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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  
to  
5-card Major common  System on over 2♣, Dbl   
2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
2♦ Transfer to ♥  Forcing Stayman   
2♥ Transfer to ♠  2♠ clubs suit =  
2NT diam. +ve  
3♣ modif. PUPPET   
3♦ 5-5 M's   
3♥ 3154 or 3145   
3♠ 1354 or 1345   
4♦, 4♥ Transfer  Smolen   
Lebensohl  (fast denies)  
Neg. Double   
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.  12-14 to  
3NT: 15-17 to  
Other 2♠/1m=constr raise

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ LOTS to HCP  
Strong  Other  22+ if balanc.  
2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting   
2♦ 6 to 10 HCP  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.   
2♥ 6 to 10 HCP  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.   
2♠ 6 to 10 HCP  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.   
KOKISH (w refusals)  
2NT = nat'l; inv.  
2NT Force  New Suit NF   
McCabe adjunct  
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OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing:  2-Way NMF   
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp.  Not in Comp.  1♣ - 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]

1m - 2H = 11-12 bal or H's strng 1m - 2S = constr m raise or S's strng

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+ - 18 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

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

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

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)

versus Suits versus Notrump  
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   
Upside-Down:  
count    
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal    
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echorev.    
Trump Suit Pref.    
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING  PLEASE ASK