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GENERAL APPROACH

2/1-Muppet Stayman
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
to _____
5-card Major common 3♥ 31(45)
System on overdbl not pe 3♠ 13(45)
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)
2♠ Transfer to ♣ Neg. Double
2NT ♦ or 5-5m weak Other: _____

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ Relay to 3NT
Pass or Minor(s) slam try
3NT _____ to _____
Gambling _____

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 Splitter
Other: Rev. Bergen on aft. dbl off aft.
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: 13 to 15
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: Drury on after Dbl or overc, 1

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
Other: Limir Raise+
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other: Inverted Minors (off by PH)

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
Negative thru 4♥
Responsive : thru 4♦ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

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

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong NT Weak NT
2♣ long suit Same
2♦ Mayors Same
2♥ H+Minor Same
2♠ S+Minor Same
Dbl: Penalty Penalty
Other: _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
Intermediate in pass out seat

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 Rdbl 10+

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Specific K ask, DIPS, RIPS

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: _____ 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
Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads
Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:
Except

Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Rev.
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 21+ to _____ HCP
Strong Other
2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting
2♦ 5 to 10 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♥ 5 to 10 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♠ 5 to 10 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2NT Force New Suit NF
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OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game

Wolf sign off, Ingberman, Muppet Stayman, Jacoby 2NT, 3NT non-serious slam try

Lebenshol, XYZ or NMF by passed hand, Unusal vs Unusal,

Michaels, Leaping Michaels, Exclusion RKC, Redwood