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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

5533, 1N 15–17, Multi 2♦ (5 ways), Polish 2♥/2♠ (weak 5/5 types)
2/4 style leads, standard attitude and count, o/e disc (odd = enc.)

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 15–17 Tick if artificial and provide details below ☐

Shape constraints all 5332, may have 6c min. Tick if may have singleton ☐

Responses 2♣ Stayman, does not promise 4c major if invitational

2♦ Transfer to hearts 2♥ Transfer to spades

2♠ Transfer to clubs 2NT Transfer to diamonds

Others 3♣ Puppet Stayman, 3M shortage in 5431 type

Action after opponents double XX relay to 2♣ for one-suiter; others = system on

Action after other interference X takeout; Lebensohl (via 2N denies stopper)

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣ 24+ or GF	2♦ semi-pos. plus; 2♥ neg.; 2N pos in ♥	
2♦ Weak 2M, Acol 2m, or 22–23 bal.	2♥ p/c; 2N inquiry; NS forcing	
2♥ 5♥ + 5c other, 5–10 HCP	2♠ p/c; 3♣ p/c; 3♦ inv in ♥; 2N inquiry	
2♠ 5♠ + 5c minor, 5–10 HCP	2N inquiry; 3♣ p/c for min; 3♦ inv in ♠	
2NT 20–21	3♣ Muppet; 3♦/3♥ trf. 3♠ minors; 4-any trf.	

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).

We often shade notrump bids by 1 point.

We seldom use Stayman with 4333 types.

OTHER OPENING BIDS						
	HCP	see Note *	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	10–22	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	none	2N GF raise; limit raises	1
1♦	10–22	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	none	2N GF raise; limit raises	1
1♥	10–22	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	none	Jacoby 2N; Bergen raises	
1♠	10–22	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	none	Jacoby 2N; Bergen raises	
3 bids	4–10	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	3N = 4m pre-empt	4♣ RKCB over 4M	2
4 bids		<input type="checkbox"/>	7	4m = Namyats		
*(Please enter your normal HCP range in the HCP column. Please tick box if you have any special agreements involving different values in particular positions (e.g. light openings in third seat) and include further details under Supplementary Details).						
DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN						
OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT			CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes	
Simple overcall			8–18 HCP, 5+ suit (rarely 4c)	2N raise of M; NS = NF		
Jump overcall			5–11 HCP, 6+ suit	2N raise of M; NS = F1		
Cue bid			Michaels	2N = inquiry; 3♣ p/c for minor		
1NT	Direct: Protective:		15–18 11–14	system on as over 1N opening trf. into their suit: shortage.	3	
2NT	Direct: Protective:		5/5 in lowest unbid 17–19	system on as over 2N opening		
OPPONENTS OPEN WITH		DEFENSIVE METHODS		SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes	
Strong 1♣		X = majors; 1N = minors				
Short 1♣/1♦		treat as natural		cue = Michaels; 2N = unusual		
Weak 1NT		see Cappelletti Convention				
Strong 1NT		see Woolsey Convention				
Weak 2		X = t/o; 2N = 16–18; leap. Michaels		system on over 2N; Leb. over X		
Weak 3		X = t/o; 4Q = bid 2-suiter; 4N minors				
4 bids		X = t/o; 4N = 2-suited t/o				
Multi 2♦		X 13–15 bal or 18+; leap Michaels		2N = Leb. Over X; treat relay as suit		
SLAM CONVENTIONS						
Name			Meaning of Responses		Action over interference	
RKCB			4♣ 1/4 • 4♦ 0/3		X/XX = 1/4 • P = 0/3	
Serious/Non-Serious			When major agreed, 3N = non-serious			
Roman cue bidding			Cue = 1 st or 2 nd round control		P = no control; X/XX = 1 st round	
5N pick a slam						

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents

Level to which negative doubles apply	4-level, thereafter X shows values
Special meaning of bids	2N = raise of M; cue bid = limit raise +; fit jumps
Exceptions / other agreements	

Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble	10+	New suit	see BROMAD	Jump in new suit	fit showing
Jump raise	M: 0–6; m: 7–9	2NT	raise of minor	Other	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

Doubles: gen. t/o, showing values w/o clear bid; X of p/c bids are t/o, assuming the p/c is their suit

Support doubles through 2♥; higher levels just extras and t/o.

Redouble not to play, can be values, SOS, step 2 in a relay sequence, or equiv. to a double

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Cappelletti (over weak NT): X = 15+; 2♣ majors (2♦ asks); 2♦ 1-suited M; 2M 5cM + 4cm

Woolsey (over strong NT): X = 5+ min with 4cM (2♣ p/c for min. 2♦ asks M) or diamonds only; others the same as Cappelletti (above).

Jacoby 2N: GF raise in opener's suit; continuations will be alerted.

BROMAD (after 1M–[X]): 2♣ 6–9, 3c; 2♦ 10+, 4c; 3♣ 6–9, 4c; 3♦ 10+ 4c; 2N = GF.

Bergen raises over 1M: 3♣ 6–9, 4c support; 3♦ 10–13, 4c support; can be 3c by passed hand.

Two-way Checkback over 1N and 2N: club bid is relay to diamonds; diamonds is GF checkback

If partner opened or overcalled, a cue bid is a good raise in partner's suit.

Michaels: cue bid of minor shows 5-5 in the majors; cue bid of major shows 5-5 in other major and a minor

Fourth-suit forcing to game; raising 4th suit to 3-level says nothing to say.

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).

1. We play limit raises over 1m, but in competition 1m–3m is a mixed raise (±7–9).
2. Over 3M, a bid of 4M-1 shows a raise to 4M with the A or K of trumps.
3. Transfer into their major shows shortage, but into their minor is natural.
4. 2N in competitive auctions can be a strong raise, a Lebensohl bid, or a scramble.

OPENING LEADS

For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card.

Hatch over or shade this box if using non-standard leads.

v. suit contracts	A <u>K</u>	<u>A</u> <u>K</u> x	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 10	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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v. NT contracts	<u>A</u> <u>K</u> x (<u>x</u>)	A <u>J</u> 10 x	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> 10	<u>K</u> <u>Q</u> x	K <u>J</u> 10	K <u>10</u> 9	<u>Q</u> J 10
	<u>Q</u> J x	<u>J</u> 10 x	10 x <u>x</u>	<u>10</u> 9 x	9 <u>8</u> 7 x	10 x x <u>x</u>	H x <u>x</u>
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Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-

5-level suit: A denies K asks attitude; K from AK or KQ, asks count

A or Q for attitude, K for count.

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v. suit contracts	Primary method v. NT contracts
On Partner's lead	1) attitude; 2) count; 3) SP	1) attitude; 2) count; 3) SP
On Declarer's lead	1) count; 2) SP	1) count; 2) SP
When discarding	1) attitude/SP; 2) count	1) attitude/SP; 2) count

Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above

We give standard attitude and count: high-low is encouraging if attitude, even if count.

On partner's lead, if dummy wins with Q or higher, signal attitude; otherwise count if relevant, else SP.

We give standard remaining count. We return an original fourth highest on the second round.

We sometimes indicate SP with irrelevant small cards, e.g. in trumps or if count is irrelevant.

We use Roman discards: odd pip = encouraging; even pip = discouraging with possible SP indication

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

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