

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
Negative thru 4♥+; cards higher
Responsive : thru 4♥+ Maximal
Support Dbl thru 2ourM *TOUCHING*
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
Snapdragon X: (1a)-1b-(1N)-X T.O

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing N/Const NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
Jump Q Mixed JS INV Trf/Neg of our 1M

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
as over weak 2-bid

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv. Resp. NS LDT.O X: 3M-X-Trf

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major Artif. Bids
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
RB when fit unshown; mKC; non-serious 3N with 8-card M fit
5N often pick a slam; 2♦, 2♥, 2♠, 3♦, 3♥, 3♠: 4♣ mKC; 3♠-4♣ mKC
vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5♥+ ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)
versus Suits versus Notrump

xx	xx	xx	xx
xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
AKx	T9x	AKJx	AQJx
KQx	KJT x	AJT9	AT9x
QJx	KT9x	KQJx	KQT9
JTx	QT9x	QJT x	QT9x
KQT9	JT9x	T9x x	

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
IF LONG SUIT IN DUMMY = Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit Preference
GIVE WHAT IS NEEDED

SPECIAL CARDING

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 16 to 18 Systems On
Conv. 2 lowest by PH
Balancing: 11-15 to PP2N:19-21
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: STR or WkbyPH Weak By UPH
2♣ ♠&♥ Ms
2♦ ♠&♥ ♦
2♥ ♠&♥ ♥
2♠ ♠ not STR ♠
Dbl: ♠-other or ♠ STR PEN
Other

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 Trf/1M: 1M-X-skip OM-Mixed

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♠ Penalty
Conv. Takeout
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other 4m Roman Jumps

NAMES

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GENERAL APPROACH

Standard American with gadgets

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 3♣ Puppet Stayman
5% 14 to 95% 17 3♦ 5-5+ m's
5-card Major common 3♥ 3-1-5-4
System on over Art X, 2♣ 3♠ 1-3-5-4
2♣ Stayman Puppet 4♠ Art Slam F
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦ 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (slowdenies)
2♠ Range ask or ♣ accept Neg. Double
2NT m's weak or ♦ any Other: Texas > 3♣ O/C Garbage Stayman, 2♠ NV

2NT 20 to 21+
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ 5-4+ m's
2N-4♠ Art Slam F
3NT Gamblin to
No side honor 1-2 Pos
Conventional NT Openings

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 1♥-3♠ & 1♠-3N Light any SPL
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. Jacoby to
3NT: M Fit, to SPL
Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 3 under INV, NAT

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
Single raise Other
Frequently bypass 4 +♦
1NT/1♣ 6 to 9+
2NT Forcing Inv. in to comp
3NT: 16 to 18
Other: 1m-4♠♥, 1m-4♦=♠ 1♦-3♠ INV

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:
Except
honor 0-2 higher middle of hand
VsNT: K lead asks count/unblock
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

PLEASE ASK

DESCRIBE

2♣ 22+ to HCP
Strong Other
2♦ Resp: Neg. Waiting
2♦ 6 to 12 HCP occ 5 or 7-card suit
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♥ 6 to 12 HCP occ 5 or 7-card suit
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♠ 6 to 12 HCP occ 5 or 7-card suit
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

RESPONSES/REBIDS

Step-Control Responses
3-4 of Suit-Good Suit; 3N solid
2♦-X-2M F, maybe L/D
2♥-X-2♠ F, maybe L/D
2NT Force NF
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over T/O X, 2N>3 under trf
2NT Force NF

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF > 2♣ F PH
Weak Jump Shifts not in Comp. 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round Game
Trf/2N raise or rebid: FSJ by PH + some UPH: Unusual Vs Unusual: Scrambling 2N
Equal Level Conversion: 1♥-X-2♠ 1♠-X-3♥ 1♣-X-2♦ 1♦-X-3♠ All mixed
Trf X of our 1M, 2M or 3M O/C or opening: (1m)-(1N)-2m by either = M T/O