

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	11-13 17+	ART	11-13 not 4 major, 6minor Any 17+	1D 0-7, Bal 1♥ Nat 8+/Bal 8-11 1N/2♣ 8+ TRF , 2♦/♥ 4-7 TRF,
1♦	11-16	=4♥	All 4♥ except 14-16 Bal: therefore 11-13 bal, 4441, 11-16 unbal (+ longer suit)	1♥ Relay [2], 1♠ nat 5+ spades 1NT 8-11, 2m NAT FG 2♥ NAT, 4+♥ 9-11
1♥	11-18	5	Longest	1♠ Relay, 1N 5♠, 2/1 FG
1♠	11-16	4	BAL or Canape	1N Nat NF, 2♣ FG Relay, 2♦ TRF, 2♥=♠ [5]
1NT	14-16	BAL	22(54) OK	2♣ FOC; 2L TRF (2 suits);2N INV, 3L FG
2♣	10-16	4/6	Either 6♣ or 4+♣+5♠	2♦ ENQ [3], 2M NF, 2N, 3L INV
2♦	10-16	5	Usually 6♦ maybe 5♦-4♣	2M NAT NF, 2N ENQ
2♥	5-11	4	Majors 44/54/45/55	2N ENQ, Major raises non-INV [6]
2♠	10-16	5	4+♦ and 5+♠	2N ENQ [4], 3L Natural INV
2NT	13-16	5-5	Minors	3M F1
3 Level	PRE	6		
4 Level	PRE	6		

DEFENSIVE BIDS				
OVER-CALLS	Meaning		OPPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods
Simple	Standard		Strong 1♣	
Jump	Weak		Weak 1NT	2♣=Majors
Cue Bid	m = MM; M=Other M+m		Strong 1NT	(cont) X = ♠+minor
1 NT	Direct 15-18	Protective 11-16	Weak 2	X Take out
	Responses As open	2♣ ENQ	Weak 3	X Take out
2NT	Direct UNT	Protective 19-21	4 bids	X Take out
	Responses		MULTI	X=13-15 or 19+

ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH					
Simple Overcall		Double	Negative	Bids	NAT F1
Jump Overcall		Double	Negative	Bids	NAT F1
Double	Redouble	New suit	Jump in new suit	Jump raise	2NT
	Sound values	NAT F1 (xfer from 1NT)	FIT	PRE	Sound raise

SPECIAL USES OF DOUBLES:
Support doubles
Until we have a level and a suit agreed, doubles are for take-out unless partner pre-empt

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Name: RKCB	14-30-2-2+Q	POD1, DOPE at 6 level

Other Conventions:

OPENING LEADS	v suit contracts	4 <sup>th</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> from poor			
<div>           Attach Red Spot, or hatch over, if using non-standard leads         </div>	<u>A</u> K	<u>A</u> kx	<u>K</u> Q10	<u>K</u> Qx	<u>K</u> J10
	<u>K</u> 109	<u>Q</u> J10	<u>Q</u> Jx	<u>J</u> 10x	<u>10</u> xx
	<u>10</u> 9x	<u>9</u> 87x	<u>10</u> xxx	<u>H</u> xxx	<u>H</u> xxx
	<u>H</u> xxx	<u>H</u> xx	<u>x</u> x	<u>x</u> xx	<u>x</u> xx
Other leads:	v NT contracts		4 <sup>th</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> from poor;		
	<u>A</u> Kx( <u>x</u> )	<u>A</u> J10x	<u>K</u> Q10	<u>K</u> Qx	<u>K</u> J10
	<u>K</u> 109	<u>Q</u> J10	<u>Q</u> Jx	<u>J</u> 10x	<u>10</u> xx
	<u>10</u> xxx	<u>10</u> 9x	<u>9</u> 87x	<u>H</u> xx	<u>H</u> xxx
	<u>H</u> xxx	<u>H</u> xx	<u>x</u> x	<u>x</u> xx	<u>x</u> xx

(In all the card combinations shown , circle the card normally lead if different from standard i.e. underlined card)

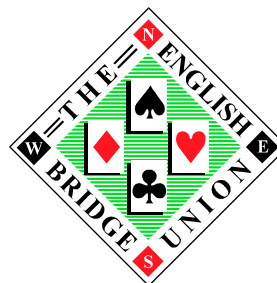
CARDING METHODS	Describe Primary method. State alternative in brackets.
On Partner's lead	Upside-down attitude (upside-down count)
On Declarer's lead	Upside-down count
When Discarding	Even encourages (upside-down count.)
Exceptions to above	Standard suit preference

## SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross reference to appropriate part of card)

[1a] Responses to 1♣ - no intervention

- 1♦ Negative (any 0-7). Opener continues
- 1♥ 11-13 or 19+ ART, responder:
- 1♠ 0-4 Bal
- 1NT Either 11-13 or 20-21 (giving up)
- 2♣ 11-13 Both minors (4-5/4-5)
- 2L F1
- 2N 21-22
- 3L Solid, set trumps FG
- 1N 5-7
- 2♣ 11-13 Both minors
- 2L Nat FG
- 2L 5-7 long suit (5+)
- 1♠ Natural 17+ NF
- 1N 17-19 (FOC, transfers etc.)
- 2m Natural 17+
- 2M 2-suited with clubs, FG
- 2N 23-24 (as over 2N etc.)
- 1♥ Positive in ♥ or Balanced 8-10, responder bids
- 1♠ 11-13 with 3♥ **or** 17+ and spades **or** 17+ with 3♥ [1c]
- 1N 11-13 <3♥
- other indicate strong hand
- Responder's 1N is NF, 2♣ is a relay
- 1♠ Positive in ♠, responder bids
- 2♠ = 11-13, spade fit (3 card raise)
- 1N = 11-13, <3♠
- others indicate strong hand
- 1NT Positive in ♣
- 2♣ 11-13
- 3♣ 11-13 with support
- others indicate strong hand
- 2♣ Positive in ♦
- 2♦ 11-13
- 3♦ 11-13 with support
- others indicate strong hand
- 2♦/♥ Transfer: 6 card ♥/♠, 4-7
- 2♠ 14+ Balanced
- 2NT 12-13 balanced invitational NF
- 3L Natural, weak, long suit
- 3NT+ No agreement



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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM

Bidding Methods: Two-way 1♣

Five card hearts, four card spades

1♦ promises exactly 4♥

Style of leads:- 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> from poor, top of honours

signals:- Upside-down count, attitude

discards:- Even encourages (then U/D count)

## ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

1♣ is two-way [1], either

11-13 no 4-card major, no 6-card minor **or**  
any 17+, artificial responses and continuations

1♦ promises exactly 4♥ [2] (11-13 balanced **or** 11-16 longer suit / 4441)

2♣ Natural, 10-16, 6 card suit, no major **or** 4 cards with 5 spades [3]

2♦ Natural, 10-16, 6 card suit, no major **some** 5♦+4♣

2♥ Both majors, weak, 5-11, maybe 4-4 NV, usually 5-4/4-5/5-5 [6]

2♠ Natural, 10-16, 5♠ and 4♦ [4]

STRENGTH OF 1NT OPENERS: **14-16** (5 major OK, off-shape OK)

2♣ RESPONSE TO 1NT OPENER IS: (PG/Any) Stayman  
(PS/CC) Shows 4+ ♠

Both players of a partnership must have identically completed convention cards.  
Cards must be exchanged with opponents for each round. (EBU 20A)

[1b] Responses to 1♣ - after opponents intervene:

(X) Pass 0-7 any except 1♦ below  
 1♦ Both minors (4+4+), 5-7  
 XX BAL, 8-11  
 1♥ 8+ NAT  
 Others as with opponent passing

(1♦) Pass 0-7 Any  
 X BAL, 8-11  
 1M 8+ NAT  
 1N/2L TRF, weakish if to major

(1♥) Pass 0-7 Any or penalties  
 X BAL, 8-11  
 1M 8+ NAT  
 1N/2L TRF, weakish if to spades

(1♠) Pass 0-7 Any  
 X BAL, 8-11  
 1N/2L TRF

(1N and higher)  
 Doubled, values, (semi)BAL  
 Natural, F1

Transfer to opponent's suit is a distributional take-out, 4441 or similar. Simple acceptance of a transfer shows 11-13, system on over responder's 1M.

[1c] Disambiguation of responder's 1♥ (Natural showing 5+ hearts or 8-11 BAL)

1♠ 17+ with spades **or** heart raise **or** 11-13 with 3 hearts:  
 1N 8-11 BAL  
 2♣ 5+ hearts; FG opposite 11-13, not 4♠  
 2♦ 5+ hearts; INV opposite 11-13  
 2♥ 5+ hearts to play opposite 11-13  
 1NT 11-13 no heart fit  
 2♣/♦/♥ To play  
 2L 17+ Natural FG  
 2NT 17+ Bal, no heart support

[2] Responses to 1♦ (showing exactly four hearts)

1♥ Relay or waiting – most hands without 5 spades or heart support:  
 1♠ 11-13 4-4 majors, now  
 2L NF  
 1NT BAL 11-13, now  
 2L NF  
 2♠ ART FG  
 2m NAT 5+ cards, now  
 2L NF  
 2♠ ART FG  
 2♥ 14-16 5 spades  
 2♠ 11-16 6 spades  
 2N 4-4 majors, with 5 minor  
 3m NAT 6+ cards, 13-16  
 3♥ 14-16 6+ spades

1♠ 5+ cards, opener's rebids natural – very much as after 1H as above.

1NT Balanced 8-11  
 2♣/♦ Natural FG  
 2♥ As a raise of 1♥ in four card majors  
 2♠ Weak  
 2NT 12-13 balanced invitational NF  
 3♣ FG heart raise  
 3♦ Limit heart raise  
 3♥ Natural, pre-emptive, usually 5 trumps  
 3♠/4m SPL, five trumps  
 3NT 6 trump game raise

[3] 2♦ Response to opening 2♣ (showing long clubs or four clubs/five spades)

2♥ Maximum with five spades  
 2♠ Minimum with five spades  
 2NT Maximum with six clubs  
 3♣ Minimum with six clubs  
 3♦ Natural (4), usually seven clubs  
 3♥ Natural (4), usually seven clubs  
 3♠ Max 5-5  
 3NT 6 clubs, 5 spades

[4] 2N Responses to opening 2♠ (four diamonds/five spades)

3♣ Maximum with 5 spades, 4 diamonds  
 3♦ Minimum with 5 spades, 4 diamonds  
 3♥ Maximum with 5 spades, 5 diamonds  
 3♠ Minimum with 5 spades, 5 diamonds  
 3NT Maximum, NT suitable 5=2=4=2  
 Higher Natural

After 2N, responder may pass a response but bidding creates a game force

[5] Responses to 1♠ opening (possible canape)

1NT Natural, no better bid, 5-11  
 2♣ ART FG Relay [5a]  
 2♦ Hearts, may not bid again after simple acceptance  
 2♥ Constructive spade raise, may only be 3 cards  
 2♠ Weak raise  
 2NT 12-13 balanced invitational NF  
 3♣/♦ NAT, NF, INV  
 3♥ ART raise four trumps, unknown SPL  
 3♠ Pre-emptive, usually five trumps  
 4♣/♦/♥ SPL, five trumps  
 3NT 6 trump game raise

[5a] Responder's game forcing 2♣ relay (tends not to have 5+ hearts)

2♦ 4♠, 11-14 canape  
 2♥ 5♠, balanced or 5-5 majors  
 2♠ 4♠, 11-13 Bal  
 2NT 6♠, 11-16  
 3♣/♦ NAT, 4♠, 15-16 canape  
 3♥ NAT, 5-5 majors, 14-16  
 3♠ Solid spades

After a 2-level rebid, responder may bid naturally or extract further information with 2M or 2N. Jumping to 3♠ is a strong slam try.

[6] Responses to 2♥ opening (weak, both majors)

2♠	NF, spades preferred
2NT	Either clubs (as diamonds via 3♣ below) or FG with major
	Over forced 3♣:
3♦	'Smolen':
3♥/♠	4 in bid suit, 5 in other major
3NT	4-4 majors
4♣/♦	5-5 majors, bid shortage
3♥/♠	Invite, values in clubs
3NT	Natural but having shown clubs
4♣/♦	Club hands
3♣	Diamonds; either to play or invitational with major.
	Over forced 3♦:
3♥/♠	Invite, values in diamonds
3NT	Natural but having shown diamonds
4♣/♦	Diamond hands
3♦	3-3 Majors, game try. Open bids longer major
3♥/♠	Non constructive
3NT	Natural
4♣/♦	Key card ask in ♥/♠
4♥/♠	To play

[7] ...