



**Basic System: FAIE Set System – Acol, 12-14 NT, Weak 2♦/♥/♠**

OPENING BIDS	Point Range	Min. Length	CONVENTIONAL MEANING	SPECIAL RESPONSES
1♣	10-20	4	Natural	Limit raises
1♦	10-20	4	(See note 1)	1NT response 6-9
1♥	10-20	4		2NT response 11-12 BAL
1♠	10-20	4		2 over 1 change of suit 9+
1NT	12-14			Stayman, Transfers, 2S = a minor
2♣	18+	0	Strong 23+BAL or game force	2D negative
2♦	6-10	6	weak	2NT=Enquiry asking for high card feature, with rebid of the suit showing a minimum.
2♥	6-10	6	weak	
2♠	6-10	6	weak	
2NT	20-22			Stayman & red suit transfers
3 bids	4-10	7	NAT pre-emptive	
4 bids		7	NAT pre-emptive	

DEFENSIVE BIDS					
OVER-CALLS	Meaning	OPONENTS OPEN	Defensive Methods		
Simple	NAT, 5+ card	Strong 1C	N/A		
Jump	11-15, 6 card suit	Weak 1NT	NATURAL		
Cue Bid	Michaels	Strong NT	N/A		
1NT	Direct 15-18	Weak 2 bids	T/O dbl		
	Protective 11-14				
2NT	Unusual (Direct) Protective 20-22	Weak 3 bids	T/O dbl		
		4 bids	Optional dbl		
ACTION AFTER OPPONENTS INTERVENE WITH					
Overcall	Double	Sputnik to 3♠	New Suit NAT, forcing for 1 round		
Jump overcall	Double	Sputnik to 3♠	New suit, NAT, forcing for 1 round		
Double	Re-double 10+HCP (penalty interest)	New Suit NAT (5+) (good suit)	Jump in New Suit NAT, with a fit for partners suit	Jump Raise Pre-emptive	2NT Sound Raise to 3

OPENING LEADS	v.suit contracts					4th & 2nd				
	AK	AKx	KQ10	KQx	KJ10					
	K10 9	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx					
	109x	987x	10xxx	Hxxx	Hxxx					
	Hxxx	Hxx	xx	xxx	xxx					
OTHER LEADS	v. NT contracts					4th & 2nd				
	AKxx	AJ10x	KQ10	KQx	KJ10					
	K10 9	QJ10	QJx	J10x	10xx					
	10xxx	109x	987x	Hxx	Hxxx					
	Hxxx	Hxx	xx	xxx	xxx					

CARDING METHODS	Primary	(Secondary)
Partner's Lead	Attitude-high encourage	(High-Low=even number)
Declarer's Lead	Count-High-Low=Even number	
Discarding	Attitude-high encourages	(suit preference)

SLAM CONVENTIONS	Meaning of Responses	Action over Interference
Blackwood		DOPI/ROPI
Gerber over 1NT/2NT	0/4, 1 2, 3	Dbl=0, Pass=1, next step=2 (Redble=0 Pass=1, etc.)

OTHER CONVENTIONS	
4th suit forcing	Unassuming cue bids
Unusual NT	2NT jump overcall shows 2-suiter in the lowest unbid suits
Trial Bids	Long suit trial bids
Note 1	4432 hands with 15-19 prefer to open the major. Open 1♥ with both majors, 1♣ with both minors. 4441 hands open 1♣ with a red singleton; 1♥ with a black singleton
Michaels Cue Bid	Over a minor show both majors; over a major, shows the other major and unspecified minor
If they double 1NT	Redouble (strength) and Pass are to play, suit bids natural