



NAMES Michael Penick & Hemant Lall -- 3/3/2022

### 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

### NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

**1NT**  
14+ to 17  
to  
5-card Major common   
System on over X, 2♣  
2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
2♦ Transfer to ♠  4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
Forcing Stayman  Smolen   
2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (fast denies)  
2♠ MSS (wk or st) Neg. Double  3S  
2NT 3m=wk, 3M=st; Other: 3d=GF

**2NT** 19+ to 21  
Puppet Stayman   
**Transfer Responses:**  
Jacoby  Texas   
3♠ relay to 3NT  
4M=sh w 55+m  
**3NT** Solid to major

**Conventional NT Openings**  
Smolen 1N, 2N

### MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5  
1st/2nd DR=<INV    
3rd/4th

### MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.  
1♣      
1♦

### RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter   
Other: Jacoby; LR = 3D;

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

**1NT:** Forcing  Semi-forcing   
**2NT:** Forcing  Inv.  to \_\_\_\_\_  
**3NT:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
**Drury:** Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
**SJ = inv BUPH & FIT BPH**  
Other: 1M 1N 2N Transfers

Frequently bypass 4+♦   
1NT/1♣ 8 to 10  
2NT Forcing  Inv.  11 to 12  
3NT: 13 to 15  
Other sing Jump=INV; dbl Jump=SPL

### SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty  \_\_\_\_\_  
Negative  thru 4♥  
Responsive  : thru 4♥ Maximal   
Support: Dbl.  thru 2♥ Redbl   
Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O   
XX adv after neg\*=9+HCP w 2 TR

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

**Direct:** 15 to 18 Systems on   
Conv.  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Balancing:** 10 to 16  
Jump to 2NT: Minors  2Lowest   
Conv.  Range Stayman \_\_\_\_\_

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong \_\_\_\_\_ Weak (LT 15) \_\_\_\_\_  
2♣ C+1 \_\_\_\_\_ I suit \_\_\_\_\_  
2♦ D+M \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_  
2♥ H \_\_\_\_\_ H+m \_\_\_\_\_  
2♠ S \_\_\_\_\_ S+m \_\_\_\_\_  
Dbl: 1m or 2M \_\_\_\_\_ Penalty \_\_\_\_\_  
Other 1m (1NT) 2C=M/U; 2D=M/E

### 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 Q =MR; NSF@1L; NFconst2L

### JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak   
Intermediate if VUL

### OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light  
3/4-bids     
Conv./Resp. \_\_\_\_\_

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major  
Natural    
Strong T/O    
Michaels

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru 4♠ Penalty   
Conv. Takeout: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lebensohl 2NT Response   
Other: LEB BUPH Majors only

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level: 5 trump suit+ ROPI

### 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  
(A)K x T 9 x A 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   
K = power lead vs NT Attitude vs NT

**Primary signal to partner's leads**  
Attitude  Count  Suit preference

### DEFENSIVE CARDING

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

### FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal    
Odd/Even    
UDCA

### OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo    
Trump Suit Pref.    
Foster Echo

### SPECIAL CARDING

### PLEASE ASK