

Opening Bids	Point Range	Min. Len	Meaning	Special Responses
1♣	9+	2	Clubs or 18-19 Bal or ANY 11-14 bal	1♦ = ♠, 1♥ = ♣, 1♠ = No 4M, 1NT, 2♣ = GF with 5+♣, 5+♦ 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ = Weak 2, 4-8. 2NT = Bal 10-12, 3 suit = weak but 3♠ = puppet to 3NT
1♦	9+	4	Either unbalanced or 18-19 Bal	1NT = 6-11 HCP 2/1 GF. 2NT Bal 10-12 3♣ Nat, Inv, NF
1♥/1♠	9+	5	Natural	2♠/2NT = GF with 4 trumps. 1NT = 6-11. 2/1 GF. 3♠/3♦ = 3 / 4 card limit raises. 2NT/3♥ = mixed raise (7-9) 3M preemptive (3-6)
1NT	15-17	2	May contain a 5 card major or a 6 card minor	2♣ = Stayman, 2♦/2♥/2♠/2NT = transfers, 3 suit = slam try. 4♣ = 5/5 minors slam try 4♦ = 5/5 majors game only
2♣	-	0	GF or 23+ HCP balanced	2♦ = relay, 2♥/2♠/3♠/3♦ = positives, 3♥/3♠ = positive with 4M + 5♦
2♦	5-9	0/5	1/2 weak two major 3/4 nat weak two	
2♥/2♠	5-9	5	1/2 5/5 with lower 3/4 nat weak two	
2NT	20-22	1	May contain a singleton A or K	3♣ = 5-card puppet Stayman, 3♦/3♥ = transfers, 3♠ = minor suit stayman, 4suit = 2 below slam try
3 bids	0+	5	Pre-emptive	3♦/4♠ slam try
4 bids	0+	6	Pre-emptive	Over 4M new suit is suit below 2 losers.

### DEFENSIVE BIDS

Over-Calls	Meaning	Opponent Opens	Defensive Methods
Simple	Natural, 5+ cards (4+ at 1-level)	Strong 1♣	X = Majors. 1NT = minors. WJO
Jump	Weak jump overcalls according to Vul. Intermediate if protective	1NT	Aspro 2♣ = ♠ + other 2♦ = ♠ + other 2NT = minors or strong 2 suiter
Cue Bid	Michaels	Weak 2's	X = Take-out with Lebensohl, 4m (over 2M) = 5-5 in minor and other M
1NT	Direct 15-18 Protective 11-14 Responses: as if opened	Weak 3's	X = Take-out
2NT	Direct Unusual 19-21 Protective Responses: as if opened	4 Bids	X = Take-out, 4NT = 2-suited
		Multi 2♦	X = 13-16HCP balanced or strong

### ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH

SIMPLE OVERCALL		DOUBLE: Negative	BIDS: See note 1
JUMP OVERCALL		DOUBLE: Negative to 3♣	BIDS: Natural, new suit forcing
DOUBLE	REDOUBLE	NEW SUIT	JUMP IN NS
9+	Natural	Note 2	JUMP RAISE
		Pre-emptive Raise	2NT Good Raise

### SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES & REDOUBLES

Generally take out / lead directing  
Game try doubles  
Support doubles


SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
3041 RKCB	5♣ = 0/3 5♦ = 1/4 5♥ = 2 - Q 5♠ = 2 + Q	X = Pen

### OTHER CONVENTIONS:

Unassuming Cue Bids, Directional Asking Bids, Fourth Suit Forcing, Grand Slam Force

Lebensohl (see additional notes) after 2-level intervention over 1NT and after partners X of a weak 2. If we do not have values for game however, 2NT is two places to play.

1NT rebid - 2♣ puppets 2♦, 2♥ GF checkback. 3♣ wolff over a non-GF 2NT rebid, 3♦ is checkback.

Opening Leads	vs. Suit Contracts	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> . K for count			
	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 x x	H x x x x
	H x x x	H x x	x x	x x x	x x x x
	vs. NT Contracts	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> . Strong K			
	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
	H x x x x	H x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x

CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary Method. State alternative in brackets
On Partners Lead	Standard Count / Reverse attitude
On Declarers Lead	Standard Count / Reverse attitude. Maybe suit pref in trumps
When Discarding	Reverse attitude, then standard count
Exceptions to above	Smith Peters v NT. Hi = Enc (not on discards)

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM**

Bidding Methods:

**Natural. 5 card Majors. 2/1 GF**

Style of Leads, Signals, Discards:

Leads: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> vs. NT, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> vs. Suits

Signals: Standard Count / Reverse Attitude (Smith Peters)

Discards: Reverse Attitude then Standard Count

**ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE**

1♣ opening ANY 11-14 Bal, 18/19 Bal or Nat, with transfer responses.

1♦ opening is natural (4+ cards), either UNBAL or 18/19 Bal

1♥ and 1♠ openings are 5+ card suits

1NT opening may contain a 5-card major or a 6-card minor

2♣ opening is GF or a balanced 23+ HCP

2♦ is a weak 2M (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>) or natural weak (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>)

2♥ and 2♠ are 5/5 weak (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>) or natural weak (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>)

1 Level responses can be very light.

**STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENING: 14½-17**

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