OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10-19	☐	4	Natural		
1♦	10-19	☐	4	Natural		
1♥	10-19	☐	4	Natural	Bergen Raises	
1♠	10-19	☐	4	Natural	Bergen Raises	
3 bids	4-10	☐	6	Natural		
4 bids	4-10	☐	7	Texas 4♣/♦ Natural		

*(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	Natural		
Jump overcall	Weak when NV. Intermediate when Vul		
Cue bid	Ghestem – direct cue shows 2 higher suits		
1NT Direct: Protective	15 – 17 Direct / 10 – 14 Protective	As over opening 1NT	
2NT Direct: Protective	16 – 19 Direct / 14– 16 Protective		

OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	Treat as natural		
Short 1♣/1♦	Treat as natural		
Weak 1NT	Anti – with Dbl as penalty		
Strong 1NT	Anti – with Dbl showing ♣		
Weak 2	Natural / Lebensohl / Dixon		
Weak 3	Natural		
4 bids	Natural / Dbl is T/O to 4♠		
Multi 2♦	Natural / Lebensohl		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
RKCB	5♣=0/3; 5♦=1/4; 5♥= 2 no Q; 5♠= 2 with Q;	DOPI or bid if bid still available
DOPI	Dbl = 0 or Even / Pass = 1 / Odd	
Splinters	Cue bids	
Cue Bids	Below game = 1st or 2nd Control. Above = 1st.	

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents	
Level to which negative doubles apply	4♠
Special meaning of bids	Unassuming cue bids = forcing
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout				
Redouble:	8+ HCPs	New suit:	Non forcing	Jump in new suit: pre-emptive
Jump raise	Bergen/ Barrage	2NT:	Bergen/ Invitational	Other:

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles
Dopi
Responsive Dbl through 4♠
Lightner Doubles

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Dixon Defence to Multi
Lebensohl over weak twos and reverses and barrage sequences
Ghestem: Cue = Higher / 2NT = lower / 3♣ = Extremes
Long suit trial bids
Josephine
Splinters

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).

Bergen Raises after 1♥/1♠ opening:	Anti – over 1NT opening
3♥/3♠ = 0-7 with 5♥/♠;	Dbl of Strong NT = ♣
4♥/3♠ = 0-7 with 6♥/♠;	2♣ = ♦ or both majors
2NT = Distributional Game Raise;	2♦ = ♥ or 4♠ with longer minor
3NT Balanced Game Raise	2♥ = 4♥ with longer minor
3♣ = 6-9 with 5M;	2♠ = natural
3♦ = 10-12 with 4M;	

OPENING LEADS

For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card.

Hatch over or shade this box if using non-standard leads.

v. suit contracts	A K	A K x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x x	H x x
	H x x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	
v. NT contracts	A K x (x)	A J 10 x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x x	H x x
	H x x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v suit contracts	Primary method v NT contracts
On Partner's lead	Count	Count
On Declarer's lead	Count	Count
When discarding	Suit Preference	Suit Preference

Signals are predominantly standard count with suit preference where appropriate

Discards are predominantly suit preference with count where appropriate

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

Helvic over Dbl of 1NT:

Redbl = both minors or ♦

2♣ = natural

2♦ = both majors

2♥ = natural

2♠ = natural

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

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1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 12-14 except 3rd Vul = 14-16 Tick if artificial and provide details below ☐

Shape constraints None Tick if may have singleton ☑

Responses 2♣ Stayman

2♦	Transfer	2♥	Transfer
2♠	11pts invitational	2NT	12pts invitational

Others

Action after opponents double	Helvic
Action after other interference	Lebensohl

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Strong Artificial	Control Showing 2♦ = 0/1; 2♥ = 2; etc	
2♦	Multi (weak M / Bal 21-22)	Natural / Preference (2NT enquiry)	
2♥	Tartan 5H / 5 minor 4-10HCP	Natural / Preference (2NT enquiry)	
2♠	Tartan 5S / 5 minor 4-10HCP	Natural / Preference (2NT enquiry)	
2NT	Balanced 19 - 20	Suits Upwards / Transfers	

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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