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SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty Responsive
 Negative thru 3 \spadesuit
 Responsive : thru 3 \spadesuit Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru 2 \heartsuit Redbl.
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
 4th Suit Doubles

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv. "Sandwich" 1NT
 Balancing: 11 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
 Conv.

NAMES

GENERAL APPROACH

2/1
Two Over One: Game Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid
VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts
FORCING OPENING: 1 \clubsuit 2 \clubsuit Natural 2Bids Other

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 6 to 16 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Jump To Suit Under Ours = Limit. XX = Ax or Kx

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:
 2 \clubsuit Relay to 2 \diamond * _____
 2 \diamond Majors _____
 2 \heartsuit Natural _____
 2 \spadesuit Natural _____
 Dbl: _____
 Other: * After relay to 2 \diamond :
 2 \heartsuit = \heartsuit & Minor, 2 \spadesuit = \spadesuit & Minor

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17
 to _____
 5-card Major common
 System on over X & 2 \clubsuit
 2 \clubsuit Stayman Puppet Dbl of 2 \clubsuit = Stayman
 2 \diamond Transfer to \heartsuit Forcing Stayman
 2 \heartsuit Transfer to \spadesuit
 2 \spadesuit MSS or \diamond s
 2NT \clubsuit s or 4-4-4-1
 3 \clubsuit Puppet Stayman
 3 \diamond 5-5 Minors & G.F.
 3 \heartsuit 5-5 Majors Invitational
 3 \spadesuit 5-5 Majors & G.F.
 4 \diamond , 4 \heartsuit Transfer
 Smolen
 Lebensohl (Slow denies)
 Neg. Double @ 3-Level
 Other: XX = relay to 2 \clubsuit

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3 \spadesuit 5 \spadesuit & 4 \heartsuit
 3NT _____ to _____
 Gambling

Conventional NT Openings

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
 Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Redouble implies no fit

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. 4 \clubsuit (3 \clubsuit -3 \diamond) = Asking Bid

2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other: 1-Major - 2 \clubsuit = Mixed Raise

MAJOR OPENING

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

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.
 1 \clubsuit
 1 \diamond

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter
 Other: 4-Level after 2NT = 2nd Suit
 1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. By PH to > 3 \clubsuit
 3NT: * _____ to _____
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: * 3NT = Raise to 4M with Outside A or KK

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: _____
 Frequently bypass 4+ \diamond
 1NT/1 \clubsuit 8 to 10
 2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other: 1m-2m-4 Same m = RKC

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

Gerber Over NT Only. After RKC 5NT Asks For Cheapest King.
 Splinter then 4NT = Exclusion RKC. Xfer Then 4NT = Quantitative
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: _____ ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits versus Notrump

xx	(x)x(x)x	xx	(x)x x(x)
(x)x(x)	xxx xx	(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 (1)x	A J (1)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
 Vs NT: 3/5 In Partner's Suit

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:
 Except

Upside-Down: count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK