

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
 Negative thru 7H
 Responsive thru 7S Maximal
 Support: Dbl thru 2 of 5-NT
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv sandwich
 Balancing: 11 to 15
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv

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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 2 Natural 2 Bids Other

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 16 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv Weak

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong Weak
 2 St major majors
 2 St minor minors
 2 Nat nat
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 Dbl: 1 min/bothmaj penalty
 Other: 2NT minors 2NT one
minor

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

14+ ^{1NT} to 17
 to
 5-card Major common
 System on over X, 2C
 2 Stayman Puppet
 2 Transfer to
 Forcing Stayman
 2 Transfer to
 2 3C
 2NT 3D

2NT 20 to 22
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
 3 minor suit
slam try
 3NT 25 to 27
systems on

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.

2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak

Majors
 Minors
 Other

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

MAJOR OPENING

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

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Cor
 1
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RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter
 Other: Bergen raises

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other:

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
D14 P03 / R14 P03; 5NT specific
jump to SM trump ask promises all KCs
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: ROPI

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv to
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other:

Frequently bypass 4+
 1NT/1 6 to 10
 2NT Forcing Inv 10+ to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other:

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 |
| K x | T 9 x | 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

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

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBID

2 22 to + HCP of 9+ +tricks
 Strong Other (10+ f minor)
 2 Resp: Neg Waiting
 2 5 to 10 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
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OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. strong jump shifts
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game fit jumps in comp

vs strong 1C: X = majors, INT = minors