

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
Negative thru 4♥+; cards higher
Responsive : thru 4♥+ Maximal
Support Dbl thru 2ourM ^{TOUCHING} Rebid
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 NFConst 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 L/D/T/O X: ~~2M/2M~~

DIRECT CUEBID

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

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
Lebenschi 2NT Response
Other 4m Roman Jumps

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
xx x^{5 level} xx xx xx
AKx T9x AK Jx AQ Jx
KQx KJT x AJT 9 AT 9x
Q Jx KT 9x KQ Jx KQT 9
J T x QT 9x QJT x QT 9x
KQT 9 JT 9x 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
GIVE WHAT IS NEEDED

SPECIAL CARDING

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
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

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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 ♠ Lebenschi (slowdenies)
2♠ Range ask or ♠^{3♣} Neg. Double
2NT m's weak or ♦ any Other: Texas > 3♣ O/C

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

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. 2NT Force ~~New Suit~~ NF

2♥ 6 to 12 HCP occ 5 or 7-card suit

Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force ~~New Suit~~ NF

2♠ 6 to 12 HCP occ 5 or 7-card suit

Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force ~~New Suit~~ 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 ~~with~~ O/C or opening: (1m)-(1N)-2m by either = M T/O