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**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 15 to 17  
2♦ 15 to 17  
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♠ >♣ (3♣ sa) Neg. Double  at 3-level  
2NT >♦ (3♦ sa) Other: M sa: 3M=15+4;  
3♣ 3451/4351 G/F  
3♦ 3415/4315 G/F  
3♥ 3145/3154 G/F  
3♠ 1345/1354 G/F

2NT 20 to 21  
Puppet Stayman   
**Transfer Responses:**  
Jacoby  Texas   
3♠ > 3NT, ♣/♦ slam  
3NT: 5♠ and 4♥

3NT        to         
gambling no A/K  
**Conventional NT Openings**  
3x=17+4 (never 4333)

**MAJOR OPENING**

Expected Min. Length 4 5  
1st/2nd    
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  Splitter   
Other: 3♣=limit, 3♦=const.  
1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing   
2NT: Forcing  Inv.         to         
3NT:        to         
Drury  Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
2♣=4, 2♦=3 (on over 1♠)  
Other: Kokish GT All ON over X

**RESPONSES**

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor   
Single raise  Other: G/F; xx/xx=Limit  
Frequently bypass 4+♦   
1NT/1♣        6 to        10  
2NT Forcing  Inv.         11 to        12  
3NT:        13 to        15  
Other over X: WJS

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

After Overcall: Penalty          
Negative  thru        3♠  
Responsive  : thru        3♠ Maximal   
Support: Dbl.  thru        2♥ Redbl   
Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O   
Rosenkrantz       

**NOTRUMP OVERCALLS**

Direct:        16 to        18 Systems on   
Conv.          
Balancing:        11 to        14  
Jump to 2NT: Minors  2 Lowest   
Conv.  (Systems On)

**DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP**

vs: Strong:direct Weak:direct  
2♣ ♦ or MM         
2♦ ♥ or black         
2♥ ♠ or mm         
2♠ ♣ or red         
Dbl: ♣+♥        Penalty         
Other 2NT: ♦+♠         
Natural in balancing       

**SIMPLE OVERCALL**

1 level        8 to        16 HCP (usually)  
often 4 cards  very light style   
**Responses**  
New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF   
Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
NF Const bph       

**JUMP OVERCALL**

Strong  Intermediate  Weak   
2M > 4m: Leaping Michaels       

**OPENING PREEMPTS**

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

**DIRECT CUEBID**

OVER: Minor Major  
Natural    
Strong T/O    
Michaels    
Michaels and Unusual NT: Mini-Maxi       

**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 1m-(X)-3m = limit

**VS Opening Preempts Double Is**

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

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
Lower-ranking suit: DIFS/RIFS Specific Kings  
Higher-ranking suit: DEPO Minorwood (1430) Exclusion (0123)  
vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level:        ROPI

**LEADS** (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits	versus Notrump
<b>X X</b> x(x)x x	<b>X X</b> 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

**DEFENSIVE CARDING**

Standard:     
Except   
Upside-Down:  
count    
attitude

**FIRST DISCARD**

Lavinthal    
Odd/Even

**OTHER CARDING**

Smith Echo Reverse    
Trump Suit Pref.    
Foster Echo

**LENGTH LEADS:**

4th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
Attitude vs NT   
vs NT: A/Q: Attitude, K=Unblock/Count  
**Primary signal to partner's leads**  
Attitude  Count  Suit preference

**SPECIAL CARDING**  **PLEASE ASK**