Opening bids	No. of cards	NegX thru	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣/◆	4	3.	11-21 hp	NAT with limit raises and jump in ns as FG	1♣/♦-1ns; 2NT=FG (19-21) unbal 1♣/♦-1♥/♠; 2M if 3c-support splinter or 6c-m 1♣/♦-1♥/♠; 2reverse=NAT 16-18 then 2M=5+c F1, 3m only NF	OH's jump to 2NT is unchanged After Dbl: Jump ns is weak After O/C: Cue INV+ w support Jump in ns is fit-showing
1♥/♠	4	3.	11-21 hp	2NT=FG with support  NAT with limit raises and jump in ns as FG  2NT=FG with support	See system summary  A simple raise often 4-c undisturbed, often 3-c disturbed  1 */ -1 -1 / NT; 2 is the witch with either 6+cM or 16+  1 */ -2 -2 / - ; 3m=extras with exactly 5c-M and 3+c-m  1 -2 * ; 3 * =min with spl or max w/o spl  See system summary	After Dbl: Jump ns is weak After O/C: Cue INV w support Jump in ns is fit-showing INV if cue below 3M not available
1NT		2.	15-17 hp may have 5-card M	2♣=STAY, does not promise M if strong, w 44M bids 2♥ 2♦/♥=TRF 2♠/3♣=TRF with ♣/♦ 3♦/♥/♠=NAT INV 4♣/♦=TRF to ♥/♠	2. Then 2. weak both M; 2. NAT INV; 3. 4. + = 4+c FG 2. V: Then ns is FG except 2. A=ART INV 2. A/3. Then NAT SPL	On 2♣ not shows a suit: own sys On 2♠/♥/♠ INV+ TRF On 3♣/♦/♥/♠ 4x as in 3NT-sys
2*	0		FG or 22-24 hp bal	2 ◆ =REL 2 ▼ / ▲ /3 ♣ / ◆ =TRF with HHx xxx w/o sidestrength	3 ►/ = 4c suit with longer diamonds 3 = by RESP in the second round is ART NEG After 2 - 2 • ; 2NT same methods as after 2NT-opening	
2◆	2	-	18-19 hp bal	2 ▼=4+ S/O; 2 ▲=REL to 2NT then 2NT-methods 2NT=LEB; 3 ♣/ ♦=5+ FG 3 ▼=5 ▼+5 ♠ INV; 3 ♠=5+ S/O	After 2 ◆ -2 ♠; 2NT same methods as after 2NT-opening	After Dbl: 2 ♥/♠ = NAT weak After Dbl/2 ♥/♠ = 2NT/3 ♣/♦/♥ = INV+ TRF; 3 ♠ = TRF to 3NT Dbl=Pen
2♥/♠	6(5)	-	5-10	3 ▼/▲=PRE; new suit=NAT, F1; 2NT=ASKs at least INV	See system summary	
2NT		-	20-21 hp	3♣=STAY, does not promise M if strong; 3♦/♥=TRF 3♣=54m; 4♣/♦=TRF to ♥/♠	3 ◆ =no M; 3 ▼/ ▲ =4(5)c; 3NT=both M 3M=support (when partner shows 20+)	
3♣/♦	6	-	PRE, weak 1st NV otherwise indicates 2/3 topH	ns=NAT F1 except 4om=RKCB	SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS (including slam-interest bids)	
3♥/♠	6	-	PRE, loose	ns=NAT F1 except 4. =RKCB	CUE=1st/2nd round controls are shown equally (except SPL in par	tner's suit)
3NT			1st/2nd=solid m, else=to play	4/.♦=P/C	RKCB 0314 (Double=0, Pass=1)	
4♣/♦	7	-	PRE, weak	4NT=RKCB; 4 ♥ / ♠ = NAT; 4 ♦ = CUE	5NT from 5X: General grand slam try after RKCB, else RKCB	
4♥/♠	7	-	PRE		On 3M when it's agreed as trump next bid from both denies SPL/extras	
4NT			Asks for specific aces	5♣ = 0 ace, 5♦/♥/♠/6♣ = the ace, 5NT = 2 aces	SPL if trump is agreed or could be agreed below game	
5♣/♦	8	-	PRE, loose		VoidSPL on opening bids and on 2NT=trump support	

# **DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

# **OVERCALLS** – Style and Responses

1-level: normal (occ. weak with passed partner), seldom 4-card

2-level: sound, frequently only 5-card

Responses: PRE jumpraises, jump CUE to 3-level=mixed raise, jump 2NT=SUPP, INV+, New suit at 1-level F1,

jump in new suit=fit-showing

Reopening: may be weaker - CUE forcing

1NT OVERCALL	RESPONSES	
2nd: 15-18	same answers as after 1NT-opening	
	2♣=ASK range and M, others as above	
maybe no stopper	-	
4th live: 15-18	Nat except cue	

#### **JUMP OVERCALLS**

2x VUL vs NV=intermediate, others=weak.

## **UNUSUAL NT**

2NT=sound two-suiter (two lowest)

Reopen: 2NT=19-21 BAL (then jump to 3lowest-nm shows 55)

# DIRECT CUEBID

Over NAT m-openings (=3+ cards or 1 ♣=4-4-3-2 or 1 ♦=3-3-2-5): 2x= Sound two-suiter 55+ highest+other; 3x=ASKs for stopper. Over short minor openings: 2m=NAT; 3m=♥+♠.

#### VS. NT

Asptro: 2♣=♥+other, 2♦=♠+other (often canapé); relay=pass if suit; ns=NAT NF; 2NT=F1, ASKs for longest suit.

2NT=55+ ♣/ ♦ or 55+ FG.

#### VS. PREEMPTS

Dbl=T/O thru 3♦, against 3♥/♣ Dbl=bal/4441, 4♣/♦=NAT w (3)4cOM.

Against weak 2: 3nM=PRE, 4♣/♦=strong w ♥/♠ (or 2-suiter).

Against 2NT=m: 3♣=INV+ w 5cOM, 3♦=INV+ w support, 3OM=NF.

Against M-cue: Dbl=NF w 3c-supp, OM=INV supp, 2NT=FG supp.

### VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG 1 or 2 or 2 or OPENINGS

Weak jump overcalls; Dbl=overcall in bid suit except (1m)-Dbl=54 M 1/2NT=minors destructive, 1NT at least 5-4/4-5, 2NT at least 5-5

#### **OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE**

RDBL=10+, ns=F1

Jump in a ns=PRE

2NT=INV+ with support

# **LEADS AND SIGNALS**

# LEADS STYLE

Standard: Rule of eleven with highest or 4th from spots, highest from sequence or interior sequence and ace from ace-king

3<sup>rd</sup> from honour-third

King on the 5-level and up asks for length

In partner's suit 1st, 3rd or 5th

Rusinow asks for unblock

LEADS							
Vs. NT		Vs. Suit	Lead				
	AK+	A, AKx(+)	Ace				
	KQ(+), AKQ+, AKJT	K, KQ(+), AK, AKQ+	King				
	QJ(+), KQT9	Q, QJ(+)	Queen				
	KJ10(+),J10(+), KQJ9	J, KJ10(+), J10(+)	Jack				
)(x)	A109(+), KJ10(+), QT9(x	109(+), KJ10(+)	10				
	9x, 9x, 9xx, 9xxx	9x, 9x, 9xx	9				
	Highest or 4th	Highest or 4th	X				
9(	KQ(+), AKQ+, AKJT QJ(+), KQT9 KJ10(+),J10(+), KQJ9 A109(+), KJ10(+), QT9( 9x, 9x, 9xx, 9xxx	K, KQ(+), AK, AKQ+ Q, QJ(+) J, KJ10(+), J10(+) 109(+), KJ10(+) 9x, 9x, 9xx	King Queen Jack 10				

#### **SIGNALS**

Standard: High-low shows strength or an even number.

After a strength signal current distribution is shown.

In trump high-low shows an odd number.

When discourage in a 5+c suit an odd, low card shows interest in a higher suit, an even low card shows interest in a lower suit.

# SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's lead	Declarer's lead	Discarding
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hi=Encg	Hi/Lo=even	Hi=Encg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hi/Lo=Even	Suit preference	Hi/Lo=Even
3rd	Suit preference		Suit preference

#### TAKEOUT DOUBLES

3+M unless 17+. A 4c-M is enough for a jump.

CUEBID=mostly F to suit agreement.

RESP DBL: 8+hcp, xx+ in OPP suit.

(1m)-DBL-(1♥/4)-2M=NAT

#### SPECIAL ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES

Support DBL/RDBL is frequent but not mandatory.

1 **.** -(1 **.** )-Dbl shows 4-4 in M. 1 **.** / **.** -(1 **.** )-Dbl shows **.** 

1 ♣/ ♦ -(1♥)-Dbl shows 4c♠ while 1♠ shows 5+c.

1 ♦ -(2♣)-Dbl is Stayman then 2♥/♠ is NF.

1x - (O/C) - P - (P); Dbl does not promise support in unbid m.

Maximum overcall double, Most low-level doubles = T/O



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# **SYSTEM SUMMARY**

#### **GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE**

4c-openings often in the order ♥, ♣, ♣ and ♦

1♣/♦ followed by 1♥/♠ shows unbal

2 is FG or 22-24 NT

2 shows 18-19 NT

## 2-OVER-1

FG except when resp directly rebids his suit, raises rebid opening suit or gives preference to opening suit on the 2-level

OH's jump to the 3-level is spl w/o extras except after pass as dealer

## 4th SUIT

FG on the 3-level, on the 2-level with a rebid on the 3-level

# 2NT showing trump support

M: 3♣=min, 3♦=extras w/o spl, 3♥/♠/NT=spl by steps

Continuation 3 ◆ =asks for spl while ns shows spl in the suit

m: 3m=extras w/o spl, 3ns=spl, 3NT=min w/o spl

#### 3NT-BIDDING

4♣=ASKs for suits from below where opponents suit shows ♣

4 ♦ =relay to 4♥ then 4♠/5♣/ ♦ =S/O and 4NT=♣+♦

4♥/♣=5+c F1 except after pass as dealer, 4NT/5♣/♦=INV

# FORCING PASS

After (1NT) – Dbl – <math>(2 - 4); After 1X – (Dbl) – Rdbl – (bids up to <math>2x)

After 2-over-1 up to 3 in responder's suit

After FG but not depending on vul or because we happened to bid game

# **IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DONT FIT ELSEWHERE**

XY-NT: 2♣=relay to 2♦; 2♦=ART FG (but nat after pass as dealer)

We seldom passes on partner's opening bid 1 in a suit.

Which means that we can respond with 0 hp.

#### **PSYCHIC OPENINGS**

Can occur (primarily weaker and/or shorter opening bids in 3rd hand)