3 or better

### SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Negative

Competitive  
Responsive  
Reopening  
Game Try

After our double of 1NT, all doubles are penalties  
X after XX is penalty

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Name: RKCB (see note 4)	5♣=0/3 5♦=1/4 5♥=2 5♠=2 + trump Q out of 5 'aces' 5NT = 2 and a void (other than in partner's suit). With 3 aces and a void, bid the void at the 6 level.	Ropi Dopi
Grand Slam Force (5NT)	6C = 0, 6D = 1 etc. NB. 5S is GSF for clubs.	

### Other Conventions: Checkback (note 5)


Halmic defence to 1NT X (**note 8**)

Fourth suit forcing (not forcing to game at 2-level)

Unassuming Cue Bids generally show good raises

Long suit trial bids

Transfer sequences following 1H/S – 1NT.

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	2nd +4 <sup>th</sup> ; 10 denies J .....			
	AK	AKx	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	109x	987x	10xxx	Hxxx	Hxxx
	Hxxx	Hxx	xx	xxx, xxx	Xxxx
Other leads:	v NT contracts	2nd + 4th, Strong 10s			
	AKx(x)	AJ10x	KQ10	KQx	KJ10
	K109	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx
	10xxx	109x	987x	Hxx	Hxxx
	Hxxx	Hxxx	xx	Xxx, xxx	xxxx(x)

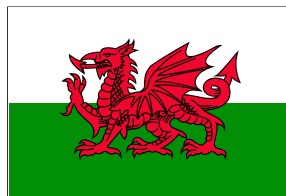
(In all the card combinations shown, circle the card normally lead if different from standard i.e. underlined card)

CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets.
On Partner's lead	Attitude on A or Q, count on K
On Declarer's lead	Count HiLo=Even
When Discarding	Natural but primarily 'negative' – i.e. showing no interest (or stops) in that suit. (Standard count as helpful)
Exceptions to above	Smith-Peters in NT. Both peter to show we like opening lead.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)

- 2NT slam interest:  
Opener bids out shape at 3 level.  
Cue bids at 4 level  
3NT 15+ balanced  
4 of trump suit shows the weakest possible opening bid
- Ogust responses:  
3♣ weak suit weak values  
3♦ good suit, weak values  
3♥ weak suit, strong values  
3♠ good suit, strong values  
3NT AKQxxx
- Over 3X, 3NT overcall, responses are:  
4C Baron  
4D/H transfers  
4S shows minors  
4NT is invitational raise.
- After a 5C or 5D response to RKCB, bidding the next suit up (**that is not trumps**) is asking about the queen. Without the queen, sign off in trumps. Otherwise, bid the next side suit king. With no king to show, bid 5NT. After a RKCB response, 5NT asks for **specific** kings. Bid the king you have. With no kings, bid 6 of trump suit. With 2 kings, bid 6NT.
- Checkback. Over 1NT rebid, 2C is checkback. Opener shows an undisclosed 4 card major or 3-card support for partner. Otherwise, 2D is weak in context and 2NT is strong. Also, over 1X – 2Y – 2NT, 3C is checkback. Now 3D is strong in context and 3NT is weak.
- ASPTRO defence to 1NT:  
2♣ = ♥ and another suit; 2♦ = ♠ and another suit.  
With both majors, anchor on better major.  
Continuations: 2♣/2♦ - 2♦/2♥ denies 3-card support.  
2 anchor shows weak hand with 3+ cards in suit.  
2NT natural (11-13); 3♣ game-forcing; 3♦ invitational in anchor suit.
- Lebensohl. Go via 2NT to show a stop in opponent's suit. Used when opponent's overcall our 1NT and over a double of opponent's weak 2 and multi and in certain other situations.
- Halmic: XX shows a 5 card suit. A suit is the lower of two suits of equal length.



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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

Bidding Methods:- *Reverse Benjaminised Acol*  
*Weak NT (12-14)*  
*4-card suits*

Style of leads, signals, discards:-

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> leads,**  
**Standard attitude & Count**

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## ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

*Weak NT*  
*Weak 2s in hearts and spades*

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STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: *12-14*

2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: *STAYMAN (non-promissory)*

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