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GENERAL APPROACH

2/1 Forcing to Game

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 15 to 17

2♣ Stayman Puppet 3♣ Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer 3♦ 5-5 m force

2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies) 3♥ Fragment

2♠ Size ask or C Neg. Double 3♠ Fragment

2NT D or 5-5 m weak Other: Baze, Bergen PenX-XX 1suit, DONT

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas

3♠ Relay to 3N

Smolen

3NT to

4 of minor preempt

Conventional NT Openings

Transfer Lebensohl

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: Unidentified Splinters, Const Raise Single raise Other: LR or better

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing Inv. to

3NT: to

Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit

Other: 2C=4pc const or lim, 2D=3pc lim, 123 stop

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

Other: LR or better

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣ 7 to 10

2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12

3NT: 13-15 to

Other: 2H=5S, 4+H 6-10(on/1D oc)

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ <input type="checkbox"/> to <input type="checkbox"/> HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	dbl, redbl + neg (<K)
2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/> chpst m = 2nd neg	Kokish
2♦ <u>5</u> to <u>10</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ogust, McCabe 2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
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OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game

Unusual/Unusual (3C=H, 3D=S, 3OM=force), Invitational JS, XYZ,

Kokish Game Tries, Modified Hamilton/(1N oc of m), CRASH over strong 1C, 2C

Leaping/non-Leaping Michaels, Non Serious 3N

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty

Negative thru 7H

Responsive : thru 7H Maximal

Support: Dbl. thru 2H Redbl

Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

Snapdragon

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to + HCP (usually)

often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF

Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

Q=LR, Mixed Raises, Jump by PH=fit

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light

3/4-bids

Conv./Resp. NAMYATS

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major

Natural

Strong T/O

Michaels

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on

Conv.

Balancing: to

Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest

Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: WEAK (no 16) STRONG

2♣ 1m or Maj MinC+Major

2♦ Majors D+Major

2♥ Hearts Hearts

2♠ Spades Spades

Dbl: Pnlty/C by PH 1m or both M

Other Sys on / X of Weak NT

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 suit below ours = Const Raise

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4H Penalty

Conv. Takeout:

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other:

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

Gerber over NT, Kickback

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 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 x x x x x x **X X** x x x x x x

(A)K x T 9 x (A)K J x A Q J x

K Q x K J T x A J T 9 A T 9 x

Q J x K T 9 x K Q J x (K) Q T 9

J T 9 Q T 9 x Q J T x Q T 9 x

K Q T 9 J T 9 x T 9 x x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT

3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT

Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT

Standard:

Except

Upside-Down:

count

attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal

Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo

Trump Suit Pref.

Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**