SPECIAL DOUBLES After Overcall: Penalty Negative ■ thru 7 Responsive ■ : thru 7 Maximal ■ Support: Dbl. ■ thru 2 Redbl ■ Card-showing ■ Min. Offshape T/0 ■	NOTRUMP OVERCALLS Direct:15to18Systems on Conv Balancing:11to16 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest Conv DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP	NAMES _John McAllister & Adam Grossack GENERAL APPROACH 2 over 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 7 to 18 HCP (usually) often 4 cards very light style Responses New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF□ Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak jump cue = mixed raise	vs: strong weak 2♣ majors majors 2♠ one major 1 major 2♥ 5♥+4m 5♥+4m 2♠ 5♠+4m 5♠+4m Dbl: 5+m 4M penalty Other weak if 13 in stated range	NOTRUMP OPENING 1NT 1NT 1NT 3♣ puppet 10	stayman GF	2NT _20 _ to _21 Puppet Stayman □ Transfer Responses: Jacoby ■ Texas ■ 3 ♠ forces 3NT
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 ■	Forcing Stayman ☐ Smolen ■		gambling Conventional NT Openings
OPENING PREEMPTS Sound Light Very Light 3/4-bids	2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak Majors ■ □ □ Minors ■ □ □ Other transfer advances over 1M (X		Expected N	MINOR OPENING NF Ain. Length 4 3 0–2 Conv.
OVER: Minor Major Natural Strong T/O Michaels	VS Opening Preempts Double Is Takeout ■ thru 4♠ Penalty□ Conv. Takeout: Lebensohl 2NT Response ■ Other:	RESPONSES Double Raise: Force ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☐ Double Raise After Overcall: Force ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☐ After Overcall: Conv. Raise: 2NT ☐ 3NT ☐ Splinter ☐ Forcing Raise		RESPONSES See: Force
SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber□: 4NT: Blackwood□ RKC□ 1430 ■ Exclusion (1430) 4♣= preempt kc (0,1w/o,1 w/, 2w/o, 2w/) vs Interference: DOPI■ DEPO■ Level: 5 trump suit+ ROPI□		Other: dbl raise mixed; 3M+1 spl; 2NT: Forcing ☐ Semi-forcing ☐ 2NT: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐to	Frequently 1NT/1 2NT Forcin 3NT:	e ■ Other: inverted bypass 4+ ◆ ■ 6 to 10 ng □ Inv.□ 11 to 12 13 to 15
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LENGTH LEADS: 4th Best vs SUITS□ vs NT 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS■ vs NT	FIRST DISCARD Lavinthal Odd/Even	Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong 2 ♠ 5 to 11 HCP usu Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong	ally 6	2NT Force New Suit NF Modified Ogust NV 2NT Force New Suit NF M
A lead versus preempt dentes & vs NT OTHER CARDING SP vs NT Smith Echo		OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: ☐ 2-Way NMF■ 2♣ forces 2♠ Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. ■ Not in Comp. ■ 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. ☐ Game ■ Unusual vs. Unusual Mathe over strong 1♣, Xfer over 2NT rebid, downward jump shifts invitational in		
SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK Mathe over strong 1 *, Xfer over 2N1 of comp; XYZ				vnward jump sniits invitational in