# Aberystwyth Bridge Club – Charity bridge day

## Bidding conventions

We are hoping to restrict bidding to well known understood systems with no use of rarefied or unusual conventions.

The assumption is Basic Acol. Bids will be “natural”, and players should alert anything that might be regarded as unusual.

If you and your partner have agreements on discards, attitude and the like that is fine, provided you are always ready to explain them fully.

### Opening

1. 1C/D/H/S opening promises 4+ in that suit.
2. 1NT opening is weak, 12-14pts
3. 2NT opening is strong, 20-22pts
4. 2D/H/S opening should be alerted as

* either strong: play for 8 tricks and at least 5 of the suit
* or weak: 6-10pts and 6+ of the suit

*Note: Benjaminised Acol with strong 2C/2D is not in use this day.*

1. 2C opening is the strongest: play for 9 or more tricks, usually ending in game.
2. 3 openings in a suit are preemptive, usually promising 7+ cards

### Response

1. Over 1NT,2NT, Stayman and transfers are acceptable
2. Over an intervening bid, double/redouble shows 8+pts

### Overcalls

1. Double indicates an opening bid
2. Simple suit overcall is weak, promising 5+ cards
3. Jump suit overcall indicates opening values with a strong 6+ suit
4. 1NT is 15+pts with a NT hand

### Other

1. 4NT, especially if a jump call, will be simple Blackwood asking for Aces.
2. 5NT will usually be Blackwood for Kings