

Name **Nigel Richardson** EBU No. 102120Partner **Kathy Richardson** EBU No. 102119**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 K	A K x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x x	H x x
	H x x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	
v. NT contracts	A K x (x)	A J 10 x	K Q 10	K Q x	K J 10	K 10 9	Q J 10
	Q J x	J 10 x	10 x x	10 9 x	9 8 7 x	10 x x x	H x x
	H x x x	H x x x x	H x x x x x	x x	x x x	x x x x	

Other agreements in leading

Leading to partner's suit - ace, low from other honours, count.

Carding Methods

Primary method v suit contracts Primary method v NT contracts

On Partner's lead High = Encouraging, (Even, (Lavinthal))
Low = Discouraging, (Odd, (Lavinthal))On Declarer's lead High = Even
Low = Odd Smith petersWhen discarding High = Discouraging
Low = Encouraging

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

Partner leads Ace requires attitude, King requires count

Supplementary Details (continued)

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General Description of Bidding Methods**ACOL & multi 2♦****1NT Openings and Responses**

Strength 12 - 14

Shape constraints Balanced

Responses 2♣ Stayman (does not promise a 4 card major)

2♦ Transfer to Hearts (3) 2♥ Transfer to Spades (3)

2♠ Transfer to Clubs 2 NT Transfer to Diamonds

Action after opponents double System but redouble for minors.

Action after other interference Lebensohl, double for penalties (optional) 11+ points (1)

Two Level Openings and Responses

Points	Length	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣ 19+	0	Values only (5+ quick tricks)	2♦ - negative (<8 hcp)	
2♦ 6-20	0	Weak in a major, or balanced strong in a minor 19 - 20 hcp	2 NT - positive (relay) 2♥, 2♠ - to play (2♠ guarantees 3♥)	
2♥ 16-22	5	8 playing tricks	2 NT - negative (<7 hcp)	
2♠ 16-22	5			
2NT 21-22	Balanced		Stayman & transfers	

Other aspects of system which opponents should note

Include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values

Inverted minor suit raises, subsequently 4 of minor is RCKB

Both players of a partnership must have identically completed convention cards
Cards must be exchanged with opponents for each round

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Other Opening Bids

	HCP	see note	Min Length	Conventional Meaning	Special Responses	Notes
1♣	11 - 18		4		Inverted minor suit raises 2NT - Jacoby Jump shift (15+ hcp) Splinters (singleton or void)	5
1♦	11 - 18		4			
1♥	11 - 18		4			
1♠	11 - 18		4			
3 bids	6 - 10		7			
4 bids	8 - 12		8			

Defensive methods after opponents open

Opponents open a natural one of a suit	Conventional Meaning	Special Responses	Notes
Simple overcall	Natural, <16 points	Unassuming cue bid	
Jump overcall	6 - 10 points, 6 card suit		
Cue bid	Two suited - Michael's		
1 NT Direct Protective	15 - 17 points 11+ points	Transfers & Stayman	
2 NT Direct Protective	Two suited - Unusual NT		
Opponents open with	Defensive Methods	Special Responses	Notes
Strong 1♣	Double 14+ hcp - penalty		
Short 1♣ / 1♦	Double for take out		
Weak 1 NT	Double 15+ (11+ protective), 2♣ - both majors		2
Strong 1 NT	Double 18+ or natural suit bids		
Weak 2	Suit bids natural (11-15 points), double for take out		
Weak 3	Double for take out		
4 bids	Double for take out		
Multi 2♦	X: 11-15 over 2♦, 15+ over relay, 16+ (majors) protective		

Slam Conventions

Responses Action over interference - n.a.

Roman Key Card Blackwood (count of Aces plus the King of trumps)	5♣ 0 or 3 after 5♣ or 5♦, relay bid seeks Q of trumps
	5♦ 1 or 4
	5♥ 2
	5♠ 2 + Q of trumps

Competitive Auctions

Agreements after opening one of a suit overcalled by opponents

Level to which negative doubles apply 2♣

Special meaning of bids New suit - forcing
Cue bid - Jacoby

Exceptions and other agreements Protective bids are non-forcing

Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Re-double 9+ New suit Natural Jump in new suit Strong

Jump raise Natural 2 NT Jacoby Other

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

Take-out below 3♠ unless partners hand is already limited but see note 4

Cue bid opposite a double - values for NT, looking for control in opener's suit

Other Conventions

Opening 3 NT	Solid minor & 8 tricks
Change of suit	After 2 level response, opener's change of suit is forcing
Trial Bids	Requests support in trial suit or shows control for NT contract
Two NT rebid	After 2 level response, 2 NT is forcing for one round
Jacoby	Support for partners major suit and game (+) values
Unassuming cue bid	After partner's overcall - 10+ points and 3 card support
Michael's	Two suiter (at least 5,5); both majors or other major & minor
Unusual NT	Two suiter (at least 5,5); two lowest unbid suits
Fourth suit forcing	Requests partner for more information; forcing to game
Lebensohl	A bid of 2NT is transfer to 3♣

Supplementary Details

- (1) A double includes a stop in opponents suit; 3 level bids are forcing
- (2) At adverse vulnerability protective double shows 15+ hcp
- (3) Breaking the transfer shows 4 cards in transferred suit
2NT - maximum 3 of transferred suit - minimum
- (4) Double of weak jump overcalls at 3 level are for penalties
- (5) Trump suit at 4 level is RCKB