

OPENING BIDS	POINT RANGE	MIN. LEN	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	10-19	4	Inverted minor suit raises. After 1m – 2m, showing 10+, opener's 2NT rebid shows < 15 points; any rebid by opener other than a further raise or NT is a cue-bid.	
1♦	10-19	4		
1♥	10-19	4		
1♠	10-19	4		
1NT	12-14 13-15	1,2,4 3	Stayman, Transfers, 2S range: Responses: 2NT minimum, 3C maximum. 2NT Baron, FG	
2♣	22-23 NT, 23+, 8PT in major		2D negative or waiting bid. 2H/S or 3C/D: 5-card suit to 2 of top 3 honours, 6+ good points (when 2NT rebid shows 22-23). See Note 6.	
2♦	6-22	0	Multi: 20-21 NT, strong Acol minor, or weak major. Note 7.	
2♥	5-11	5	1,2,3 positions 5 cards + biddable minor. See Note 2.	
	12-16	6	5-9 in 1 st /2 nd seat, 5-11 in 3 rd seat. 4 th seat: 6 cards, 12-16	
2♠	5-11	5	1,2,3 positions 5 cards + biddable second suit. See Note 2.	
	12-16	6	5-9 in 1 st /2 nd seat, 5-11 in 3 rd seat. 4 th seat: 6 cards, 12-16.	
2NT	5+	0	Minor suit pre-empt, promises 2 of top 3 honours in 1,2 position (clubs only). In 3 rd may be to play in 3NT	
3 bids	5+	0	Tfr to suit above; 3S=Gambling 3NT; 3NT=Clubs. Note 8.	
4 bids	6-11	7	SA Texas (4C/D = solid H/S). 4H/S non-solid suits.	

DEFENSIVE BIDS

OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods
Simple	Weak	Artificial 1♣	Natural (2C = suit)
Jump	11-16, 6 card suit; 3C=CRO (5-5 odd)	Weak 1NT or Strong 1NT	Cappelletti (2C=majors; 2D=single suit, 2H asks; 2H/S=5 H/S + minor)
Cue Bid	CRO (5-5 same colour)		
1NT	Direct	Weak 2 Weak 3	Note 1: Double=T/O 2NT=17-20 + Stop X=T/O
	Protective		
	15-18		
2NT	Direct	4 bids	X=Optional, 4NT=minors or 1 st move with strong M
	Protective		
	CRO	MULTI	As weak 2
	(5-5 majors or minors)		

ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH

Simple Overcall	Double: T/o to 3S		Bids: Natural		
Jump Overcall	Double: T/o to 3S		Bids: Natural		
Double	Redouble Bal of pts	New suit N/F	Jump in new suit Weak	Jump raise Weak	2NT Nat raise to 3

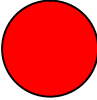
SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:

Sputnik at one level:
1H-1S-double = 3 card heart support

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Gerber	4C is always Gerber, except Notes 3, 6 & 7 and in competitive situations opposite silent partner Responses: 0-4, 1, 2, 3 Sliding for Ks, next suit asks: responses as for Aces	R0P1 D0P1
RKCB	RKCB: 30, 41, -Q, +Q. Sliding for Ks, next suit asks: bid K got or not got with 2.	
Exclusion RKCB	After suit agreement, jump in new suit above game shows void in suit bid. RKCB responses excluding void suit.	

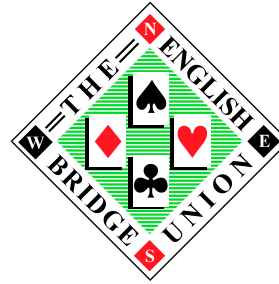
Other Conventions: Notes (n)

Reverse Lebensohl (9), Stayman, CRO, Checkback (12), Leaping Michaels (10), GSF (5), UCBs (13)

OPENING 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
Other leads:	10 9 X	9 8 7 X	10 X X X	H X X X X	H X X X X X
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	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 X X X	10 9 X	9 8 7 X	H X X	H X X X X X
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Against NT, lead of a 9 or T is the top of a sequence, top of nothing, or showing 2 higher cards (watch for Smith peter on next suit)

CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets.
On Partner's lead	Count and reverse attitude. Hilge Venge
On Declarer's lead	Count; Smith peters
When Discarding	McKenney



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- Defence to weak 2s or 1M – 2M:**
X = TO. 2NT response is 9+ pts, Reverse Lebensohl, asks partner to bid 3C. See also Note 9c. 2NT 17-20 with a stop. Responses natural.
If weak 2S is followed by two passes, 3S demands 3NT (with stop) or 4C (not Gerber; no stop).
- Responses to Lucas 2s:** Direct raise is pre-emptive. 2NT is the only forcing bid and asks for the other suit, when return to original suit is invitational.
- Opening 1 suit – 3NT**
Slam try with 4-card support and a void. Opener bids 4C to ask for void: 4 of trump suit=club void and is RKCB exclusive of C suit. Other RKCB 4NT excludes the void.
- Opponents bid 2 suits**
NT = the other 2 with longer of the lower
X = the other 2 with equal length or longer of the higher
Cue bid of their higher/lower = 6/4 with 6 of the higher/lower
- Grand Slam Force:** Jump to 5NT top trump honours. 6C=0, 6TS=1, 7TS =2
- Sequences after 2C Opening**
 - 2C-2D-2NT=22-23. Resps: 5-card puppet Stayman (to show both majors, responder bids 4D after 2C-2D-2NT-3C-3D), red-suit transfers, 3S=5S+4H
 - 2C-2D-2H/S-any-3H/S=8PT, non-forcing
 - 2C-2D-2any: 3C is a second -ve (this preserves NT to be bid by opener). 2NT is 4-7 two controls. 3NT is 6-9 no ace.
 - 2C-4C/D is a slam try in suit bid. Opener gives 30-41 RKCB reply, or 4NT if not interested, when if partner bids again it is a RKCB response to 4NT.
- Responses to 2D Opening**
2D-2H: <15 pts. Opener passes or converts with weak 2H/S, bids 3C/D with 8PT minor, or 2NT = 20-21: responses 5-card puppet Stayman (as above), red-suit transfers, 3S=5S+4H
2D-2S: Invitational to game in Hs if weak 2H.
2D-2NT: 15+, asks for definition
 - 3H/S = weak H/S, lower range
 - 3C/D = weak H/S, higher range
 - 4C/D = strong in that suit (8PT type hand)
 - 4NT = Blackwood (20-21 NT type hand)
- Transfer Pre-empts**
 - In all positions bid can be weak or strong. If strong there will be a second biddable suit. Opening 3 bid in 4th position followed by 3NT is to play in 3NT, promises nothing in any suit.
 - Minor suit pre-empts in 1st or 2nd position promise 2 of the top 3 honours.
 - Responder's bid of suit above + 1 asks opener to bid first round controls. NT response shows FRC in asking suit.
- Reverse Lebensohl when our 1NT is Overcalled**
 - 3C invitational in NT (6-card suit to 2 of top 3 honours), but other direct non-cue bids are weak (<9 pts).
 - 2NT asks opener to bid 3C, which will be passed by a weak hand with Cs. Other bids are stronger (9+).
 - Direct 3NT or cue denies a stop. 3NT or cue via Reverse Lebensohl promise a stop.
- Leaping Michaels Over a weak 2 by opponent**
4C = C + other major, 4D = D + other major. 5-5. Then 4NT is RKCB in the major.
- 4-4-4-1 Hands:** Open 1C with singleton D, else 1D. With singleton S and 15-16 bid 1D-1S-1NT, but with 12-14 bid 1D-1S-2C.
- NT Rebids after 1 and 2-level Responses & Checkback**
 - 1-Level:** 1NT 12-16, 2NT 17-18, 3NT 19. Checkback 2C: Bid up the line, jump if max; with neither – D min, NT max.
 - 2-Level:** 3NT = 15-17 without 5 of mine, or 3 of yours; otherwise, 2NT = 15-19: Checkback 3C: 3D = min with 3 or 5 then bid up the line, 3 your suit or mine = 18-19, 3NT = 18-19 without 3 or 5
- Unassuming Cue Bids**
Opposite partner's overcall, asks for strength. Response: jump / show feature with opening bid. After opponents' overcall, shows sound raise of partner to the next level.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

- Bidding Methods: Acol, Multi 2 Diamonds, Variable No Trump, Transfer pre-empts, Inverted minors
- Style of leads, signals, discards: Hilge Venge leads and signals, attitude and length signals, McKenney discards, Smith peters

Hilge Venge

- Suit contracts:** Lead A from AK with an even number and K from AK with odd. Partner gives a reverse attitude signal as to whether or not he wants the lead of the 3rd round. If dummy has a singleton, partner's card is a suit preference. Partner's play of the Q is either a singleton, or promises the J, so his partner can lead high or low to the J as a suit preference.
- NT contracts:** A for attitude, K for count + unblock the J.

Smith Peters

- When declarer first plays a side suit, a peter by opening leader says he doesn't like the suit he led, while a peter by his partner says he does like it.

ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

- Splinters:** Double jump shift shows 4-card support and a singleton.
Exception: 3C single jump is a splinter, as 4C is Gerber.
Other single jump shifts are weak, < 6 pts. Jump raises are weak to level of fit.
3rd in hand opening: may be Rule of 18

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: **12-15 (may include a singleton)**
2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: **Stayman (Non-promissory)**

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