

OPENING LEADS

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

Hatch this box if using non-standard leads

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

King requests unblock/count [against NT], count [against suit contract]

Ten not treated as an honour.

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v suit contracts	Primary method v NT contracts
On Partner's lead	<i>High Encourage, Low Discourage</i>	
On Declarer's lead	<i>Count; high/low shows even number.</i>	
When discarding	<i>Natural, HELD</i>	

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

McKenney where relevant

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS [2]

2.1	<i>3-major shows maximum opener with 4-card support</i>
2.2	<i>Rdbl shows weak hand with long [min 5] suit; opener relays to 2♣. 2-suit shows weak hand, suit bid + higher suit, at least 4-4. Bidding continues till at least 4-3 fit located.</i>
2.3	<i>Ogust 2NT over 2♥/2♠</i> <i>3♣/3♦ = min HCP; poor/good suit ['good' = 2 of top 3]</i> <i>3♥/3♠ = max HCP; poor/good suit. 3NT=AKQ of suit.</i>
2.4	<i>3♣ asks for 5-card major. 3♦ rebid denies 5-card major but promises at least one 4-card major. 3NT denies 4- or 5-card major. Following 3♦, if responder has a 4-card major, he/she bids the other, i.e. 3♥ shows 4 spades, 3♠ shows 4 hearts, 4♣ shows both. <u>An immediate 3♠ response shows both minors.</u></i>



Name:

Partner:

GENERALISED DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

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1NT OPENING AND RESPONSES

Strength: 12-14 Tick if artificial and provide details below:

Shape constraints: May have any 5-card suit Tick if may have singleton:

Responses: 2♣ *Stayman [promissory]*

2♦ *Transfer to hearts [see 2.1]* 2♥ *Transfer to spades [see 2.1]*

2♠ *Strength enquiry [2NT min, 3♣ max]* 2NT *Transfer to a minor*

Others *3-any-suit is slam try; 3NT rebid shows no slam interest, other rebid is RKCB reply*

Action after opponents double: *Helmic [see 2.2]*

Action after other interference: *Penalty double*

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning		Responses	
2♣	<i>8 playing tricks, any suit, or 23-34 balanced</i>	2♦	<i>relay</i>	
2♦	<i>Game forcing</i>	2♥	<i>negative</i>	
2♥	<i>Weak, 5-9 NV, 6-10 Vul. Usually 6-card suit. Wider-ranging in 3rd position, 11-14 in 4th</i>	2NT	<i>Ogust enquiry</i>	2.3
2♠				
2NT	<i>20-22; 3♣=5-card puppet Stayman, 3♦/♥=Transfer; 3♠=both minors</i>			2.4

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

4-card suits are bid up the line.