

Shenkin – Spears system notes – added Jan 1st 2023

1C opening is 3+ clubs

1H/S 1N = semi-forcing

1H/S 3C = 3+H/S, invitational +

1H/S 3H/S = 4+ H/S, 5-9

1H/S 2N 3H = 5-4 with extras

1H/S 2n 3S = 6H/S with extras, no shortage

2C 2D 3H/S = 5+D/4H/S

2S 3D = Game try+ in S

Defence to NT

(1N) 2D = H or S, less than opener.

(1N) 2H/S = natural, opening values

Leads

Lead of K against NT asks for unblock or reverse count

Carding

Against suits, we signal reverse attitude or suit-preference - rarely show count

When following to declarer, we generally show suit-preference. - rarely show count