OPENING LEADS

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

(Hatch over this box if using non-standard leads).

v. suit contracts	A **K** **Q** J x H x x **x**	**A** K x **J** 10 x H x x **x** x	**K** Q 10 10 x **x** H x x **x** x x	**K** Q x **10** 9 x **x** x	K **J** 10 9 **8** 7 x x **x** x	K **10** 9 10 x x **x** x **x** x x	**Q** J 10 H x **x**
v. NT contracts	**A** K x (x) **Q** J x H x x **x**	A **J** 10 x **J** 10 x H x x **x** x	**K** Q 10 10 x **x** H x x **x** x x	**K** Q x **10** 9 x **x** x	K **J** 10 9 **8** 7 x x **x** x	K **10** 9 10 x x **x** x **x** x x	**Q** J 10 H x **x**

Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-

CARDING METHODS

	Primary method v suit contracts	Primary method v NT contracts
On Partner's lead	Attitude: high encouraging, low discouraging EXCEPT lead of K v NT asks partner to unblock or give count.	
On Declarer's lead	Count: high-low=even no. of cards; upwards = odd no.	
When discarding	Attitude: high encouraging; low discouraging	

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

Suit preference signals

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

6 Continuations after a 2NT rebid are as over an opening 2NT bid

Name **EBU No.**

Partner **EBU No.**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

Benjaminised Acol

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength	12 to 14	Tick if artificial and provide details below	☐
Shape constraints		Tick if may have singleton	☐
Responses	2♣	Stayman	
2♦	Transfer to hearts	2♥	Transfer to spades
2♠	Transfer to clubs	2NT	Transfer to diamonds
Others	3♣/♦/♥/♠= 6+ card suit and slam interest.		
Action after opponents double	All two level responses are natural		
Action after other interference	Bid naturally, X = takeout after suit overcall		

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

	Meaning	Responses	Notes
2♣	Acol 2 or 21-22 balanced	2♦ relay	6
2♦	Game forcing or 23+ balanced	2♥ negative	6
2♥	Weak 2, 5-9 usually 6 card suit	2NT asks for feature	2
2♠	Weak 2, 5-9 usually 6 card suit	2NT asks for feature	2
2NT	19-20; 3♣ Stayman, 3♦♥ Transfer; 3♠ GF ART with slam interest		4

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

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

Note: *This convention card has been produced to summarise a standard system for use by players who want to play Benjaminised Acol*

This card may be copied as needed for club use and altered as appropriate.

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

OTHER OPENING BIDS

	HCP	see Note	Min length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
1♣	11*-19	☐	4	* Light openings possible For opener's NT rebids – note 1	1NT response = 6-9 2NT response = 10-12 Limit raises Splinter bids/ 3NT see Other conventions	
1♦	11*-19	☐	4			
1♥	11*-19	☐	4			
1♠	11*-19	☐	4			
3 bids	<10	☐	6	Pre-emptive		
4 bids	<10	☐	7	Pre-emptive		

*(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		Natural		
Jump overcall		Weak, usually 6 card suit		2
Cue bid		2-suited hand		5
1NT	Direct: Protective	16-18 11-14	As for 1NT opening	
2NT	Direct: Protective	Lowest two unbid suits 20-22 balanced	Limit bids As 2NT opener	5

OPPONENTS OPEN WITH	DEFENSIVE METHODS	SPECIAL RESPONSES	Notes
Strong 1♣	Double= both majors; 1NT both minors		
Short 1♣/1♦	Natural		
Weak 1NT	Double = penalties; 2♣ both majors ; others nat.		3
Strong 1NT	Double = penalties; 2♣ both majors ; others nat.		3
Weak 2	Double = take out		
Weak 3	Double = take out		
4 bids	Double = take out		
Multi 2♦	X= 13-16 bal or v strong; 2NT = 17-19 bal		

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Name	Meaning of Responses	Action over interference
Roman Key Card	5♣ = 0 or 3 aces; 5♦ = 1 or 4 Aces	
Blackwood	5♥ = 2 aces no trump queen; 5♠ = 2 with trump queen	
5NT = Grand Slam Force	6♣ = 0; 6♦ = 1; 6♥ = 2 of top 3 honours,	
	7 of trump suit = 3	

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

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

Level to which negative doubles apply	3♠
Special meaning of bids	Cue bid = good raise
Exceptions / other agreements	Jump raise pre-emptive

Agreements after opponents double for takeout

Redouble	9+ HCP	**New suit**	forcing	Jump in new suit forcing
Jump	Pre-emptive	**2NT**	Good raise	

Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Fourth Suit Forcing: A bid in the fourth suit is artificial, showing no particular Holding in that suit but requesting partner to describe his/her hand further. After 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥, 1♠ is natural and 2♠ is 'fourth suit forcing'.

Unassuming Cue Bids Opposite partner's overcall a cue bid shows a good raise

Splinter Bids Response of 3♠/4♣/4♦ to 1♥ opening or 4♣/4♦/4♥ to 1♠ opening shows a raise to 4♥/4♠ with 4+ trump support and singleton or void in bid suit

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

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

1 NT rebids: After 1 level response 1NT = 15-17; 2NT = 18-19; 3NT = long suit

2 After Weak 2♥♠ 2NT asks for a feature and shows game interest.

Respond 3 of original trump suit with a minimum and show a high card by bidding the suit with the high card with better than a minimum. The same system applies after a weak jump overcall by our side.

After a Weak Two a change of suit at the two level is natural and invitational. A change of suit at the 3 level is natural and forcing. A simple raise of the major is pre-

3 Defence to 1NT 2♣ shows 5+ - 4+ in majors.

4 2NT - 3♠ Baron GF with slam interest, usually no 5 card suit

5 2 suited overcalls 1m 2m shows 5+ -5+ in majors; 1M 2M shows 5+ -5+ in other major and a minor. 1any - 2NT shows 5+ - 5+ in two lowest unbid suits.