

SPECIAL DOUBLES & REDOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty** **Open 2♣+**
 Negative **2♦ thru 4♦**
 Responsive **2♦ thru 4♦**
Support XXX **→2 of our Maj**
1♣/1M-(1Y)-Dbl GF Art.

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level **8+** HCP (usually)
 Often 4 cards
Responses
 New Suit: NF Constructive
 Jump Raise: Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Wk **2♠+ 5-11^{2nd}, 3-14 ^{3/4}**
 Direct **(1m 3+)-2♥: 8+ 4+♠5+♥**
(1♣ 3+)-2♦: 8+ 4+♥5+♦ NF

OPENING PREEMPTS

3-bids 1/2 seat: **5-11-** 3/4: **0-14⁻**
xxxxxx ok

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
5+♠ 4+♥ 4+oM 5+m
or huge 5-5
 Natural over 0+-2+
 Jump Cue: **str 1m or 2 lo unbid**

TWO-LEVEL SUIT OPENINGS**1st/2nd seat**

2♣ 5+♠, str, 15+ if bal, force
 Resp: **2♦ GF ask; 2M/3♠ NF;**
2N wk both m; 3 new art inv.
2♦ 5+♥ 0-3♠, ", ", 5♥4m(31)/6+
 Resp: **2♣ GF ask; 2♥/3♥ NF;**
2N/3m art inv.; 3♠/4m spl.
2M 10-11/13-14, 5+M, 0-3oM,
5M4m(31) or 6+M
 Resp: **2M+1 GF, 2M+2-4 art inv**

3rd/4th seat

2♣ 5+♠, str, 17+-35 if bal
 Resp: **Same as 1st/2nd**
2♦ 5+♥ 0-3♠, ", ", 5♥4m(31)/6+
 Resp: **Same as 1st/2nd**
2M 5+M: 3rd 0-14⁻, 4th 11-14
 Resp: **Natural**

OTHER CONVENTIONAL CALLS: (1 suit)-X str bal;
vs. 1♣/2♣ strong CRASH; vs. Prec. 1♦, 1N is 5+♠, 4+♥;
after we open 1♣ or 1M 1/2, 1N in comp is like a negative dbl

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: vs. Nat 3-suit takeout
Balancing: 10 to 17⁻
(1X)-(1Y)-1N 17+ to 19 sys on
Jump to 2NT: str t/o 4+hi unbid

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: **Wk (hi+lo<27) Strong**
2♣ ♣ Rank 4+-5+
2♦ ♦ Non-touching 4+5+
2M Natural Natural
 Dbl: **Str (15+/17+) Color 4+5+**
 Other: **2N vs. both Rank 5+4+**

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
 Jump Shift & 2NT: Inv over 1♣;
GF over 1♦; Inv(+) over 1M

VS Opening Preempts Double is

Takeout thru **4♥**
 Conv. Takeout: **4N over 4♠**

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber 4NT: RKC 1430
Shortness ask; pattern ask;
Caspar KC; control ask;
denial cue; Pick a slam
 Interference **P0D1, (P0R1), PEDO**

Names: Sam Dinkin and Michael Shuster**GENERAL APPROACH: Strong Diamond**

1st/2nd seats: 1♣ 9+-14 0+♣, 1♦ 15+ Art., 1M 8-9 4+M,
1N 10-12, 2♣ 5+♠ 15+, 2♦ 5+♥ 15+, 2M Nat. 10+-14
3rd/4th: 1♣ 14+-17-, 1♦ 17+ Art., 1M 14-17- 4+M,
1N 14-17⁻, 2♣ 5+♠ 17+, 2♦ 5+♥ 17+, 2M Nat 3rd 3-14
Forcing Openings: Other All seats: 1♦, 2m 3rd/4th only: 1♣

1NT 1st/2nd seats

10 to 12 12 no maj
 5-card maj common
 Sys on over some X/2♣
2♣ GF Ask
2♥ Puppet to 2♥
2M Nat. 4+ Inv.
2N/3X Nat. Inv.
 Singleton minor OK
 S. African Texas
 Lebensohl
 (___ denies)
 Neg. X 2♦ thru 4♦

1NT 3rd/4th seats

14 to 17⁻
No 4+ card maj
 Sys on over ___
2♣ Natural NF
2♦ Natural NF
2M Nat. 5+ NF
2N/3X Nat. Inv.
 Singleton minor OK
 S. African Texas
 Lebensohl
 (___ denies)
 Neg. Double

2NT

Either minor 6+
1st/2nd seat 12-15⁻
3rd/4th seat 14-17⁻
3♣ Pass/correct
3♦ GF Art. ask
 Rebids **3♥=♣ 3♠=♦**
 S. African Texas
 Neg. Double

3NT

Solid minor
1st/2nd no side A/K

ONE-LEVEL SUIT OPENINGS**1st/2nd seat**

1♣ 9+-14; 0+♣; NF; any shape;
12-14 bal 4+M, 13-14 bal 2-3M,
12 5M4m(31), 12 6+M,
or 10-14 other patterns
 Resp: **1♦ GF art, 1M/1N: NF,**
higher Inv., 2m asking
1♦ 15+, 0+♦, force, usu <6M
 Resp: **1♥ 1 QT or 6-10⁻ Art.;**
1♠ 0-5⁻ Art., 0+♠, no aces, NF;
1N+ GF, Art., 10+, 2+controls
1M 4+M, NeAv-9 (-10 vul)
 Resp: **1♠/1N NF, 2♣ GF art,**
2 New/2N/3♣=Inv NF, 4m spl,
3♦=Fitted Inv+, 3M 5+card Inv

3rd/4th seat

1♣ 14+-17- 0+♣ force 5+suit
5⁻ losers, unbal
 Resp: **1♦ Neg. no maj, NF;**
1M 4+M 0-8- better M NF;
1NT+ GF art.
1♦ 17+, 0+♦, force, usu <6M
 Resp: **1♥ 4⁺-8⁺ 0+♥ force <GF;**
1♠ 0-4⁻ Art., 0+♠, no aces, NF;
1N+ GF, Art.
1M 4-5M, 14+-17-, bal or 4441
 Resp: **1♠/1N NF, 2-way Drury;**
2♣ = 8-9 HCP, 3 card fit;
2♦ = 6-8⁻ HCP, 4+ card fit

LEADS: A asks SP, K count
Standard honor leads except
King asks unblock/count in NT
and queen from KQ vs. NT;
3rd/lo vs. suits, 4th vs. NT
in suits we like; Att leads in our
suit or breaking new suit mid hand

DEFENSIVE CARDING
Std. suit pref primary
Std. count secondary
No attitude