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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 15 to 17 3♣ modif. PUPPET
2♦ 15 to 17 3♦ 5-5 M's
5-card Major common 3♥ 3154 or 3145
System on over 2♣, Dbl 3♠ 1354 or 1345
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)
2♠ clubs suit = Neg. Double
2NT diam. +ve Other:

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ forces 3NT; then
4m = RKC

3NT to
GAMBLING
Conventional NT Openings
♥ transf may be Art
w 5-5 minors

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: BERG 3♣ constr Kokish-Nag
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing ph
2NT: Forcing Inv. Forc. to raise
3NT: uph = pre rais+ a/k
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 2-way GT's 1♠ - 3♥ = invite
ph (3m=nat; 2NT=fit)

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
GTigle raise Other: to 2NT or 3m
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 7-10 to
2NT Forcing Inv. 10-12 to /1♦
3NT: 1D13-15 to 1C15-17
Other: 2♠/1m=constr raise

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
Negative thru 4♥
Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
1♣-P-1♦-(1♠)-X = 4 hearts

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15+-18o Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 11-14 to
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. 2NT passout = 19-20

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: multi-LANDY
2♣ MAJORS
2♦ 1-major
2♥ M+m
2♠ M = m
Dbl: 4M + 5+m values/wk.NT
Other:

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 18 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
jQ = MIXED (4 tr) RUBENS adv.

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
in balancing (interm.)

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 Fit Jumps

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty
Conv. Takeout:
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: Leap & non-leap Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
specific kings D(1st) P(2nd)

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

Table with columns for versus Suits and versus Notrump, showing lead patterns like x x x x, A K J x, K Q J x, J T 9, K Q T 9.

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

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echorev.
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. 1m - 2♥ = M's 5-4+ w. 5-7
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game WOLFF; modif. Ingberman; Mittleman; LISA
FSJ in comp. and pH (exc. 3m after 1M); Un.vs Un; Sandwich 1NT;
Rubens-style transfer adv. after overcall [uses room]