

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
 Negative thru 3S
 Responsive thru 4D Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru 2H Redbl.
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
 Snapdragon X for 4th suit

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 18 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Transfer Advances: Jump Q = LR

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. _____

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
 natural over 1C and 0-2 D

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

Exclusion (03-14), 4C = preempt KC (0.1w/o, 1 w/, 2w/o, 2w/)
 DIP2 4S Kickback for H; Optional Keycard
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits	versus Notrump
(X)x	x x(X)x
x x(X)	x x x x(X)
(A)Kx	(T)9 x
(K)Q x	(K)J T x
(Q)J x	(K)T 9 x
(J)T 9	(Q)T 9 x
(K)Q T 9	(Q)J T x
	(J)T 9 x
	(T)9 x x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 K lead at game level vs suits for count
 3rd/even lowest from odd

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv.
 Balancing: 10 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. Range Stayman

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong Weak
 2♣ Majors Majors
 2♦ 1 Major Tfr to H
 2♥ M + m Tfr to S
 2♠ M + m 1 good minor
 Dbl: 4M + long m Penalty
 Other _____

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
 Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Redouble implies no fit
 2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other Transfers over 1M X; Fit jumps

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4H Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: _____

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
 Standard:
 Except
 Upside-Down: count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Rev
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**

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GENERAL APPROACH

2/1 Transfer Responses to 1C; Multi & Polish 2 bids Non-vul 1/2/3
 Two Over One: Game Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid
 VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts
 FORCING OPENING: 1♣ 2♣ Natural 2 Bids Other

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 14 to 16
 to _____
 5-card Major common
 System on over X & 2C
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (F denies)
 2♠ Range Ask _____ Neg. Double Tfr Leb
 2NT Diamonds _____ Other: _____

2NT 20 to 21

Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ relay to 3N

3NT _____ to _____

Gambling 1st and 2nd

Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5
 1st/2nd
 3rd/4th

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter
 Other: 2S/1H = INV; 1M 3M Mixed
 1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing PH
 2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: _____ to _____
 Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Mod Bergen; 3D/1S = H inv+
 Other: Mod BART after 2C

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.
 1♣
 1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: Limit+ by UPH
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 9 to 11
 2NT Forcing Inv. 14 to 16
 3NT: 17 to 19
 Other 2D Meckwell/ 1C; 2H=NT INV

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ _____ to _____ HCP
 Strong Other
 2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting
 2♦ 4 to 10 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
 2♥ 5 to 10 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
 2♠ 5 to 10 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF
 Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. Many fit jumps in Comp
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game Vul - all weak 2 bids
 Over their 0-2 D, 2H = Limited Michaels; 2D/1C = Michaels
 Artificial JS over our 1C and 1D openers; 1m 2S = mixed raise
 XYX after 1D/1H/1S; in comp 3M-1 usually mixed raise