

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	See note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	12*-19	2	4	For choice of opening – note 1 *Light openings possible – note 2 For opener's NT rebids – note 3	1NT response = 6-9	
1♦	12*-19	2	4		2NT response = 10-12	
1♥	12*-19	2	4		Limit raises	
1♠	12*-19	2	4			
3 bids	6-10		7	Pre-emptive		
4 bids	6-10		8	Pre-emptive		

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN			
OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Simple overcall	At one level, 8+HCP; at two level near opening values with a 6-card or good 5-card suit		
Jump overcall	Intermediate 12-16 HCP, good 6-card suit		
Cue bid			
1NT	Direct: Protective:	16-18 11-14 note 4	As for 1NT opening
2NT	Direct: Protective	20-22 balanced 20-22 balanced	As for 2NT opening
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Weak 1NT	Double = penalties; suits natural		
Weak 3	Double = take out (see note 5)		
4 bids	Double = take out (see note 5)		

SLAM CONVENTIONS		
Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Blackwood	5♣ = 0 or 4 aces; 5♦ = 1 ace 5♥ = 2 aces; 5♠ = 3 aces	
Gerber	1NT & 2NT openings 4♦ = 0 or 4 aces; 4♥ = 1 ace 4♠ = 2 aces; 4NT = 3 aces	

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS		
Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents		
Level to which negative doubles apply	2♠	
Agreements after opponents double for takeout		
Redouble 9+ HCP	New suit Forcing	Jump in new suit Game forcing
Jump raise Pre-emptive	2NT Good raise	Other
Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles		
OTHER CONVENTIONS		
Fourth Suit Forcing: A bid in the fourth suit is artificial, showing no particular holding in that suit but requesting partner to describe his/her hand further.		
Extended Stayman: With 2x5 card majors and a denial in response to Stayman - 3♦ requests opener to bid better 3 card major.		
SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS		
(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back).		
notes		
1	Balanced hands not 12 to 14. With four hearts and four spades open 1♥, Otherwise open the longest suit or the higher ranking of 2 4-card suits. Unbalanced hands: always open the longest suit. With 2 5-card or longer suits always open the higher ranking. Consider Rule of 20 for light openings. 4441 hands: singleton ♣ open 1♥; singleton ♦ open 1♠; singleton ♥ or ♠ open 1♦	
2	Rule of 20 : If HCP + length of 2 longest suits is 20+ consider opening with 10 HCP	
3	NT rebids: After 1 level response 1NT = 15-16; 2NT = 17-18; 3NT = 19	
4	Protective 1NT overcall: After an opening bid and 2 passes, 1NT shows 11-14. With more points, double first and rebid NT over partner's response.	
5	Other defences are permitted: However they MUST be clearly announced and alerted.	

