

System Check Sheet - Open

Major Suit Openings

- Does a 2 over 1 promise another bid from responder after a minimum rebid?
eg. 1S – 2C
2S - ?
- A 2 over 1 response is forcing to?
- What do you open with 15-19 pts and a 4333 or 3433 distribution?
- What is the point count of the 1NT response? eg. 1S – 1NT
- Can you respond 1NT with 3 card fit in opener's major (assuming you open a 4 card major)?
- When would you respond 2M with only a 3 card fit (again assuming you open a 4 card major)?
- What would you open on the following?

AQ1087	QJ107	KJ102	KJ102	8	KQJ95
97	7	Q1095	KQ105	KQ105	A9
4	AKJ5	7	A964	KJ108	J98542
KQJ94	Q1073	KQ87	5	AJ54	---
- What does the following bidding show?

1S – 2S	1S – 2S	1S – 2S
2NT	3NT	3S
- What does the following bidding show?

1S - 2C	1S – 2C	1S – 2C
2S – 3C	2D – 3C	2NT – 3C
- Do you play Law raises over a 1Major opening? If so, list the responses from 2M through 3M.
- If you play Limit Raises over a 1Major opening, list the responses from 2M through 3M.
- What is the jump raise to game show? ie 1S – 4S
- If it is a Law Raise, is it automatic on any 5+ support hand or do you watch the vulnerability, or must it have distribution, etc.
- If bidding goes 1Major – (DBL*) - ? (*T.O), are responder's responses still the same as before?
- Is a change of suit over partner's 1NT response forcing?
eg. 1S – 1NT How far?
2H - ?

16. Is a change of suit over partner's 2 over 1 response forcing?

eg. 1S – 2C How far?
2H - ?

17. Can opener pass a 2 over 1 response if partner is a passed hand?

eg. Pass – 1S
2C - ?

18. What is the 2NT rebid from partner over a 2 over 1 response – is it forcing?

ie. 1S – 2C
2NT

19. What do the following rebids from opener show?

1S – 1NT	1S – 1NT	1S – 2C	1S – 2C/D	1H – 2C
3C/D	3H	3D	3H	3D

20. How strong, how forcing are opener's reverses?

eg. 1H – 1NT 1H – 2D
2S 2S

21. How strong and how forcing are opener's jump rebids?

eg. 1H – 1NT
3C

22. What do the following jump rebids show?

1S – 1NT	1S – 1NT	1S – 2C	1S – 2C
3S	3NT	3S	3NT

23. Do you play short suit/long suit/help suit trial bids after a major suit raise? eg 1S – 2S

24. Do you play the opposite type of trial bid anywhere else in the system or are you always consistent?

25. Define what you understand your trial bids to be? ie. How short or how long?
How strong or how weak is the holding in the suit? etc

26. What do the following responses show? 1H – (1S overcall) – 2H 1H – (1S) – 3C

What do the following doubles show?	1H – (1S) – Dbl	1H – (2D/C) – Dbl
	1S – (2D/C) – Dbl	1S – (2H) – Dbl

28. What do the following cue bids show?

Normal Cue Bid: ie. 1H – (1S) – 2S Jump Cue Bid: ie 1H – (1S) – 3S

29. Are your opening bids in the majors generally - Normal Aggressive Sound

MINOR SUIT OPENINGS

1. What are your 1m – 2m 1m – 3m 1m – 4m responses?
2. If your 1C opening (and /or 1D opening) show as few as 3+ in the suit, does the 2m or 3m responses above have to be 5+
3. How do you show the balanced point counts of 15-20 pts
4. What is the point count of the 1NT response over 1C – 1NT and 1D – 1NT ?
5. Does the 1C – 1NT response deny 4+D as well as a 4 card Major?
6. What does 1m – 1NT and 2NT show? Is the 3NT rebid strength of gambling, or both?
1m – 1NT 3NT
7. What would you open with the following?

AQ108	K72	KJ102	KJ1072	KQ1085	KQJ95
972	AQ10	Q1095	KQ	K7	A9
A43	AKJ	7	A9642	8	4
KQJ	1073	KQ87	5	AKJ54	J9852
8. What does the following bidding show?

	1C – 3C	1C – 3C	1D – 3D
	3D	3H	3S
9. If you play inverted minor raises, what are the following rebids over 1m – 2m?

2M	2NT	3m	3 other minor	3NT	3M
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10. How forcing are each of the above rebids?
11. Do you have a Game Forcing response over a 1m opening, if so what is it?
12. Are the rebids and subsequent treatments to this GF response over a 1m opening the same (or treated in the same way) as any similar GF response over a 1M opening?
13. What are the 1m – 2M 1m – 3M 1m – 4M responses?
14. If bidding goes 1m – (Dbl*) - ? Do you still play the 2m and 3m responses as before?
What about the 1m – 2M, 3M, 4M responses?
15. What is the difference between:

	1C – 1D	and	1C – 1D
	1H – 1S		1H – 2S
16. What do the jump responses 1C – 2D and 1D – 3C show? What are your treatments after these jumps?
17. Do you play short suit/long suit/help suit trial bids after a minor suit raise? eg. 1C – 3c

18. Do you ask for a stopper or show a stopper after a 1m opening and suit agreement when probing for 3NT?

eg. 1C – 1S
2C – 3C
?

19. What do the following rebids from opener show?

1S – 1NT	1S – 1NT	1S – 2C	1S – 2C/D	1H – 2C
3C/D	3H	3D	3H	3D

20. How strong, how forcing is opener's reverses? eg. 1C – 1S
2D

21. How strong, how forcing are opener's jump rebids? eg. 1D – 1NT
3C

22. What do the following jump rebids show?

1C – 1NT	1C – 1NT	1D – 2C	1D – 2C
3C	3NT	3D	3NT

23. What do the following sequences show? 1m – (1D) – Dble 1m – (1H) – Dble
1m – (1H) – 1S 1m – (1S) – Dble

24. What do the following show? 1m – (overcall) – 2m 1m – (overcall) – 3m
1m – (1S overcall) – 2S 1m – (1S overcall) – 2NT

25. Do you use any forms of check back over:

1m – 1M If so, what is it and what are the responses?
1NT - ?

26. How about check back over:

1m – 1M If so, what is it and what are the responses?
2NT

27. Finally what about check back over:

1C – 1D If so, what is it and what are the responses?
1NT - ?

28. Your strong 2C opening (or 2D if you play Benjaminised Acol) is Game Forcing?or forcing to.....?

29. What does partner need to respond:

2D 2H/2S 2NT 3C/3D 3NT

30. After 2C – 2D What is partner's 2nd negative?
2H/2S - ?

31. Do you have a 2nd negative after: 2C – 2D If so what is it?
3D?
32. Explain the following: 2C – (dbl) – Pass 2C – (dble) – 2D 2C – (Overcall) – dble
33. What response would you make with the following hand,
K84 If bidding goes 2c – (pass) - ? 2C – (2H) - ? 2C – (2S) - ?
97
K53
Q10983
34. What do the following show: 2C -2D 2C – 2D 2C – 2D
2H – 3H 2H – 4H 2H – 3S/4C/4D
35. Is 2C – 2D forcing? What point count does the rebid of 2NT show?
2NT
36. Over the 2NT rebid above do you play the same set of responses as over say 2D – 2H ?
2NT

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1. Do you open 1NT on all hands which fall into your point range?
2. Do you open 1NT on say J862 KJ3 KQ Q963 using a 12-14 NT?
This is trying to establish whether you look at the quality of the points.
3. NV vs Vul, 3rd seat after pass- (pass) - ? Would you open 1NT on QJ98 KJ10 84 KQ96
This is trying to establish whether you 'pull back' a little on minimum hands after a passed partner.
4. Do you open 1NT with a weak doubleton? Do you open 1NT with a singleton?
What about partner in both these cases?
5. Do you open 1NT with a 5 in a major or 5422 in a minor or 6322 in a minor
6. How good or bad must the 5 card major, or the 6 card minor be? In other words how do you distinguish between burying one of these in a NT opening instead of opening the particular suit?
7. What would you open on the following?

AQ1087	QJ1087	KJ752	107	Q84	109
KQ7	74	QJ6	KQ1065	J5	Q9
Q104	AKJ	K7	A94	KJ10842	AJ7
82	Q73	KQ7	A65	AJ	KQJ954
8. If you open 1NT with a 5 card major, can you show it naturally, or only in a Relay sequence, or not at all?
9. If you open 1NT with a 6 card minor, can you show it naturally, or only in a Relay sequence, or not at all?
10. If 2C Stayman is doubled by the opponents, what do the following bids from opener mean:

Pass	Redble	2D	2H	2S
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11. If Pass and/or Redble above show something in clubs, how good is partner's club suit in each case?
12. If bidding goes 1NT – (dbl*) - ? (*Penalty dble) what are responder's following bids:
Pass Redble
13. If bidding goes 1NT – (dble*) - ? (*single suiter hand) what are responder's following bids:
Pass Redble
14. If bidding goes 1NT – (dble*) - ? (*Penalty dble) what are responder's following bids:
2C 2D 2H 2S 2NT 3 Level
15. If bidding goes 1NT – (dble*) - ? (*single suiter hand) what are responder's following bids:
2C 2D 2H 2S 2NT 3 Level
16. What does opener's Dble mean in the following 2 situations?

1NT – (2H) – Pass – Pass	1NT – Pass – Pass – (2H)
Dble	Dble

17. Playing transfers with the bidding going: 1NT – 2D what are opener's rebids above 2H (ie)
 2S (step 1) 2NT (step 2) 3C (step 3) 3D (step 4) 3H (step 5)
18. If the transfer was to spades ie. 1NT – 2H would the above 5 steps have the same meaning?
19. If the transfer is doubled by the opponents ie. 1NT – Pass – 2H – dble what are the following rebids from opener?
 Pass redouble 2S The 5 steps above accepting the transfer to 2S
20. What do the following rebids from responder mean:
 1NT – 2C 1NT – 2C 1NT – 2C 1NT – 3C 1NT 2D 1NT – 2D
 2H – 3C 2H – 4C 2D – 3C 2D – 4C 2H – 3C 2H – 4C
21. The bidding goes: 1NT – (2H) - ?? Using Lebenshol or some other form of convention, how do you show, if you can, the following types of hands:
 Invitational with 5 + S Can you distinguish between 5S and 6+S invitational?
 Competitive with only with 5+S Game Forcing with balanced hand and no stop in oppositions suit
 Game Forcing with 5+S Game Forcing with balanced hand and stop(s) in oppositions suit
 Penalty double of opponents 2H Take out of 2H overcall
22. How do you open, and/or rebid, to show balanced hands of: 20-21pts 22-23pts 24pts ?
23. Can you have a small doubleton in these strong NT hands?
24. Can you have 5 in a major, or 5422 in minors, or 6322 in a minor in these strong NT hands?
25. Can you distinguish between a 5 card major and an 4 card major over these strong NT hands? How?
26. Similarly, if you get to 2NT (or open 2NT) to show one or more of these strong NT hands – do you still:-
 Play 3C Stayman? Play transfers of 3D and 3H
 What is a 3S response from partner after the strong rebid of 2NT?
27. If you get to 2NT, or open 2NT, to show one or more of these strong NT hands
 eg. 1C – 1D (neg) – 2NT What do the following rebids/sequences from responder mean?
 2NT – 3C 2NT – 3C 2NT – 4C 2NT – 3C 2NT – 3C 2NT – 4NT
 3H – 4C 3NT – 4C 3H – 4NT 3NT – 4NT
28. Similarly, if you get to 2NT to show one or more of these strong NT hands and the bidding goes
 2NT – 3D where 3D is a transfer. What are opener's rebids over 3H (ie)
 3S 3NT 4H 4 Level

29. If the transfer is doubled by the opponents (ie) 2NT – (Pass) – 3H – (Dble) what are the following rebids from opener?

Pass redble 3S 4S 4 Level Bids

Do they differ in principle from the treatment over 2NT – (Pass) – 2H – (Dble) ?

30. If you get to 2NT to show one or more of these strong NT hands, what do the following rebids or sequences from responder mean?

2NT – 3D	2NT – 3D	2NT – 3D	2NT – 3D	2NT – 3D
3H – 4C	3H – 3NT	3H – 5H	3NT – 4NT	3NT – 4C

31. And again, what is the difference between the following rebids/sequences from responder

2NT – 3D	2NT – 4H
3H – 4H	

32. In your system, the opening of 3NT shows what?

If it is gambling, what is the maximum that may be held in an outside suit?

Does it change depending on vulnerability or from 1st/2nd seat to 3rd seat or 4th seat?

What is the minimum and maximum quality/length of the long suit?

33. What are the following responses from partner after a gambling 3NT opening?

4C 4D 4H/4S 4NT 5C

34. If the gambling 3NT opening is doubled is opener supposed to run to their long minor or leave it up to partner? What if the dble is made by the 2nd hand and partner passes?

10. When the opponents overcall (not a jump overcall) what are your following bids?

1NT (over a 1 level overcall) eg. 1D – (1H) – 1NT - ?

2NT (over a 2 level overcall) eg. 1S – (2C) – 2NT - ?

A bid of a new suit (over a 1 level overcall) eg. 1D – (1H) – 1S - ?

A bid of a new suit at the 2 level (over a 2 level overcall) eg. 1H - (2C) – 1S - ?

A bid of a new suit at the 3 level (over a 2 level overcall) eg. 1S – (2H) – 3C - ?

A jump bid in a new suit (over a 1 level overcall) eg. 1D – (1H) – 2S - ?

A jump bid in a new suit (over a 2 level overcall) eg. 1D – (2C) – 3S - ?

A double (after a 1 level overcall) eg. 1D – (1S) – dble - ?

A double (after a 2 level overcall) eg. 1H – (2D) – dble - ?

A cue-bid of the opponents suit (over a 1 level overcall) eg. 1D – (1S) – 2S - ?

A cue-bid of the opponents suit (over a 2 level overcall) eg. 1S – (2H) – 3H - ?

Do any of these change if the opponents have made a weak jump overcall?

Do any of these change if the opponents have made an intermediate jump overcall?

11. What would you bid on the following hands after the bidding has gone – 1D – (1S) - ? (or whatever the opening bid showing diamonds in your system followed by an overcall of spades by the opponents). Explain.

K87	K96	1073	9	865
Q1084	Q10965	AQ5	AK1064	105
87	K42	J4	A10732	Q9854
K752	Q9	Q10864	K5	K53

12. What would you bid on the following hands after the bidding has gone – 1H – (1S) - ? (or whatever the opening bid showing hearts in your system followed by an overcall of spades by the opponents). Explain.

Q108	K6	KQ107	A3	932
972	10	865	J865	Q8
KJ1087	AK1085	83	AKJ93	KJ85
Q2	Q9642	Q1043	Q10	AQ93

13. Your overcall of 1NT shows what?

What is the response structure?

Does it differ to that when you open 1NT?

What about if/when you open 2NT (Natural)?

What about if/when you overcall 2NT (strong) over a 2 level opening by the opponents?

14. Explain the suit and strength qualify of your overcall structure.

At the 1 level non vul

At the 1 level vul

At the 2 level non vul

At the 2 level vul

Jump Overcall non vul (at the 2 level

Jump Overcall non vul (at the 3 level)

Jump overcall vul (at the 2 level)

Jump Overcall vul (at the 3 level)

Pre-empt Jump Overcall non vul (ie dble jump) eg (1D) – 3H ?

Pre-empt Jump Overcall vul (ie a dble jump) eg (1D) – 3H ?

15. Can you overcall on a 4 card suit? Do you do this often? How about partner?

What hand quality would you have if you do it?

Would you overcall vulnerable on a 4 card suit?

How about partner?

16. Do you play short suit, long suit or help suit trial bids after a suit raise in competitive auctions?

eg. 1H (Partner) – 2C – 2H (You) – (Pass)
New suit?

17. What is your agreement when opener bids the opponents suit after a suit raise in competitive auctions?

eg. 1H (Partner) – (2C) – 2H (You) – (Pass)
3C?

18. Do you ask for a stopper or show a stopper after opponents interfere when probing for NT? Is this an ask for a full stopper or half a stopper?

19. Presumably this is when you have no suit agreement, or can you still probe for NT after agreeing a suit, either directly or implicitly? Explain any agreements carefully.

20. Can you make two probes for NT (ie by twice cue bidding the opponents suit)?
In this case what would you be asking for?

21. What is a direct cue-bid of the opponents suit? (1Minor) – 2Minor? and (1Major) – 2Major?

Is there a difference if your side is non-vul or vulnerable?

22. What is a Jump Cue-Bid of the opponents suit? (1Minor) – 3Minor? and (1Major) – 3Major?

Is there a difference if your side is non-vul or vulnerable?

23. What do you understand by the following sequence:

Pass – (1H) – 2C – (2H) Does this 2S bid show any tolerance for partner's suit?
2s ? Is it forcing – if so how far – explain?

24. Do you have a general principle when a passed hand enters the auction later with a new suit after partner has overcalled as in above example?

25. What do you understand by the following sequence:

Pass – (1H) – 3C – (4H) Is this natural and long, natural with support for partner's clubs
4S ? or lead directing with a club fit?

26. What do you understand by the following sequence:

Pass – (1H) - 3C – (4H) Is this a natural 'they have overbid and we have got them'
Pass – (5H) – dble penalty double or is it a Lightner Double ('find an alternative
lead other than my suit partner')

27. Does your partnership have well documented and thought out defences to the following opposition opening bids – if so, do you know them, can you write them down without looking at the system?
- a. Over opponents strong 1C
 - b. Over opponents 1D (which can be short as a void)
 - c. Over Opponents *Submarine Openings*
 - d. Over Opponents 2C (Precision style) opening
 - e. Over opponents 1NT (Natural)
 - f. Over opponents 1NT (Comic)
 - g. Over Opponents Weak Two's
 - h. Over Opponents Multi 2D (or Multi 2C)
 - i. Over opponents Tartan Two's
 - j. Over Opponents Unusual 2NT (weak or strong)
 - k. Over opponents Michael's cue-bid
 - l. Over opponents 2level opening showing 2 suits
 - m. Over opponents pre-empts
 - n. Over opponents gambling 3NT
 - o. Over opponents 4 level pre-empts
 - p. Over opponents 4C/4D openings (transfer to H/S)