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GENERAL APPROACH

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/2C
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen 3 level
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denials)
2♠ Range/transf ♣ Neg. Double
2NT ♦/minors bust Other: 2N=SA of major

2NT 19+ to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ transfer to 3N
3N=5S4H
3NT to
Gambling 1,2 seat

Conventional NT Openings
3OM/4♣(KC)/4♦

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: rev. Bergan. 1♥2♠, 1♠3♥ = natural splinter raise
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing BPH
2NT: Forcing Inv. to
3NT: to
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
ask or help suit game try
Other: 1 M-X-transfer from 1N

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: forcing to 3
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 8 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other: Rev. Flannary(on/X) 43344 spiral

SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 11 to 14/16
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv. bal 2N = 19-20

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong NT weak NT
2♣ Majors Majors
2♦ one Major one Major
2♥ H + minor H + minor
2♠ S + minor S + minor
Dbl: 5minor4Maj 15+HCP
Other

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 16 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
JQ = mixed

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

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 4H Penalty
Conv. Takeout: 4C/minor = majors
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: Leaping and non leap Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

specific K, 0314 response in exclusion

4C/ preempt KC ask: 0,1,1+Q,2,2+Q

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: DIP2.5 lev. 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 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

vs SUITS vs NT
Standard:
Except
A or Q vs. NT -attitude
K vs NT - unblock J or Ct
Upside-Down:
count
attitude
FIRST DISCARD
Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo rev.
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK